



## 2023 CONNECT EXHIBITION CALL FOR ART

Exhibition Dates: August 26, 2023 – September 24, 2023.

Opening Celebration: Saturday August 26, from 4:21 – 10:21p.m.

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**Background:** CONNECT is Bernheim’s annual summer celebration honoring the relationships of science, nature, and creativity. Lake Nevin comes alive with spontaneous art, drum circles, light sculptures, and musical performances from renowned artists along with hands-on art and science activities. This year the **CONNECT** Art Exhibition will extend beyond the day of event and remain on display (where applicable) through September 24, 2023. The exhibition challenges artists to create outdoor works that emphasize our mission of *connecting people with nature* and speak to our focus on clean air, clean water, biodiversity, sustainability, and climate change.

**This year we are particularly interested in activating Lake Nevin with floating artworks and experiences! Bernheim can provide a limited number of barrel platforms for artists interested in displaying their work on the water.** All artworks will be visible from Bernheim’s Lake Nevin Loop and will be on display before and after sunset. Please consider how your work can create a visual impact at night with the incorporation of non-grid power.

### Guidelines for CONNECT Installations:

- All artworks must be pre-approved by submitting information requested on the [CONNECT application via Slideroom](#). There is no fee to apply.
- All artworks will be displayed outside and must be able to withstand various weather conditions in a heavily trafficked area.
- Artists that apply as a team or group must appoint one person as the primary contact.
- Funding/Reimbursement: Bernheim has limited funding for individual projects and is willing to fund up to \$1000 for selected artworks. Artworks requesting larger amounts must be warranted by the size and scope of the installation and not solely based on the reputation of the artist.
- Proposals that pay attention to sustainability, minimization of waste, reused and recycled materials, and other green strategies will be more favorably reviewed.
- Due to staff demands on the day of the event, all **CONNECT** installations must be in place no later than Friday, August 25, 2023. Event day exceptions include the

addition of alternative light sources, including solar, candles, battery operated lights, and other non-grid-tied power. Other exceptions need prior approval from Arts in Nature Curator, Jenny Zeller.

- All **CONNECT** installations must be uninstalled no later than September 27, 2023.
- For those with an interest in incorporating fire into their installation on the day of event, advance permission must be granted. Please be aware that the state of Kentucky can enact no-burn conditions without prior notice.
- While we will do everything to protect submitted artworks, **Bernheim is not responsible for any damage incurred while the works are installed on site.** Please consider this when submitting.
- **Artists receive free entry to the opening celebration CONNECT event, including access to the Forest Lounge.**

## **2023 Calendar**

**June 5:** 2023 CONNECT Exhibition Call for Art opens

**June 5 – July 7:** Artists are encouraged (but not required) to come to Bernheim’s Lake Nevin for a site visit and meet with the Arts in Nature team to discuss proposal ideas and potential site locations. Contact the Assistant Curator, Hannah Coleman-Zaitzeff at [Hannah.coleman@bernheim.org](mailto:Hannah.coleman@bernheim.org) to make an appointment during this timeframe. While appreciating the artist’s vision for a preferred location, Bernheim ultimately decides the best placement of selected artworks.

**July 10:** Deadline for submissions\*

**July 24:** Applicants will be notified of their status\*

**August 18 - 25:** Install days for accepted artworks

**August 26:** 2023 CONNECT event, 4:21 – 10:21 PM

**August 26 – September 24:** CONNECT Art Exhibition

**September 25 - 27:** Timeframe for removing/uninstalling installations

**\* All submissions will be reviewed after the deadline.** Once submissions have been finalized, Bernheim will follow up with a contract of services that will outline the conditions of installing the work and payment arrangements with the artist or point person for team submissions. By submitting a proposal to **CONNECT**, you are giving Bernheim permission to photograph, record, or document your entry for any purpose. In return, Bernheim agrees to properly credit documented works, promoting the artist(s), as well as Bernheim’s **CONNECT** event and the Arts in Nature program.

**Contact Assistant Curator, Hannah Coleman-Zaitzeff with any questions [via](#) email.**

**LINK TO APPLY:** <https://bernheim.slideroom.com/#/Login>