

Call for Artist,

We are pleased to invite you to apply for the Kickin' Bricks Art Festival, a new juried fine arts and fine crafts event taking place June 6, 2026, at the Merryman Performing Arts Center in Kearney, Nebraska.

With Kearney's recent designation as one of the Top 100 most arts-vibrant communities in the United States, Kickin' Bricks is intended to help build on that momentum by offering artists a well-organized, professional, and welcoming festival experience.

The festival is presented by The Brickwalk Collective, as a new member organization of the Association of Nebraska Art Clubs operating under the Brickwalk Project. While this is a new event, it is guided by years of experience. This event is led by Director Daniel Garringer, a career artist who previously directed Art in the Park in Kearney for many years, and Assistant Director Jesse Jacobs who has orchestrated more than 40 shows and events with the Brickwalk Project since 2021. While the Art in the Park show continues successfully, under the Kearney Artist Guild, we are excited to introduce our own high-quality arts festival to Kearney's growing creative landscape.

Here are a few highlights of what Kickin' Bricks offers artists:

- The festival will be held in the parking area just south of the Merryman Performing Arts Center, allowing for easy booth load-in and load-out, with convenient nearby parking afterward.
- Generously sized booth spaces provide room to spread out, with additional space behind booths for storage.
- Booth layouts offer exposure on three sides, with walkways between booths to encourage strong patron flow.
- Positioned in Kearney's Downtown Bricks Creative District and a short walk away from the Bricks business district.
- The same day, Kearney will host several major community events, including:
  - The Shrine Bowl Parade downtown
  - The Shrine Bowl Football Game at UNK's Foster Field, drawing visitors from across the state
  - Heritage Days at Yanney Park, featuring family activities, an evening concert, and fireworks

We hope you'll consider joining us on June 6, 2026. An Artist Application and Information Letter are included for your review.

I hope to see you in Kearney this June.

Daniel Garringer  
Festival Director  
Kickin' Bricks Arts Festival