

2018 CALL FOR ARTISTS
Fine Art Acquisition Program



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FULTON COUNTY
ARTS & CULTURE

PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

Deadline Monday, June 18, 2018, 5:00 p.m. EDT

Fulton County Arts & Culture's (FCAC) Public Art Program announces the 2018 Call for Artists for the Fine Art Acquisition program. FCAC seeks to acquire existing unframed artworks and freestanding sculptures by professional Georgia-based artists that will be displayed in Atlanta-Fulton Public Libraries.

ARTWORK ACQUISITION GOALS

FCAC seeks artworks that are memorable, thought-provoking, enduring and reflect diverse social, cultural, and historical values. Artwork can be abstract or representational and should be original and suitable for display in a public setting. Colorful, lively, family-friendly imagery, especially depictions of people, landscapes, buildings, interesting locations and activities of Fulton County, are desirable. Freestanding sculptures must be well-constructed of durable, low maintenance materials.

All 2-D mediums are eligible, including fine art paintings, prints, drawings, illustrations, photographs, mixed media works, collages, textiles, etc. Small, lightweight 3-D works that hang directly on the wall or which can be displayed in shadow-box frames, will also be considered. Larger free standing sculptures will be considered also. Artists may submit alternate views of sculptures, or of detail views, but artist must observe the limit on images submitted (maximum of 5 images allowed).

ARTWORK LOCATION DESCRIPTION

Artwork acquired will be displayed at various libraries throughout the County. The 2018 Fine Art Acquisition Program will acquire artworks for Group 1 (Kirkwood, Dogwood, Roswell, Sandy Springs, Southwest Atlanta, Washington Park and West End) and Group 2 (Dr. Robert E. Fulton at Ocee, Mechanicsville, Northeast/Spruill Oaks, Northside and Buckhead) libraries and Phase II Group 4: Fairburn and East Point library.

Further information about the Library Renovation Project, Phase II schedule and library locations can be found on the AFPLS website www.afpls.org.

ACQUISITION BUDGET

Unframed 2-D artworks and small 3-D works suitable for framing and that can be displayed on the wall will be purchased priced up to \$5,000.

A small number of free-standing sculptures will be purchased priced up to \$10,000.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed by a selection panel. All applicants will be notified by email. FCAC will convene an art review committee selected from AFPLS, Public Art Committee, the Fulton County Arts Council and Fulton Arts & Culture's executive leadership team. Each library will have a designated community member who will also be a voting member.

FCAC reserves the right to negotiate the final purchase price or decline to purchase any work recommended by the panel. Artist is not required to frame work, FCAC will frame all purchased artworks.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Artwork will be evaluated in the following three categories:

1. Artistic Quality - aesthetics, color, composition, scale, content and social dynamics
2. Appropriateness to Public Realm-family friendly and accessible to a broad audience; well-crafted and low maintenance
3. Artist Profile – experience of the artist and ability to articulate approach and concept

ARTWORK DELIVERY

Delivery of artwork shall be arranged by appointment and is the responsibility of the artist. Appointments for delivery will be scheduled by Connie Cross, through email at publicartprogram@fultoncountyga.gov or by phone at 404.612.5786.

Artwork will not be accepted for delivery without an approved appointment. Fulton County reserves the right to decline delivered artwork(s) that differs from the artist's original application, are damaged or that are not in excellent condition.

ELIGIBILITY

This Call for Artist is open to all professional visual artists over the age of 18 who currently reside in the State of Georgia. Students and Fulton County contractors and employees are not eligible.

Artists whose works were acquired during the 2017 Fine Art Acquisition Program Call for Artists (then known as 2017 Direct Purchases Call for Artists) are eligible to submit a Fine Art Acquisition Program application for fiscal year 2018. Once an artist's works are acquired through a Call for Artists, the artist must wait until the next fiscal year to submit an application for the Fine Art Acquisition Program.

Artists are allowed to submit a portfolio of up to five works of art for consideration. Applicants are allowed to submit artwork(s) in a series. However each artwork within a series will be counted individually as part of the allowable maximum for portfolio submission.

Artwork must have been created in the last 2 years using archival materials and be no larger in size than 96" in any direction. The overall weight of artwork shall not exceed 100 lbs. All artwork submitted must be available for purchase, and available for an in-person review upon finalist notification.

Preferred Sizes are as follows,

- 2-D and small 3-D Works: 16" X 20" to 40" X 60"
- Freestanding Sculptures: 36" Wide/Deep with a 96" maximum in any direction

Please Note: No 2-D or 3-D work will be acquired that is larger than 96" in size any direction

TERMS

Fulton County and Fulton County Arts & Culture accept no responsibility for the loss or damage of artist submission materials. Additionally, Fulton County and Fulton County Arts & Culture accept no responsibility for costs incurred by artists in responding to this Call.

HOW TO APPLY

Artists are able to submit using www.publicartist.org selecting "2018 Call for Artists – Fine Art Acquisition Program" to upload all requisite application materials. In order to access the first time application portal, all applicants will first be prompted to create a publicartist.org account at no cost. Once logged into the newly created account, applicants will be able to submit all materials outlined above. Publicartist.org will allow applicants to save incomplete applications and return to them for completion until Monday, June 18, 2018 deadline. Any incomplete submissions received after the stated time will be disqualified.

DEADLINE

Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. EDT on **Monday, June 18, 2018**.

TIMELINE

May 4, 2018	Announcement of <i>Call for Artist – 2018- Phase II</i>
June 18, 2018	Deadline for Submissions
July 2018	Art Selection Panel reviews artworks
July 2018	Public Art Committee reviews artwork
August 2018	Arts Council reviews artwork
September 2018	Selected artists are notified
September 2018	Artists deliver artwork

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QUESTIONS

Please feel free to contact the following FCAC staff members with questions:

Connie Cross, Public Art Community Relations Coordinator
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