

Public Service Announcement



Calling All Artists: Two Public Art Opportunities

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — Artists in the Capital Region will have two outdoor exhibition opportunities to showcase their artworks this year. The City of Victoria is now accepting submissions for two Calls to Artists.

Call to Artists: Commercial Alley Outdoor Art Gallery

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 eighth 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 artwork will be installed by the City and showcased from August 2020 to August 2021.

Call to Artists: Commute – A Bus Shelter Exhibition

In its third year, *Commute* is a pilot project in partnership with PATTISON Outdoor Advertising, which will see up to 12 artworks showcased on six bus shelters in Victoria from June 2020 to December 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. Emerging, Indigenous and multicultural artists are encouraged to apply.

The *Commute* Call to Artists is open to emerging 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.

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

Commercial Alley Outdoor Art Gallery: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 4 p.m.

Commute – Bus Shelter Exhibit: Monday, April 6, 2020 at 4 p.m.

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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