



Overview - The Ancestors Project is a series of community workshops being led by Looking for Lilith Theatre Company with 8 different community partners between now and August of 2023. Each community partner will participate in one 3-hour workshop led by LFL artists. Current partners include Simmons College, Berea College, and Highview Arts Center.

The Workshop - The 3-hour workshop is designed for 10 to 25 participants. The participants do not need to have any theatre, creative writing, or visual art experience to participate. Workshop participants are asked to bring with them a photograph* and story of an ancestor that is important to them. *We define an ancestor as anyone who has come before you who has informed in some way the person that you are.* Looking for Lilith workshop facilitators lead participants in theatre, visual art, and writing activities to bring to life their ancestors' stories.

*If no photograph is available, the participant can bring any memento or other meaningful object to connect with that ancestor.

The Funding - The Ancestors Project is fully supported by the Kentucky Foundation for Women and Louisville Metro External Agencies Fund. The Ancestors Project workshop is completely free for participants and community partners. Community partners are asked to invest time in promoting the workshop and recruiting participants in advance. Looking for Lilith Theatre will donate \$300 to each community partner for their participation.

The Future of the Project - The Ancestors Project has received additional funding from the National Endowment for the Arts for a public performance in 2024. Participants' stories may be featured in this performance (with the participants' permission), and workshop participants may additionally be involved in the performance as performers. When the pilot project is complete, Ancestors Project workshops will continue to be available for community centers and groups for a negotiable fee.

The Ancestors Project, an evolving community arts initiative

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