

# KENTUCKY OPERA

Kentucky Opera 27/28 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season Brochure Request for Quote (RFQ) to review work. (application is free)

[Kentucky Opera](#) seeks local artists (Kentucky and Southern Indiana) to create production-specific images for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2027-2028 Season. Kentucky Opera is the state opera of Kentucky and serves communities across the Commonwealth and southern Indiana. There are four mainstage productions each season, encompassing both traditional offerings like *La traviata* and new stories like *Scalia/Ginsburg*. In addition, we focus on engaging and strengthening our community through education programs for children and youth and concerts and gatherings that are free and open to the public. Our mission truly is ‘to spark discovery, joy, and connection.’

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season celebrates not only Kentucky Opera’s history, but that of Louisville, Southern Indiana, and the entire state of Kentucky. A community that can support and shepherd not one, but multiple music and art organizations is rare. We want our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season artwork to reflect the community that has nurtured and supported us in all its diversity, history, and strength.

This RFQ is a request to review current and past work. Submissions will be reviewed by a juried panel and the selected artist(s) will be invited to submit a proposal.

The selected artist will be commissioned to create the image for the four main stage productions of the season. This image, ideally monographic with the ability to be broken down for marketing of individual productions, will be used in the season announcement, print materials, posters, and any merchandise.

Eligibility: Open to all artists 18 years of age and older. Must be local, meaning you live in Greater Louisville, i.e. the metropolitan area inclusive of Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Bullitt counties in Kentucky, and Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Scott counties in Indiana.

## **RFQ due date: July 15, 2026**

Key dates:

- July 15, 2026 – RFQ deadline
- July 16-22, 2026 – Internal review of RFQs for eligibility
- July 23-31, 2026 – Jury review (jury comprised of Kentucky Opera, Louisville Visual Arts, and other local members of the arts community)

- August 3-7, 2026 – all applicants notified of status. Selected artist(s) invited to submit proposals for Kentucky Opera Season artwork commission.

To apply, please provide the following by July 15, 2026 at 5:00PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time:

- 4 artwork examples from within the last two years
- Curriculum vitae highlighting training, experience on commissions, and any exhibitions

**Free to apply. Please remit application (and any questions about the RFQ) to [development@kyopera.org](mailto:development@kyopera.org) with 'Attn 75th Season Artwork' in the title.**

Kentucky Opera reserves the right to accept late submissions but will not review incomplete submissions. Kentucky Opera reserves the right to extend any resulting contract with the successful applicant beyond the estimated work period.

**Rights and Usage:**

Kentucky Opera shall retain full and exclusive rights to all commissioned artwork created under this commission, including all rights to reproduce, distribute, display, adapt, and otherwise use the artwork in any media, now known or hereafter developed, for promotional, marketing, merchandising, and institutional purposes. The selected artist may use the artwork for portfolio and self-promotional purposes only, with appropriate credit to Kentucky Opera.