



Heartland 6

Exhibition dates: April 5 - May 4, 2024

Opening reception: Belger Crane Yard Gallery, April 5, 6pm - 8pm

“Best in Show” artist talk and process presentation: Belger Glass Annex, Saturday, April 6, 3pm - 4pm

Belger Crane Yard Gallery Hours:

Tuesday – Friday: 10 am - 5 pm;

Every first Friday of the month: 10 am – 8 pm;

Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm

Belger Crane Yard Gallery

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Kansas City, MO – Belger Arts is pleased to present *Heartland 6*, a juried exhibition of the Midwest’s finest glass art. The exhibition opens with the following programming at two Belger Arts locations:

- Opening reception on Friday, April 5 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the **Belger Crane Yard Gallery** ([2011 Tracy Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64108](http://2011TracyAvenue.com)). Artists whose work was selected as “Best in Show” and “Honorable Mention” will be recognized at 6:30pm.
- Artist talk and process presentation on Saturday, April 6 featuring the *Heartland 6* “Best in Show” artist from 3pm to 4pm at the **Belger Glass Annex** ([1219 E. 19th Street, Kansas City, MO 64108](http://1219E19thStreet.com)).

Glass artists from Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma were invited to submit work to *Heartland 6*. The exhibition includes selected works by: Karina Boatright (NE), Joey Bourdow (KS), Olivia Brummet (NE), Megan Chalifoux (MO), Kate Clements (MO), Olivia Dobkin (MO), Roberta Eichenberg (KS), Genevieve Flynn (MO), Jessica Gorecki (NE), Swede Hickok (MO), Katie Hogan (MO), Cole Kennedy (KS), Sara Sally LaGrand (MO), Sky Maggiore (KS), Jessalyn Mailoa (MO), Taylor Moore

(NE), Emily Nickel (OK), Mary Peterson (MO), Audrey Puckett (MO), Nadine Saylor (NE), Olivia Shelton (MO), Lauryl Sidwell (MO), Pamela Sabroso & Alison Siegel (MO), Kale Stewart (KS), Marie Tabler (MO), Kat Weltha (KS), and Evan Wunsch (MO).

This year's guest jurors were Samatha De Tillio and Leo Tecosky. De Tillio is a contributing editor to *GLASS: The UrbanGlass Art Quarterly* and museum curator working with institutions including the Corning Museum of Glass, Museum of Art and Design, and Metropolitan Museum of Art, Smithsonian National Museum of American Art, among others. Tecosky is a Brooklyn-based glass artist with a BA in Fine Arts from Alfred University and an MFA from the School of Visual Arts. Tecosky's artwork explores the intersection of cultural and craft traditions with influences from hip-hop and graffiti.

"Best in Show" and "Honorable Mention" works and artists will be recognized at the exhibition's opening reception on April 5 at 6:30pm.

The idea to host an annual "Heartland" exhibition began at Monarch Glass Studio in 2017. Since 2022 Belger Arts has carried on the tradition.

For high-resolution images of work, [click here](#). For a PDF of the press release, [click here](#).

About Belger Arts:

Since 2000, the Belger Arts Center has encouraged viewers to explore, question, and deepen their understanding of art and the world around them. Drawing upon the extensive Belger Collection, as well as a rich variety of local, national, and international artists, the Belger Arts Center has staged over 100 large-scale exhibitions that represent some of the best in contemporary art.

Belger Crane Yard Studios, an arts complex dedicated to providing studio and exhibition space for artists, opened in 2013. A range of programming in ceramics education and a residency program have made Belger a center for contemporary art.

The Belger Glass Annex is the third Belger Arts location and opened to the public in October 2021. It is the first public glass blowing studio in Kansas City of its scale and scope. The new facility boasts state-of-the-art glass blowing equipment and tools, a furnace that holds 300 pounds of molten glass, and three workstations. The Belger Glass Annex is primed to be a Midwest hub for glass art, education, and appreciation, strengthening Kansas City's reputation as an arts destination.

For more information on upcoming exhibitions, classes, and workshops, or to schedule a group tour, please visit BelgerArts.org or call 816-474-7316.

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