



Arts & Cultural COMMISSION

City of Wheeling
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC ART

Send to:

The Wheeling Arts and Cultural Commission
1400 Chapline Street
Wheeling, WV 26003
arts@wheelingwv.gov

Deadline for Submission of Proposal: Wednesday, August 20th 2023

I. **Background/Vision**

The Wheeling Arts and Cultural Commission exists to support and promote Wheeling's arts and cultural communities. The vision of the organization is to be the catalyst for a long term, rich, and inclusive arts and cultural experience for the community.

This project aims to accomplish this mission and vision by facilitating high impact, public art on Wheeling's popular Heritage Trail

II. **Project Description**

This is a paid public art opportunity for two murals on the Main Street and 10th Street facades of The Bridge Tavern, located at 950 Main Street. Artists or groups of artists must provide a proposal for both elevations.

1. **Unifying Theme**

The WAACC is seeking proposals for murals that interpret the rich history of Downtown Wheeling and the diverse individuals that call Wheeling home. The Main Street mural should additionally interpret the rich history of music in Wheeling, and particularly the Wheeling Jamboree. These interpretations can be literal or conceptual. An example concept is attached but artists are encouraged to interpret the prompt in their own style. Each mural should appear aesthetically similar, and will be limited to a 6-color palette of the artist's choosing.

2. **Description of Physical Layout**

Each designated area is approximately 23 feet long by 9.5 feet high. The surface is primed stucco. The site has drive up access, and provides a level surface for ladders, platforms, etc.

3. **Architectural, Aesthetic Considerations**

- Artists are asked to provide their interpretation of Wheeling's History and Community, with attention paid to musical history.
- The design must be suitable and acceptable for public display for viewing by citizens of all ages
- The artist must adhere to a maximum 6 color palette
- The Artist must account for the intensity of sun exposure on the 10th Street Elevation. Both murals should include UV protective measures.

III. **Compensation**

This is a paid public art opportunity. The project budget is \$2500, inclusive. The artist will be responsible for all materials and lodging.

IV. **Application Submission Procedure**

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1. **Completed and Signed Application Form (See Attached)**
2. **Project Descriptions** Provide a brief overview of the project. (Not to exceed two pages)
3. **Supporting Materials** These materials should convey the artistic intent, i.e., design renderings, use of color, and visual materials to adequately illustrate the proposed work and your abilities as an artist.
4. **Work Plan** Provide a brief outline of the steps involved in the proposed project with time requirements included. **Project Must Be Completed by October 15 2023.**
5. **Bio or Resume** Provide any information on previous and related experience.
6. **Sample Work** Please provide images of previously executed projects

V. Policies

The ownership of design ideas submitted with this application remain the ownership of the artist/performer, until a selection has been made and a contract signed. Images of work may be used in publicity for the City of Wheeling, Wheeling Arts and Cultural Commission, and property owner.

VI. Artist Selection Process

Artist(s) applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Artistic merit as evidenced by submitted representation of past work.
- Appropriateness of the artist's medium, style, and previous professional experience as they relate to the art goals and opportunities in this project.
- Experience with projects of similar scale and scope
- The ability of the artist to successfully complete the proposed artwork within the project timeline, with preference given to those with more immediate availability.
- Selected artists will be notified no later than August 21st.

VII. Site Visit Dates

Applicants are invited to visit the site at any time. Visitors are asked to be respectful of the property owner and tenant, and mindful that it is an active construction site.

VIII. Location Photos





IX. Inspiration Image



Application Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

To assure that your application is complete, please check the following:

- This application is completed and signed
- Project Description is enclosed
- Supporting materials enclosed
- Time Frame/ Work Plan is enclosed
- Bio or Resume
- Sample Work Portfolio or website provided

Certification

I certify that as of the date of this application I am 18 years of age or older. I certify that all examples of art work submitted with this application are products of my hand as represented. If accepted, the artwork produced will be owned by the Wheeling Arts and Cultural Commission and the Property Owner. Images of my work may be used in the publicity of the WAACC, City of Wheeling, and/or Property Owner.

I certify that all statements made in this application are true to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that the WAACC are not liable for loss or damage to work submitted.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

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