



John Michael Kohler Arts Center

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John Michael Kohler Arts Center Receives Grant from Mellon Foundation

Sheboygan, WI — The John Michael Kohler Arts Center announced today that it is the recipient of a two-year grant totaling \$500,000 from the Mellon Foundation to support general operations.

“We are grateful to the Mellon Foundation for its generosity,” said John Michael Kohler Arts Center Director Amy Horst. “The funds will strengthen our ability to create dynamic connections between the public and artists through our exhibitions, programming, and collection.”

In 2024, the first year of funding, the Mellon grant will help support the 50th anniversary celebration for the Arts Center’s Arts/Industry residency program, which is hosted by Kohler Co. in its Kohler, Wis., factory. JMKAC will showcase the dedication of past and present artists-in-residence and industrial artisans through a series of exhibitions at the Art Center and related programs that engage visitors’ creativity and imagination in immersive experiences.

The Arts Center is nationally recognized for nurturing artists in the creation of new work, annually presenting approximately 20 original exhibitions of contemporary art, and preserving and sharing its renowned collection of artist-built environments at the Art Preserve. In addition, it activates a creative community exchange through music, dance, theater, film, community outreach, and education programs, including its on-site Preschool. To learn more about exhibitions, programs, and events at the Arts Center and Art Preserve, visit jmkac.org.

The Mellon Foundation is the nation’s largest supporter of the arts and humanities. Since 1969, the Foundation has been guided by its core belief that the humanities and arts are essential to human understanding. The Foundation believes that the arts and humanities are where we express our complex humanity, and that everyone deserves the beauty, transcendence, and freedom that can be found there. Through its grants, the Foundation seeks to build just communities enriched by meaning and empowered by critical thinking, where ideas and imagination can thrive. Learn more at mellon.org.

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About the John Michael Kohler Arts Center

Founded in 1967, the John Michael Kohler Arts Center (JMKAC) is dedicated to generating creative exchanges between an international community of artists and a diverse public. Central to its mission is promoting understanding and appreciation of the work of self-taught and contemporary artists through original exhibitions, commissioned works of art, performing arts, community arts initiatives, and publications.

The Arts Center's collection focuses primarily on works by artist-environment builders, self-taught and folk artists, and works created in the Arts/Industry residency program. JMKAC is the world's leading center for research and presentation of artist-built environments.

In 2021, the Arts Center opened the Art Preserve, a satellite campus highlighting its collection of 25,000 individual works of art by more than 30 art-environment builders. The Art Preserve features immersive displays of art environments and curated visible storage of environment components. It also serves as a resource for research on art environments and the artists who create them.

The John Michael Kohler Arts Center is located at 608 New York Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. The Art Preserve is located at 3636 Lower Falls Road, Sheboygan. Admission to both is free. For more information, call 920-458-6144, or visit jmkac.org, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#).

The John Michael Kohler Arts Center is supported by corporate and foundation donors, government grants, and its many members. The Arts Center is not an entity of Kohler Co. or its subsidiaries.

Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday: 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Locations

John Michael Kohler Arts Center: 608 New York Avenue, Sheboygan, WI

Art Preserve: 3636 Lower Falls Road, Sheboygan, WI