



## Calling All Artists: Two Outdoor Exhibit Opportunities

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VICTORIA, BC — Short-term public art installations enhance a city and contribute to its vibrancy and livability. Emerging artists now have two outdoor exhibition opportunities to showcase their artworks in Victoria. In addition to its annual Call to Artists for the Commercial Alley Outdoor Art Gallery installation, the City is introducing *Commute*, a bus shelter-based exhibit.

### **Commercial Alley Outdoor Art Gallery Call to Artists**

Emerging artists and artist teams in the Capital Region, including the Gulf Islands, are invited to submit proposals to exhibit their artwork as the Commercial Alley Outdoor Art Gallery's sixth annual installation. Located between the 500 Block of Yates Street and Bastion Square, the outdoor art gallery enhances the vitality of the area while retaining the alley's use by local businesses.

The proposed artwork is to be presented as a series of four 1.2 metre by 2.4 metre panels, however, the artist can cut and reshape the panels within structural limitations. The selected artist/artist team will be paid a fee of \$2,000. The artwork will be installed by the City and showcased from August 2018 to August 2019.

### **Commute – A Bus Shelter Exhibition Call to Artists**

New this year is *Commute*, a pilot project in partnership with PATTISON Outdoor Advertising, which will see up to 18 artworks showcased on six bus shelters in Victoria. From July 2018 to June 2019, the *Commute* exhibition will serve as an entry point for emerging artists who have had little opportunity to participate in public art or exhibit their artworks in Victoria.

The *Commute* Call to Artists is open to emerging, Indigenous and multicultural artists, craftspeople and artisans residing in the Capital Region, including the Gulf Islands. Artists may submit up to five suitable existing artworks, or create new artwork for consideration. All works must be original to the artist. The selected artists will be paid a fee of \$500 per image that is displayed.

Proposals for both Calls to Artists are to be emailed by 4 p.m. Pacific Time on Monday, April 9, 2018 to [culture@victoria.ca](mailto:culture@victoria.ca). Submissions for each call will be juried by a Selection Committee including artists, design professionals, community members, and a representative of the Art in Public Places Committee. Selected artists will be announced in late April.

For submission guidelines and more information, visit: [victoria.ca/publicart](http://victoria.ca/publicart)

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