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Fort Worth Public Art Announces Texas-Based Curator Open Call 2021

Fort Worth, TX (Thursday, April 22, 2021)– The Fort Worth Public Art Program seeks emerging and established Texas-based curators of all backgrounds, working in a variety of approaches and with diverse perspectives. Upon submission, curators or curatorial teams will enter an application pool for consideration on future projects: they may be contacted to conceptualize, assist with artist selection, and/or act as a project consultant for new public artworks for eligible projects of various scopes, timelines, and budgets throughout the City of Fort Worth. The purpose of this call is to provide a streamlined selection process for curators interested in assisting with public art projects throughout the City. Possible artwork opportunities include parks, libraries, fire stations, community centers, and others. Curators will be selected based on their creative approach and willingness to work collaboratively with other professionals and accept input from the community. Curators will be reviewed for consideration on a case-by-case basis for specific project needs.

Note: Curators will first be reviewed for consideration for the Marine Creek Parkway Public Art Project, a new project initiated this spring. For a copy of the project outline, please email Michelle Richardson.

Submission Requirements:

All materials must be received by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

All submissions will be reviewed for completeness by a committee including a representative of the Fort Worth Art Commission and Arts Council staff.

1. Texas-based curators of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.
2. Letter of Interest (500-word limit) which provides an overview of:
 - a. Philosophical approach to exhibitions/projects
 - b. Interest in public art
 - c. Experience, or related experience, with public art (permanent or temporary)
 - d. Experience, or related experience, working with community
3. Current resume. Teams must submit a resume for each team member (2-page max)

4. Three professional references (contact information only)
5. Up to ten (10) images of past exhibitions/projects, including installation views. With each image, please include:
 - a. Title
 - b. Exhibition/curatorial statement
 - c. Project budget (as applicable)
 - d. Location, and commissioning agency (as applicable)

Please submit all materials as a single PDF to mrichardson@artscouncilfw.org.

Timeline

Call Opens: April 22, 2021

Submission Deadline: June 1, 2021

Curator List Presented for Approval to the Fort Worth Art Commission: June 21, 2021

About Fort Worth Public Art

Now celebrating its 20th anniversary year, Fort Worth Public Art (FWPA) is a City of Fort Worth program created to enhance the visual environment, commemorate the city's rich cultural and ethnic diversity, integrate artwork into the development of the City's capital infrastructure improvements, and to promote tourism and economic vitality. Managed by the Arts Council of Fort Worth with oversight of the Fort Worth Art Commission, FWPA strives for artistic excellence and meaningful community engagement (<https://fwpublicart.org>).

About the Arts Council of Fort Worth

The Arts Council of Fort Worth was formed in 1963 to provide funding and leadership to stimulate and assure the advancement of the arts throughout Fort Worth. Soon to be renamed Arts Fort Worth, today's Arts Council expands on that foundation to promote, nurture, and advocate for the arts in Fort Worth by providing fiscal and practical resources for artists, performers, creatives, and arts organizations; offering performance, event, and exhibition spaces through the management of the Fort Worth Community Arts Center; and artist opportunities and the enhancement of the City through management of the Fort Worth Public Art Program. The Arts Council is supported, in part, by the City of Fort Worth and the Texas Commission on the Arts. Visit www.artsfortworth.org for more information.

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