



Creative Alliance Seeks Artists for The Big Baltimore Kite Festival!

SAT afternoon Mar 30th, 2019

Patterson Park, Baltimore, MD

Call for Kite Commissions!

The Big Baltimore Kite Festival

Blowing into Patterson Park for the first time this spring, The Big Baltimore Kite Festival fills the sky with vibrant colors and celebrates the broad spectrum of cultures that make up East Baltimore! This is a community-made, artist-supported breezy day in the park. Working with our neighboring community groups, Creative Alliance invites people of all backgrounds to come fly kites with us and celebrate kite cultures around the world.

What We're Looking For

We are asking artists and community groups to create NEW, BIG, BRIGHT, FUN kites to fly in the first-ever Big Baltimore Kite Festival! We're looking for kite designs that both exemplify the artist's cultural kite tradition and their creativity. We encourage community participation led by a select number of skilled artists! We also expect for awarded artists to help promote the Kite Fest by submitting designs, photographs, or video of their crafting process, as well as being available for television or newspaper interviews. Completed kites should be wind-worthy and ready to fly! Priority will be given to kites representing the cultures or cultural traditions in our community.

Compensation

Creative Alliance will provide awards of \$100 each for the top four proposals to support materials and artist fees. Selected artists may spend additional monies, but anything over awarded amount is the sole responsibility of the artist or artist group. Awarded artists and groups also earn a complimentary membership to the Creative Alliance!

Selection Criteria

We are looking for traditional and contemporary kites made by Baltimore artists and community groups who can make magic out of limited resources! Background in public art projects, sculpture, aviation, and other public performance is helpful. Final selection of the Big Baltimore Kite Festival is chosen by Creative Alliance staff. Awards will be announced by March 5th, 2019 (see timeline on 2nd page).

Payment & Ownership

Creative Alliance will pay the award upon receipt of an approved proposal. All kites become property of Creative Alliance and may be used in future events including future Kite Festivals.

Timeline

February 28: Submission Deadline at 5:00pm. Late entries will not be accepted.

March 5: Awards are announced via email. Confirmation is required.

March 29: Artists bring kites to the Creative Alliance by 6:00pm. No exceptions.

March 30: Come fly your kites at the Big Baltimore Kite Festival!

April 1, 6-8pm: Evaluation meeting.

Application Requirements

Interested artists need to submit:

1. **Application sheet** completed as the first page of application.
2. **Kite Design (PDF or Microsoft Word):** Provide a full-color design to scale of kite proposal with dimensions.

Please email, mail, or hand-deliver submissions to:

Creative Alliance

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Kite Commissions Application Cover

Lead Artist Name	
Street Address	Zipcode
Email(s)	Phone(s)
Website/pertinent URL	
Title of kite	
Kite description: What does it look like?	
Dimensions	
Materials being used	
Are there community groups and/or additional artists Involved? Please describe and name artists.	