

**Centro San Antonio's Art Everywhere Project**  
**Announces its "Por Vida" Mural Open Call**  
Submission Deadline: September 29, 2023 at 6:00 PM (CST)

**Call Summary**

Centro San Antonio's Art Everywhere Project invites San Antonio area artists to submit their qualifications for a new mural at Houston Street Garage, at the corner of Navarro and Houston Streets, in downtown San Antonio. The San Antonio Spurs possess a magical quality that unites and inspires our community; the new "Por Vida" mural will celebrate this and elicit excitement and interest from the community and visitors. The mural will connect them to downtown using art as a placemaking tool through the mural's imagery and story.

This is an online application process only. Applications will not be accepted by postal mail or email.

**Call Opens**

Monday, September 11, 2023

**Entry Deadline**

Friday, September 29, 2023 at 6:00 PM (CST)

**Finalists Selected**

Thursday, October 5, 2023

**Finalist Interviews**

October 11-12, 2023 (virtual)

**Selection Announced**

October 13, 2023

**Length of Exhibition**

December 1, 2023 – December 2026(?)

*\*dates subject to change based on installation schedule and weather*

**Budget Description**

Total project budget is \$100,000 to include artist design fee, fabrication, materials, rentals, production assistance and installation.

## **Project Description**

Centro San Antonio invites San Antonio area artists to submit their qualifications for a new Spurs-themed mural in the heart of downtown San Antonio at the corner of Navarro and Houston Streets on the Houston Street Garage.

A magical 50-year love affair has existed between San Antonio and our Spurs; Centro's latest Art Everywhere Project intends for this new mural to be a physical manifestation of our community's love and joy for the team. The goal is for a local artist to create an artwork that captures and celebrates this by shining a light on the way the Spurs consistently work hard every day to unite, positively impact and inspire our community.

The new "Por Vida" mural will be colorful, inspiring and articulate San Antonio's 'Spurs Passion' while creating a sense of placemaking through its imagery and story. The mural should not focus on any one Spurs player, nor feature any images that may be deemed offensive or any commercial brand references.

This painted mural should be approximately 50 ft. high x 15ft. wide. The mural will be installed on the garage façade from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> floors and will be viewed from the street and neighboring buildings. (see Exhibit A: Site Specifics)

## **Eligibility**

This opportunity is open to all professional artists, age 18 and up and residing in Bexar County, regardless of residence, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical or mental disability. No prior mural or public art experience is necessary.

## **Application Requirements**

Artists may submit up to three (3) artworks from their portfolio (JPG or PDF) along with an artist bio (PDF) and should include their name and current contact information. A brief artist statement about is optional.

Required:

- Biography: 1 page maximum (PDF)
- Resume: 1 page(s) maximum (PDF)
- Work examples: 1 - 3 (JPG or PDF)

Optional:

- Artist Statement: 300 word maximum

Artists are allowed to apply in teams. Initial submissions should include up to three examples of completed artwork. Artists applying as a team must split the allotted number of work examples between themselves. (i.e. if submitting as a team, the maximum number of submitted artworks is still three.) Artwork should be a high-quality image and original dimensions should be noted. Applicants can receive support by contacting [www.PublicArtist.org](http://www.PublicArtist.org) at [info@publicartist.org](mailto:info@publicartist.org).

### **Additional Terms and Requirements**

The artist fee of \$100,000 will be paid in three installments: at the beginning of the project, at the midway point and at completion of the project. The fee is all inclusive, and should be used to fund materials, rental equipment, production support and artist fee. Artwork should be complete by December 1, 2023.

### **Selection Process/Information**

A panel of community members and stakeholders will review eligible applications and select three (3) finalists for this project based on merit and experience.

Three (3) finalists will submit a formal proposal to include a design rendering, project narrative, installation plan, and detailed project budget, along with (3) references. A single winning entry will then be selected and the artist(s) will have the opportunity to develop and install their proposed artwork.

Selected artist(s) will be responsible for installation by December 1, 2023. Winning artist(s) and their works will be celebrated in traditional and social media when the winning works are announced and when they debut.

## **Selection Criteria**

Qualifications submitted will be judged on the following criteria:

- Artist is San Antonio-area resident
- Artist has past work examples which:
  - are conceptually compelling and aesthetically excellent, preferably in color
  - create excitement and interest from the community
  - are inspired to participate by a personal story or connection to the subject matter

## **Additional Terms:**

By submitting qualifications, applicant assures that artwork will be original and applicant will be able to install artwork in accordance with stated timeline.

Centro San Antonio, the City of San Antonio, the City of San Antonio Arts Commission, and San Antonio Spurs will reserve the right to approve the winning concepts, both for the mural and the indoor exhibition, as well as the locations for each work selected.

Centro San Antonio has the discretion to disqualify artists whose applications are late or incomplete, and whose applications do not comply with all stated requirements.

Centro San Antonio reserves the right to select one, more than one, or no applicants in response to this opportunity.

Centro San Antonio reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all proposals received in response to this Open Call, and to waive informalities and irregularities in the proposals received.

Full-length of the exhibition period will be reviewed by reviewed by the City of San Antonio. Centro San Antonio will undertake approval process for art installations designated for wall, coordinating with property owner.

Once installed, the final artworks will become the property of Centro San Antonio, and may be relocated when deemed necessary. After the initial exhibition, the works may be relocated to another relevant site for public exhibition, with the written approval of the artist.

**Timeline**

The submission portal will close at 6 p.m. on September 29, 2023. Finalist selection will be announced October 5, 2023, with Finalist interviews conducted between October 11-12. The winning selection will be notified by October 12 and announced October 13, 2023. Discussion regarding concept and execution plan will take place the week of October 16, 2023. One third of the honorarium payment will be made up front to cover materials and production costs, with the second one third payment made at 50% completion and the third payment made at completion of the mural. All works are intended to be installed by December 1, 2023, weather and other conditions permitting.

**Additional Resources**

<https://centrosanantonio.org/centro-art-everywhere/>

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