

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

Murals on Glass & Utility Box Murals 2021

Call for Entries

Overview

The City of Urbana Arts and Culture Commission invites artists residing in Champaign County to participate in the fifth cycle of Murals on Glass, an initiative to feature local artworks on downtown Urbana windows, and the first cycle of the newly added Utility Box Mural Program. Selected pieces will be reproduced in adhesive vinyl and adhered to the following locations, remaining on display for a period of two years:

- 1. Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center (102 E Michigan Ave, Urbana, IL 61801)**
- 2. Up to 4 selected utility boxes in Downtown Urbana**

Murals on Glass and the Utility Box Mural Program not only make 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/murals>.

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: | July 27 th , 2021 |
| • Applications Deadline: | August 13 th , 2021 by 5:00pm |
| • Selection Panel Review: | August 16 th -20 th , 2021 |
| • Artist(s) Notification: | August 26 th , 2021 |
| • Completion and installation of project: | Within the month of September 2021 |

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

The 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, August 13th, 2021.

Online application can be accessed at: <https://forms.gle/NRtoddSrW5SwdBAj8>

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:

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 Arts and Culture Commission. The panel will be composed of City staff, members of the Arts and Culture Commission, and members of the art community. The Urbana Arts and Culture Commission will approve the final recommendation from the Selection Panel.

Notification:

Artists will be notified of the jury’s decision by email in August.

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Contact the Arts and Culture Coordinator with any questions.

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Murals on Glass 2021 Site Guide

Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center 102 E Michigan Ave, Urbana, IL 61801



Address: 102 E. Michigan Ave. Urbana, IL 61801

Site Specifications: The Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center requests that the three center windows on their building are utilized for the mural. The dimensions are outlined below. *Important note:* Submitted artworks will need to be slightly cropped/adjusted to fit the window trim. Urbana Arts and Culture Program staff will assist with artwork proofing and artist approval prior to installation.

Dimensions

Length: 33 ft. (approx.)

Width: 11ft. (approx.)