



Creative Alliance Seeks Artists for The Big Baltimore Kite Festival!

SAT Mar 28th, 2020 12 – 4PM (rain date: SUN Mar 29th)

Patterson Park, Baltimore, MD

Call for Kite Commissions!

The Big Baltimore Kite Festival

Blowing into Patterson Park for the second 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 and wind-inspired creations to dance in the wind in our second annual Big Baltimore Kite Festival! We're looking for kite designs and wind-powered creations that exemplify the artist's **cultural kite tradition** and **breezy creativity**:

- Design a traditional kite! Make a traditional wind-powered creation!
- Represent your culture with an original kite design or wind-inspired creation!
- Grab a group of friends, neighbors, or coworkers and build a creative group kite!
- Let your imagination run wild and design a kite or wind-powered creation the likes of which have never been seen before!

We 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!** Completed wind-powered creations should be **able to be moved on and off-site** day-of the festival. 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 five 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 as well as wind-inspired sculptures, structures, and creations 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 13th, 2020 (see timeline on 2nd page).

Payment & Ownership

Creative Alliance will pay the award the Monday after the Big Baltimore Kite Festival (Sat Mar 28th, rain date: Sun March 29th). Awarded artists must check-in at the Creative Alliance Info Tent at the Kite Festival with their finished kites for confirmation of project completion and documentation purposes. Creative Alliance reserves the right to refuse payment if awarded artists fail to do so.

Timeline

March 10: Submission Deadline at 5:00pm. Late entries will not be accepted.

March 13: Awards are announced via email. Confirmation is required.

March 28 (rain date March 29): Artists check in at the Creative Alliance info tent at the Kite Fest so their kite may be documented. Then, enjoy flying your kite!

March 30: Artists may collect their reward at Creative Alliance or have it sent in the mail.

Application Requirements

Interested artists need to submit:

1. **Application sheet** completed as the first page of application.
2. **Kite or Wind-inspired Creation 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? Does it represent a particular culture or kite tradition?	
Dimensions	
Materials being used	
Are there community groups and/or additional artists Involved? Please describe and name artists.	