



**ANNOUNCING: Judges for the 55th Kentucky
Festival of the Arts**

**THE 55TH KENTUCK
FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
OCTOBER 17-18, 2026**



TIMOTHY WEBER



KIM MITCHELL

2026 FESTIVAL JUDGES

Kentucky Art Center is excited to welcome **Kim Mitchell** and **Timothy Weber** as judges for the 55th Kentucky Festival of the Arts on October 17-18, 2026 at Snow Hinton Park in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Judges award a total of \$12,200 to exhibiting artists at the Kentucky Festival of the Arts. On Saturday, October 17, judges will numerically score exhibiting artists based on quality, originality, design, composition, technique, and overall presentation.

"Kentuck is grateful to have two judges who have such deep knowledge of folk art, contemporary art, and fine craft," said Exa Cork, executive director of Kentuck Art Center and Festival. "The 270+ artists that come from all over the country to exhibit at the Kentuck Festival always bring their best work, making the judges' job quite the undertaking!"

Kim Mitchell is the executive director of Carnegie Visual Art Center in Decatur, Alabama. She has been involved as a volunteer with the Carnegie since its inception in the late 1990s, overseeing the fundraising, renovation, and re-purposing of the 1904 Carnegie Library. She officially came to work at the Carnegie in 2011 as the executive director.

With degrees in communications and studies in political science, she has served in executive positions with television and radio stations prior to her position with the museum. In addition, she has served on several boards including the Alabama Art Education Association, Downtown Decatur Redevelopment Association, Junior League of Morgan County, River Clay Fine Arts Festival, and the Urban Arts Initiative. Mitchell is dedicated to bringing artists and art opportunities to North Alabama.

She is the current secretary for the Alabama State Council on the Arts and also serves as chair of the long-range planning committee.

Timothy Weber is an artist and craftsman with more than 50 years of experience working with clay. In addition to his artistic practice, he worked as an arts administrator, teacher, gallery owner, and arts advocate. Most recently, he was the Director of the Appalachian Center for Craft and the Director of Visual Art, Craft and Media with the Tennessee Arts Commission. He has participated in scores of national juried arts festivals, including the American Craft Council markets in Dallas, St Louis, Tampa and Charlotte, and the Kentuck Festival of the Arts. Timothy was a Studio Artist at Kentuck Art Center from 1982-1992, and his work continues to be available in Kentuck's Gallery Shop.

More information about Kim and Timothy

**Artists: there's only a few days left to
apply for #Kentuck55!**



Applications close June 1 at 11:59PM CST. No late applications are accepted.

APPLY NOW

Kentuck Art Center and Festival was established in 1971. Kentuck's mission is to perpetuate the arts, engage the community, and empower the artist. The Kentuck Festival of the Arts is nationally recognized for its quality, diversity, and celebration of artistic style ranging from folk to contemporary arts and traditional crafts. The 55th Kentuck Festival of the Arts is October 17-18, 2026 at Snow Hinton Park in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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