

Call to Artists: ART + TRANSIT 2019



Project Summary

DESCRIPTION: The Town of Chapel Hill's Community Arts & Culture Division seeks local artists to create artworks on the outer windows of select bus shelters in Chapel Hill, NC. Selected artists will be awarded \$1,000 to create and install artworks to be displayed for approximately 12 months.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all artists ages 18 and up creating original artwork in Orange County, NC or in neighboring counties.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Project Overview

The mission of Chapel Hill Community Arts & Culture is to inspire creativity and celebrate community for a better Chapel Hill. Activating bus shelters with art is one opportunity to advance that mission as well as improve the experience of transit users and the built environment of Chapel Hill. The Art + Transit project was launched in 2018 and resulted in five bus shelter installations around Chapel Hill. A short video about the installations can be seen [here](#).

Any artistic medium that can last approximately 12 months and then be easily removed is possible: spray paint, acrylic paint, posters, tape, stencil work, adhesive vinyl, etc. Artists are selected based on the style, content and applicability of their previous work. Arts staff will work with artists to determine the best media and approve a design per specifications provided by the Town. Each artist selected will install their approved design on the outer glass panels of an assigned bus shelter before June 30, 2019. Total area available for art varies by shelter but is typically sized 70" tall by 70"-180" wide.

Proposed designs should in some way reflect the values of Community Arts & Culture:

Inclusion

Arts and culture are for the many, not the few. We embrace diversity and advance equity within our community and the world.

Experience

Arts and culture can transform us. We champion moments that shift our perspective and ask us to be a part of something larger than ourselves.

Understanding

Arts and culture enlighten minds and open hearts. We foster creative curiosity that supports both individual development and collective growth.

Final artwork should be installed in a few days in May or June of 2019. Artists are not responsible for removing the artwork at the end of 12 months; the Town will ensure removal at the appropriate time.

How to Apply

Artists should upload application materials to the Community Arts & Culture URL below. No links, discs or hardcopy portfolios will be considered or returned. File formats other than those requested will disqualify the application. A complete application will include the following:

Four Images of Previous Work

Four images representative of the artist's style of work and the media to be used for this project. Please submit each image as a separate .jpg file at approximately 900 pixels for the longest dimension and no larger than 600 KB.

Image List

A list of the Four Previous Work Images by file name, including media and dimensions as a separate .doc, .docx or .pdf file.

One-Paragraph Proposal

A few sentences describing the media and general concept intended for the artwork as a .doc, .docx or .pdf file. A proposal sketch is welcome but not required.

Please upload all digital application materials by Tuesday, April 23, 2019 to:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/86bb5df2f9c44d538f74ab4e4e3ace6a>

(files submitted in a single .zip file is preferred, though files may be uploaded individually)

Selection Process

An Artist Selection Committee including representatives of the Cultural Arts Commission, the Transit Department, and Community Arts & Culture will review applications and select project artists. Selections are based on the artistic excellence of previous work, proposal media and concept, and the goal of exhibiting a diversity of artwork. Arts staff will notify applicants of selection results and will make further arrangements with selected artists.

Schedule (subject to change)

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| April 23, 2019: | Deadline for submission of application materials. |
| April 29, 2019: | Artists contacted with Selection Committee results. |
| May 1, 2019: | Deadline for selected artists to deliver signed contracts to Chapel Hill Public Library. |
| by June 30, 2019: | Final artworks installed on all bus shelters. |

Additional Information

To learn more about the Art + Transit program and see images of previous artistic shelters, please visit: <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/town-hall/departments-services/community-arts-culture/programs/art-transit>

If you have questions or need additional information please contact:

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Disclaimer

The Town of Chapel Hill reserves the right to refuse any or all submissions or works, to refuse any finalist, and to waive informalities in procedures should it be determined that submissions or works are not adequate, or for any other reason prior to a written arrangement being reached.