

ArtWORKS

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Arts Partnership (TAP) has an open call for Metro-based and near-regional artists interested in participating in ArtWORKS, a program that fosters creativity and mindfulness by placing art in the public realm. Participating artists have the opportunity to reach and interact with an audience that is art-appreciative but not necessarily art-articulate.

The focus of the program is primarily on solo exhibitions for visual artists working in 2-D. However, we also are looking for performing artists, musicians, writers, poets and artisans who could lead an employee engagement activity for those businesses and corporations interested in deepening their commitment to creativity in the workplace.

Questions? Contact Tania Blanch, Director of Operations, at tania@theartspartnership.net or 701.237.6133.

Eligibility

Artists must be based in the Metro area or surrounding region.

For visual artists:

- All 2-D artwork is mounted and/or framed and installation-ready.
- Artists would need to be able to produce 8-12 works (existing or new) that exhibit well together.
- All artwork submitted must be original, owned by and created by the artist submitting the proposal.
- All work must be appropriate for a business setting. The Arts Partnership and ArtWORKS business participants reserve the right to exclude works that are not considered business-appropriate.
- Artists must be able to commit to a three- or four-month exhibition period (the length of time depends on the level of business participation).

For other than visual artists:

- Have the proven ability to lead a group in a 60- to 90-minute activity that encourages creativity in the workplace.

Specifications

Artists will receive a notification from The Arts Partnership staff with proposed dates for an ArtWORKS exhibit and/or employee engagement activity. The Arts Partnership staff will then schedule a time to meet with the artist to discuss details.

Artists are responsible for delivering the work to the ArtWORKS location for installation and collecting it after the exhibition period. No less than two weeks prior to the exhibition date, the artist will provide The Arts Partnership with images of each included artwork, a pricelist, and a short artist statement and bio.

All sales inquiries are made directly to the artist; neither the participating company nor The Arts Partnership receives a commission for the sale of artwork.

At the end of the exhibition period, The Arts Partnership issues each artist an honorarium as appreciation for their participation:

ArtWORKS *Exhibit* Level: \$50 for a 3-month solo exhibit of 8-12 artworks

ArtWORKS *Engagement* Level: \$75 for a 4-month solo exhibit of 8-12 artworks
\$175 for an artist talk and leading an employee engagement activity

The stipend is only one benefit of participating in this program. If selected to participate, the artist will receive:

- Professional development. Working closely with a curator to shape the exhibit helps you work out new ideas or refine a longer-term artistic approach.
- A profile on The Arts Partnership's blog and e-newsletter.
- Potential Art Sales – by the corporation, employees or generally public. Although the work is available for sale, sales are not a primary purpose (nor conclusion) of the exhibit. That said, if work is sold, the artist receives 100% of the sales price.

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