



**SALINA
ARTS**
& HUMANITIES



NEWS RELEASE

SALINA TO HOST KANSAS ARTS COUNCILS SYMPOSIUM ON OCTOBER 11 & 12

(Salina, KS 08-23)The 2023 Kansas Arts Councils Symposium is coming to Salina, KS, on October 11 and 12. Salina Arts & Humanities (SAH), a department of the City of Salina, will host the third annual gathering of arts councils and professionals with the Kansas Department of Commerce’s Creative Arts Industries Commission (KCAIC). The event will occur at Homewood Suites in Downtown Salina (115 E Mulberry St.) and the Salina Art Center (242 S Santa Fe Ave.).

Targeted towards arts councils, centers, professionals, and community leaders across the state, the Symposium brings together emerging and established organizations to facilitate professional development, partnership, and celebrate the arts in our communities. This year’s focus is building connections and equipping arts leaders to make a difference in their communities. “Salina Arts & Humanities has been a long-time resource partner to the community and region,” said SAH Executive Director Brad Anderson. “The staff is excited to have this opportunity to show off the community and help equip arts leaders from across the state.”

In its third year, 2023 is the first of two years in Salina. “Having the Symposium in Salina makes the event accessible to north central Kansas communities and arts organizations. We are working to make the event applicable to rural and urban perspectives and are excited to join the discussion,” said SAH Operations & Development Manager Anna Pauscher Morawitz.

Salina, KS, is known across the state as a leader in the arts, as the only standalone city department of the arts in Kansas, with a long history of municipal and community support. The event will bring participants from all regions of Kansas to network and learn together, as well as learn about how Salina arts and cultural organizations are working together and with public and privately funded initiatives.

The event starts at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, with a “State of the Arts in Kansas” presentation by KCAIC Director Curtis Young and Assistant Director Kate Van Steenhuyse. A group of arts leaders from Kansas will facilitate discussions throughout the event, ending at 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 12. Early bird pricing of \$45 per person is available through Friday, September 8, then increasing to \$65 for the two-day event. Registration for the event is open at

<https://www.salinaarts.com/symposium/>.

RELEASE DATE:
Immediate

CONTACT:
Anna Pauscher Morawitz
Operations & Development
Manager
(785) 309-5770
Anna.pauscher@salina.org

DATE SUBMITTED:
August 30, 2023

For needed accommodations, please call Amanda Morris at Salina Arts & Humanities at 785-309-5770 between 8:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Every effort will be made to accommodate known disabilities. For material or speech access, please call at least five working days prior to the event.

Salina Arts & Humanities, a department of the City of Salina, has served a unique role as an arts advocate and resource partner since 1966. The Smoky Hill River Festival, Horizons Grants Program, Smoky Hill Museum, Arts Infusion Program in schools, Community Art & Design, and Creative Connections are among the programs of Salina Arts & Humanities, located at 211 W. Iron Avenue in Salina.

#

**City of Salina
300 W. Ash
P.O. Box 736
Salina, KS 67401
www.salina-ks.gov**