



## 2025 ART IN THE LOOP PROJECT

### CALL FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS

Deadline for submissions: Monday, February 17, 2025, 11:59 p.m. CST

The Art in the Loop Foundation (ALF) is in search of performing artists to bring their creativity to Downtown Kansas City for the **2025 Art in the Loop Performance Series**.

Through a competitive, open-call process, ALF selects local artists to perform along and near the KC Streetcar route as well as at other sites in Downtown Kansas City. This performance series will feature multi-sensory performances such as spoken word, dance, music, improv, etc., while also highlighting the visual artworks installed along the KC Streetcar route.

Artists will receive a stipend for their work and selected artists will perform at one of Art in the Loop events:

- Kick-off Ceremony at the Kansas City Public Library Central Library on June 5, 2025 (5:30-7:30pm)
- Onboard KC Streetcar on July 16, 2025 (6:00-8:00pm)
- 816 Day at City Market on August 16, 2025 (6:00-8:00pm)
- Oppenstein Park on September 11, 2025 (5:30-7:30pm)
- Closing Reception at the Kansas City Public Library Central Library on October 2, 2025 (5:30-7:30pm)

### 2025 Theme: *Wonder*

This year's theme, *Wonder*, invites artists to explore the depth of curiosity within our community and the ways in which we relate to one another. We encourage artists to reflect on the complexities of connection, discovery, and the shared experiences that shape us.

Consider the following prompts: How do we navigate our differences and still build meaningful relationships? What's the next step in your personal journey, and how does it intersect with the larger community? What values or causes are most important to you, and how do they align with the needs of those around you? What is your focus—what are you paying attention to, and what deserves more of our collective attention? What serves you, and what serves the community? What does true north mean to you—what is your guiding principle?

*Wonder* is also sparked by the unexpected and the unfamiliar—the moments that catch us off guard and make us pause. What are the exciting, surprising, or even strange things in the world around you that inspire you to embrace the power of community? We encourage you to dive into this sense of wonder and let it guide your creative expression.



**Eligibility:**

Professional artists, musicians, spoken-word artists, dance artists, social practice, and other performers, at least 18 years of age residing within 50 miles of Kansas City are eligible. Artists must perform original work. Past performers are encouraged to re-apply.

**Art in the Loop Mission:**

The mission of the Art in the Loop Foundation (AILF) is to contribute to the visual identity, enrichment, and revitalization of Downtown Kansas City, create new opportunities for artistic development, and expand public interaction with new art of excellence. AILF values an equitable, diverse, and inclusive art community.

**To be considered, you may submit a proposal for either of the four following categories:**

Please review the details below. You may apply for multiple categories and events; however, you will have only one performance if you are selected. The categories are:

- 1) Performing Arts: Music
- 2) Performing Arts: Dance, Theater, Improv etc.
- 3) Social Practice: Community or Public Engagement
- 4) Literary Arts: Spoken Word, Poetry, etc.

**How to apply:**

Follow [this link](#) to the online application. In addition to a brief project proposal, you will be asked to provide a written artist statement and video or audio samples of past original work, no more than five minutes total.

**Requirements for selected artists:**

- Descriptive material and photo for the website - Artists will provide a brief written description of their work and provide a photo for the project website.
- PR and marketing materials - Artists will provide written content to assist in developing press releases, programs, and other materials.
- Attendance at the Kick-Off Event & Reception at the Kansas City Public Library Central Library.
- Attendance at the Closing Reception at the Kansas City Public Library Central Library.

**Art in the Loop will provide:**

- Web presence for each project/performance on [artintheloop.com](http://artintheloop.com)
- Social media, PR, and other marketing and promotional efforts
- Logistical support and coordination with property owners and partners
- Documentation of projects (still photography and video as available)
- Printed summary catalog of the entire project

**Equipment Note:**

Performance artists must bring their own audio equipment. Artists should bring extension cords and other necessary equipment. Access to electricity is available at all locations except onboard the KC Streetcar. For performances on board the KC Streetcar, artists must be able to perform acoustically or bring a battery-powered amplification system.



## 2025 ART IN THE LOOP PROJECT PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

### A. Performing Arts: Music

Open-call for musicians (solo artists, duos, bands, groups) to perform original music as part of **Art in the Loop: Summer Performance Series**. Each performance will last 40 minutes to one hour. A **\$750** artist's fee will be provided.

### B. Performing Arts: Dance, Theatre, etc.

Open call for dance, theater, and/or other performers (solo artists and/or groups) to perform original performances as part of **Art in the Loop: Summer Performance Series**. Each performance should last 40 minutes to one hour. A **\$750** artist's fee will be provided.

### C. Social Practice: Community or Public Engagement

Open-call for social practice artists (work that focuses on community engagement through performance or human interaction) to engage in **Art in the Loop: Summer Performance Series**. Each performance or community engagement should last 40 minutes to one hour. A **\$750** artist's fee will be provided.

### D. Literary Arts: Spoken Word, Poetry, etc.

Open-call for Spoken Word and/or Poetry Performers (solo artists and/or groups) to perform original written works as part of **Art in the Loop: Summer Performance Series**. Artist's written work engaging with the theme "Wonder" may be featured on a Streetcar Shelter or window during the Art in the Loop season with final work due by April 2025. Written work will not be requested until the Artist is selected. Each spoken word performance should last 40 minutes to one hour. An artist's fee of **\$750** will be provided.

Event	Date/Time	Location	Access to Electricity
Kick-off Event	June 5, 2025 5:30 - 7:30pm	Kansas City Public Library Central Library, 14 W 10th Street (Indoors)	Yes
Summer Performance	July 16, 2025 6:00 - 8:00pm	Onboard KC Streetcar (Indoors)	No
816 Day Concert	August 16, 2025 6:00 - 8:00pm	City Market (Outdoors)	Yes
Fall Performance	September 11, 2025 5:30 - 7:30pm	Oppenstein Park, 12th & Walnut (Outdoors)	Yes
Closing Reception	October 2, 2025 5:30 - 7:30pm	Kansas City Public Library Central Library, 14 W 10th Street (Indoors)	Yes

Contact **Performing Art Director, Jade Osborne**, [jadeosborneart@gmail.com](mailto:jadeosborneart@gmail.com) or **Executive Director, Ann Holliday**, [ann@downtownkc.org](mailto:ann@downtownkc.org) with any questions.

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