

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Artist Lead: Community Art Project at Kirkland Summerfest, 2018

Application Deadline: June 8, 2018

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Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission (KCAC) is seeking an artist or artist team to facilitate and lead a community art project for all ages during [Kirkland Summerfest](#) August 11 -12, 2018. The art project can include any media, and recycled materials are encouraged, as long as participants take their art with them when they leave the festival. Up to 800 people are expected to engage with the community art project during the festival.

The community art project will be inspired by one of two themes: Pareidolia or Robots. Both these themes were selected to compliment the following art programs featured at Summerfest:

- “Pareidolia People” is an exhibition of six sculptures scheduled to open on Park Lane August 10 by artist [Ed McCarthy](#). The six sculptures are based on urban objects in the city and are related by scale, color, material and a common vocabulary of shapes. These perceived figures will be mounted on plinths that serve as benches for downtown visitors.
- [“Robots”](#) is a group exhibition of artwork by young artists ages 3 – 18, scheduled for display in Heritage Hall Aug 11 and 12

Kirkland Summerfest is a three-day outdoor community festival August 10– 12, that includes 100 artist booths, vendor booths and food trucks, beer/wine garden, music and entertainment, and art activities for children and families. The festival attracts several thousand people a day. The art activities will primarily run on August 11th and 12th.

The Summerfest Team will provide two 10’ by 10’ tents, 6’ tables and chairs for participants. Some volunteers may be available to assist with the community project as needed, however, it is expected that the Artist Lead will provide all materials, plan the project, facilitate the project on site, and arrange for their own team or support to ensure that the project is successful.

Budget

\$3,000 will be paid to the artist/artist team for all planning, travel/lodging, materials and implementation of the project. Funding will be paid after the service is provided and a City of Kirkland Service Agreement and Kirkland Business license is required of selected artist. The funding made possible through a KCAC grant with funding from 4Culture.

Audience

Kirkland Summerfest is an annual art and music festival that takes place in downtown Kirkland and Marina Park in August. The festival is situated along the beautiful Lake Washington waterfront and attracts visitors from Kirkland, the Eastside and the greater Seattle Area. The Community Art Project is expected to have participation of around 800 people of various ages and backgrounds. Participants are typically youth between the ages of 5 – 15 who are attending the festival with their families, however many adults participate as well.

Scope of Work

Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission (KCAC) is seeking an artist or a pair/group of interdisciplinary artists to serve as Artist Lead at Kirkland Summerfest art and music festival to produce and facilitate a Community Art Project for all ages Saturday August 11 and Sunday August 12, 2018.

- Lead Artist will be responsible for providing material needed for community art projects.
- Lead Artist will be responsible for setting up materials and breaking down their project.
Saturday set up: 9 am – 11am
Saturday Hours of Operation: 11 am – 7 pm
Sunday Hours of Operation: 11 am – 6 pm
Sunday break down: 6 pm – 7 pm
- Lead Artist will interact directly with the community members giving them the opportunity to create their own art with materials provided by lead artist
- Lead Artist will facilitate a project that supports one of the two themes suggested Pareidolia or Robots.
- The community art project will result in “make and take” artwork where participants can take their art home when they leave festival.
- Lead artist will need to complete and pass a Background Check
- Lead Artist will assist in promoting their role as Artist in Residence

- Although this is an excellent marketing and promotional opportunity for the Lead Artist, there will not be space to set up a display for their artworks for sale within the Community Art Project tent.

Qualifications

Applying artist should have a background and interest in developing community art projects and experience with engaging the community through art.

About the Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission

The Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission is a volunteer board that works to help arts, culture and heritage grow and thrive in the City of Kirkland. Along with supporting art and cultural initiatives throughout the year, the Cultural Arts Commission advises the City Council on art acquisition and promotes strategic arts planning in Kirkland.

Submittal: Please email the following to Philippa Marsh, Special Projects Coordinator, pmarsh@kirklandwa.gov by June 8th, 2018.

- 1 page letter of intent describing why you are interested in this opportunity and a general concept for community art project
- Resume/C.V. for each artist. (be sure it includes contact info address, phone, email)
- Artist statement(s) for each artist.
- Three references.
- 3-5 digital images of your current work that is most relevant to this project, format and sized small enough to be able to be emailed.

Finalists may be scheduled for a short interview to meet the committee and to discuss their community project idea on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Questions can be directed to Philippa Marsh, Special Projects Coordinator, City of Kirkland 425 587-3013 – pmarsh@kirklandwa.gov