

BLUE STAR MUSEUMS PARTICIPANT EMAIL TO INVITE TO RESPOND

Dear Blue Star Museum,

We hope you and your loved ones are healthy and safe during this time of uncertainty as the global impact of COVID -19 continues to unfold. Thank you for registering for the 2020 Blue Star Museums program.

The National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense value our collaboration with you and applaud your commitment to growing your community to include military service personnel and their families.

We recognize that in-person programming for many institutions is on hold for the moment. It is our hope that finding our way through this together will make us all stronger in ways we never imagined. We know that the arts provide comfort, resilience, wisdom, and the means for self-expression and connection, perhaps even more so during challenging times such as these. We want to support the work you are doing to provide that connection, education, and relief to the communities you serve.

We are exploring the postponement of the launch of Blue Star Museums from May 16, 2020, to July 1, 2020, and want to ask you a few questions. Please follow the link to a brief Survey Monkey questionnaire and respond by May 1, 2020.

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We encourage you to stay connected with us during this time as we continue to look for ways to amplify the good work you are doing to keep your institutions moving forward while supporting military families.

We'd be happy to hear your thoughts directly at bluestarmuseums@arts.gov.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Carter, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts

Kathy Roth-Douquet, CEO and Board President, Blue Star Families

SURVEY FOR BLUE STAR MUSEUMS OF ONLINE ACTIVITIES

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Your participation is voluntary. You will not receive any compensation for responding to the survey. You may decline to answer any questions you wish. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OMB control number for this survey is OMB No. 3135-0130.

The time required to provide responses to the survey questions is estimated to be approximately 5 minutes. Please contact Melissa Menzer, Program Analyst, Research & Analysis, National Endowment for the Arts (menzerm@arts.gov) if you have any questions regarding the estimated time burden. For any other questions, contact Meg Brennan (brennanm@arts.gov), Acting Director of Museums and Visual Arts, National Endowment for the Arts.

1. What is the name of your institution?
2. What is the current operating status of your institution?
3. Does your institution offer virtual programming? Yes/No
4. Are there links to programs that you wish to share with us? This information could potentially become available as part of an interim offering of the Blue Star Museums online launch for this summer. If yes, please describe.
5. May we promote these online activities as a part of the Blue Star Museums program? Yes/No
6. Would you be willing to work directly with Blue Star Families to design a virtual visit to your organization? Yes/No