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Akron, OH—Akron Soul Train is proud to announce the awarding of their first Fellowship to local painter, sculptor and author John Sokol. The Fellowship will be for the month of September 2016, allowing Sokol the opportunity to create a new body of work in his home studio as well as presentation of this body to the public during specific open studio times. Akron Soul Train is planning for Sokol to demonstrate his artistic process to the public during this time. The exhibition for Sokol's new body of work will be at Spectrum Gallery (526 South Main Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor) on Thursday, November 3 from 6- 9 pm (members only), Friday, November 4 from 5-10 pm, and on Saturday, November 5 from 4-8 pm.

John Sokol has been a prolific artist for over 50 years. His paintings appear in many private collections including the Akron Art Museum, Canton Art Museum and Kent State University and he has had exhibitions across the United States. Sokol's poems have been in several publications and he also has four published books of poetry and short stories.

Akron Soul Train is made possible from winning the 2015 Knight Arts Challenge. This fresh non-profit arts organization is an artist community in Akron that envisions a self-sustaining oasis made from refurbished train cars and tiny houses that will be a destination for local multidisciplinary artists and the public alike. Akron Soul Train will provide artist studios, gallery space, and communal spaces for qualified artists, due to be fully completed by 2021. They anticipate groundbreaking next spring and opening our first residential space in Summer 2017.

For more information about Akron Soul Train visit their website: <http://akronsoultrain.org/index.html>. For more information about the Fellow, John Sokol, please visit his website: <http://www.johnsokol-artist-author.com/>.

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<https://www.google.com/maps/place/526+S+Main+St,+Akron,+OH+44311>