



Illuminated Waters Festival

2019 Illuminated Arts SEED Grant Application

StoneLion is seeking proposals from area artists to create IMAGINATIVE new sculptures, moving art pieces or illuminated performances for *Illuminated Waters 2019*. All art should be family friendly, self-supported, independently illuminated and fit into one of the four elemental areas of our theme – The Four Elements: Earth, Air, Water and Fire. Special consideration will be given to those proposals using sustainable or earth friendly materials in unique ways.

Overview:

Illuminated Waters— the re-imagination of StoneLion’s wildly successful, *Mother’s Day for Mother Earth*— is a free and open to the public two-day festival over Memorial Day Weekend in Theis Park. *Illuminated Waters* provides thousands of Kansas City families a unique artistic experience.

With the help of community partners and volunteers, through engaging artistic displays and performances, the objective of *Illuminated Waters* is to simply articulate how we can help insure a better environment for future generations. Clean water, clean planet. As in year’s past, community volunteers from ages two and up will perform alongside StoneLion’s professional puppeteers, manipulating puppets to support the festival’s objective of creating a sustainable and beautiful planet. Not only will StoneLion professionals create the puppets and backdrops but, through a series of open studios and public workshops, they will solicit the public for help. *Illuminated Waters* is a true coming together as a community to make a difference in our world through art.

May 24 and 25, 2019 will see thousands gather on the lawn to take part in an “Earth Day” type festival from 6-830p.m. with make and take art workshops, environmental friendly NGO’s giving out information, food trucks, music and fun. At 830 p.m. the giant puppet show will perform with professionals and volunteers bringing a message of the need to care for our water and planet. Following the performance is a family-friendly Glo Party designed by local artists. The Glo Party is a blend of glowing live art instillations and performances, illuminated puppets, glo performers, and more. The Glo Party theme features the four elements of Earth, Wind, Air,



and Fire. Last year a blacklight crystal cave for Earth was represented with a giant snake and glowing banana slugs, a sea cave filled with mermaids, fifteen glowing moving jelly fish and a 35' octopus for Water was across from a 16' glowing dragon for Fire. A moving wind chime sculpture was the major feature of Air, alongside glowing bird and butterfly puppets, spinning illuminated hoopers and poi artists performing alongside glowing costume characters.

Program Funding:

The maximum amount of funding for any proposal will be \$1000.00. Applicants may not receive all grant funds requested. The number of grants awarded will depend on the number of successful applicants and the amount of funding granted to each applicant.

The successful grantee can request up to 50 % of the grant funded at the time of award. The balance will be awarded after successful completion of the event.

No matching funds are required to apply for this grant. However, projects and performances with matching or in-kind funding will receive preference during the selection process.

If selected for funding:

- 1) All art work and performances must be approved by the artistic committee for *Illuminated Waters*. Any changes not approved may result in funding being withdrawn. This is a family friendly event.
- 2) All art must be installed by 5 p.m. May 23, 2019. A dress rehearsal glo will be held at 9 p.m. May 23 and all participants must be in attendance.
- 3) All art work must be removed from the park by 4 p.m. May 26, 2019.
- 4) The grantee is responsible for the safety of the project/performance to both themselves and the public.

Proposals will be accepted until midnight February 15, 2019 via email or USPS. Proposals of five pages or less will accepted. Questions and applications may be sent to heather@stonelionpuppets.org or P.O. Box 410006 Kansas City, MO 64141-0006. Applicants are invited to our monthly planning committee meeting held at 2400 East Truman Rd. JANUARY 22, 2019 at 6 p.m.



Request for funding Application:

Name of Artist: _____

Name of Proposal/Project: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Phone Number _____

Alternate Phone Number _____

Email Address: _____

Funding Request: _____ Total Project/performance cost _____

- 1) Describe your proposed vision. Include space requirements, special needs and technical requirements.
- 2) Give a brief background of your experience and expertise to complete this project. References are encouraged. Attach a CV or resume.
- 3) Attach a project budget including any matching or in-kind funds.

Good luck and be creative! We will have a glowing good time!

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