

CITY OF URBANA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
Economic Development Division
Urbana Public Arts Program

Murals on Glass 2015
Call for Entries

Overview

The City of Urbana Public Arts Commission and Urbana Business Association invite artists residing in Champaign County to participate in the third cycle of Murals on Glass, an initiative to feature local artworks on downtown Urbana windows. Three selected pieces will be reproduced in adhesive vinyl and adhered to the following locations, remaining on display for a period of two years:

1. The Urbana Business Association, front windows, 111 West Main Street
2. The Urbana Civic Center, east windows, 108 East Water Street

Murals on Glass not only makes a more vibrant downtown, but also provides opportunities and direct support for local artists. To see current Murals on Glass on display, visit <http://www.urbanaininois.us/muralsonglass>.

Program Goals

- Promote visible, outdoor activity in downtown Urbana
- Integrate public art into the urban environment, creating a sense of place and purpose, and promoting tourism and commerce
- Beautify and improve the city streetscape
- Provide opportunities for local artists in Urbana and Champaign County
- Enrich the lives of Urbana residents and visitors

Timeline

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| • Call for Entries Released: | May 1, 2015 |
| • Applications Deadline: | June 19, 2015 at 5:00pm |
| • Selection Panel Review: | June 22-26, 2015 |
| • Artist(s) Notification: | June 29, 2015 |
| • Completion and installation of project: | July-August 2015 |

Submission Requirements

- Established and emerging artists are welcome to apply.
- Applicants must reside in Champaign County.
- Artwork must be appropriate to high-profile, public, family-friendly setting.
- All genres, styles, and media will be considered.

Honorarium

Each of the three selected artists will be awarded an honorarium of \$300. This honorarium will be processed after the artwork has been installed at its location.

To Apply

Applications must be submitted online by 5:00 PM CST on Friday, June 19, 2015.

Online application can be accessed at: <https://urbanapublicarts.wufoo.com/forms/murals-on-glass-application/>

You will be prompted to upload the following:

- Image Files:** Submitted images must be jpeg files, 300 dpi, labeled as “lastname_firstname_01.jpg,” i.e. “smith_jane_01.jpg.” Each applicant may submit no more than three unique digital images for consideration. If selected, artists will work with City staff to size images correctly for display on windows; thus high quality versions of submitted images must be available. Submitted images should be no larger than 5 MB each.
- Image Identification Sheet:** Please include an image identification sheet with file names corresponding to image title, year completed, dimensions, and media. Upload document as a PDF file.
- Proof of Residency:** Proof of Champaign County residency is required. Please include a copy of one of the following: a photo ID with proof of current address, a current utility bill, or a signed lease agreement. File must be uploaded as a PDF document.

Artist Selection Criteria:

Three artworks will be selected – two for the Civic Center, and one for the Urbana Business Association office. Submissions will be evaluated based on:

- Demonstration of artistic quality.
- Appropriateness of artwork to high-profile, downtown Urbana setting.
- Alignment with stated program goals.

A temporary selection panel will be created to review submissions and recommend works for approval by the Urbana Public Arts Commission. The panel will be composed of City staff, members of the Public Arts Commission, Urbana Business Association staff, and members of the art community. The Urbana Public Arts Commission will approve the final recommendation from the Selection Panel.

Notification:

Artists will be notified of the jury’s decision by mail in June.

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Contact the Public Arts Coordinator with any questions.

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Attachments

Exhibit A: 2015-2017 Murals on Glass Window Sites



East Windows of the Civic Center (46.25"x106.5")



Windows of Urbana Business Association (75"x36")