

City of Ventura announces public art opportunity: submit qualifications by February 27



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The City of Ventura is seeking qualifications by February 27 from Southern California artists for a series of temporary public art projects to enhance our Historic Downtown and Westside Cultural Districts as part of its Public & Local Artists Creating Environments (PLACE) program. Temporary public art projects create new ways to appreciate shared environments, inspire creativity within a community, and encourage conversation about the arts. Application and information are available online at <http://www.cityofventura.net/artopps>.

Interested artists are encouraged to attend a workshop about this project on February 11, at 5 PM at Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli St. Topics discussed will include how to submit a competitive application, available locations, the feasibility of different types of projects, and insurance liability. RSVP for the workshop by February 9 to 658-4759.

These temporary public artworks will be on display in Ventura in July of 2015 during the Summer ArtWalk. Ventura's Historic Downtown and Westside Cultural Districts are areas rich in early California history and home to Mission San Buenaventura, the historic City Hall building, Ortega Adobe, the Museum of Ventura County, Bell Arts Factory, Art City and Stoneworks Studios, the Working Artists Ventura live/work project and many others. Ventura's ArtWalk is a two-daylong self-guided walking tour, featuring over 200 regional artists at over 30 venues. Commissioned artists may create temporary public art for this project in the following (but not limited to) locations: Exterior of City Hall building, Figueroa Plaza, Mission Park, Kellogg Park, PODs Gallery at California and Main Street, other pocket parks downtown.

The selection panel will include members of the Public Art Commission, community representatives, and arts professionals familiar with the field of public art. The panel will have the option of selecting a small group of finalists (3-4) to interview prior to making a recommendation. Finalists will be paid a \$500 honorarium to develop their concepts. The artists will be required to present their final designs to the Public Art Commission for approval prior to fabrication. The selected artists or artist teams will be awarded a \$2,000-\$4,000 contract. The commission includes design, fabrication, materials, installation, travel expenses, and some incidental costs.

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