



Call to Artists for Indigenous Artist in Residence Program

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VICTORIA, BC – Professional artists are invited to apply to be the City of Victoria’s first Indigenous Artist in Residence. The new Indigenous Artist in Residence program provides the opportunity for a local artist to develop artistic works and engage the community in dialogue, workshops, events, and activities throughout a one-year term. The program is open to First Nations, Inuit and Métis artists and artist teams working in any artistic discipline who reside in the Capital Region, including the Gulf Islands.

“The City of Victoria established the Indigenous Artist in Residence program to honour ‘2017: A Year of Reconciliation,’ a theme we have adopted to guide activities and events throughout the year,” said Victoria City Councillor Pamela Madoff and liaison to the City’s Art and Public Places Committee. “We look forward to working closely with an Indigenous artist or artist team next year on our journey of reconciliation.”

The selected applicant will engage the community and City staff to produce a range of artistic works, which may include for example an exhibition, performance, publication or forum. There will also be an opportunity to create collaborative artwork with the City’s current Artist in Residence Luke Ramsey. Discussions with local Indigenous artists, curators and scholars were held earlier this year to inform the new program. Although a specific theme will not be prescribed, the artist’s conception of reconciliation will be explored. Building relationships with artists, the public and City staff will be an important part of the residency.

Expressions of Interest will be reviewed on the basis of artistic excellence, expressed written interest, and knowledge and understanding of the cultural heritage and legacy of the area. Experience with community engagement and a desire to create artwork for and in the public realm are required.

The Indigenous Artist in Residence will work as an independent contractor from March 2017 to March 2018. The successful candidate will work 20 hours per week during the one-year term for a total fee of \$42,000. The program is funded by the City’s Art in Public Places Reserve Fund. Artwork materials, fabrication and installation may be funded by a capital project’s budget, with up to \$30,000 from the Art in Public Places Reserve Fund.

Interested candidates are invited to learn more and ask questions at an information session on Monday, January 9, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Victoria City Hall. A selection panel will review submissions and recommend a shortlist of artists for interviews. The selected artist will be contacted in late February 2017.

Expressions of Interest and accompanying documents are to be uploaded electronically by registering for a free account at <https://victoria.bonfirehub.ca>. The deadline for submissions is Monday, January 23, 2017 at 4 p.m. Pacific Time. For more information, visit: www.victoria.ca/publicart

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