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## **Lexington Outdoor Mural Project**

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Lexington, KY, March 7, 2008 --- LexArts, in partnership with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, is looking for neighborhood associations to partner with to create outdoor murals. Artists experienced in working with community and youth groups will be selected to lead teams of community members in creating the murals. Each mural will be a collaborative process through which community representatives, business people and civic leaders will be engaged in the development and creation of the artwork. Artists interested in being involved will find details at [www.lexarts.org](http://www.lexarts.org). Submissions for qualification of artists are due no later than April 1.

The goal of the project is to create three community-inspired murals in 2008 which will launch a multi-year initiative that will transform blank walls into works of art. The murals will not only beautify our community, they will reflect our city's unique and colorful history while celebrating the character of our neighborhoods. Interested organizations will find site selection criteria and an interest form by visiting [www.lexarts.org](http://www.lexarts.org).

The site selection process will be competitive based on the number of applications received. The Lexington Outdoor Mural Committee will select from mural site applications demonstrating strong partnerships and locations in committed neighborhoods. Another key factor is the visibility of the proposed wall. The Committee will conduct a visibility study of the site including pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow, usability of wall surface and lighting. Once sites are selected, LexArts will contact each applicant by April 30, 2008 to notify the committee's decision. One artist will be paired with each selected site. Meetings between the neighborhood group and artist will determine the scope of the project composition and the level of community participation. Applications not selected for the 2008 Lexington Outdoor Murals Program will be placed on a waiting list and considered for the 2009 Mural Program.

The Lexington Outdoor Mural Committee includes: Marianne Blodgett, Administrative Aide to the Mayor, Community Relations; Deborah Borrowdale-Cox, Director of Education, UK Art Museum; Julie Decker, Chairperson, Georgetown College Art Department; Chuck Ellinger and Linda Gorton, Urban-County Council Members; Jim Gray, Vice-Mayor, Urban County Council; Ellen Gregory, Chief Operating Officer, Preston Osborne; Pam Seimer, Executive Vice President, United Way; Darren Taylor, Architect, GBBN; and Harold Tate, President/Executive Director, Lexington Downtown Development Authority.

### **About LexArts**

LexArts is a nonprofit community organization that works for the development of a strong and vibrant arts community as a means of enhancing the quality of life in central Kentucky. Through its annual *Campaign for the Arts*, LexArts raises millions of dollars in support of local arts. In turn, LexArts underwrites the operating expenses for a variety of Beneficiary Groups, offers affordable exhibition and performance space for arts organizations, as well as competitive grants for community outreach projects. Visit LexArts website at [www.lexarts.org](http://www.lexarts.org). LexArts is supported in part by the Kentucky Arts Council, a state agency in the Commerce Cabinet, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts. Major support is provided by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.