



Calling All Artists: Three Public Art Opportunities

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — Emerging and established artists in the Capital Region will have three outdoor exhibition opportunities to showcase their artworks in the capital city this year. The City of Victoria is now accepting submissions for three Calls to Artists.

Call to Artists: Summer Banner Program

Artists and graphic designers in the Capital Region, including the Gulf Islands, are invited to submit proposals for the City's biennial Summer Banner program, which will showcase four original banner designs on downtown lampposts. The banners will be produced for display from May to September in 2019 and 2020.

Banners will be digitally printed onto high tenacity nylon and will be visible from both sides. The designs should use colours and images that take advantage of light passing through the fabric, and avoid small, complicated details that are not visible from a distance. The selected artist/graphic designer will receive a fee of \$1,500.

Call to Artists: Commercial Alley Outdoor Art Gallery

Emerging artists and artist teams in the Capital Region, including the Gulf Islands, are invited to submit proposals to exhibit their artwork in what will be the Commercial Alley Outdoor Art Gallery's seventh 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 \$2,250. The artwork will be installed by the City and showcased from August 2019 to August 2020.

Call to Artists: Commute – A Bus Shelter Exhibition

In its second year, *Commute* is 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 2019 to June 2020. The *Commute* exhibition serves 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.

Submissions for each Call to Artists will be juried by a selection committee comprised of artists, design professionals, community members, and a representative of the City's Art in Public Places Committee.

Deadlines for Submissions

Summer Banner Program: Wednesday, March 27 at 4 p.m.

Commute – Bus Shelter Exhibit: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 4 p.m.

Commercial Alley Outdoor Art Gallery installation: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 4 p.m.

Drop-In Information Sessions

Three, informal drop-in information sessions will be offered to provide artists/artist teams an opportunity to meet with City staff to learn more and ask questions about the three public art opportunities. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

Friday, March 22

2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (Boardroom)

930 Balmoral Road

Tuesday, March 26

4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Victoria City Hall (Esquimalt Nation Room)

Friday, March 29

9 a.m. – noon

Songhees Wellness Centre (Boardroom)

1100 Admirals Road

Proposals must be submitted online. Hard copies and emailed submissions will not be accepted. Selected artists will be contacted in April. For submission guidelines and more information, visit:

www.victoria.ca/publicart.

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