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CALLING ALL ARTISTS: Public Art & Performance Mini Grants for Salem Creatives

The City of Salem's Public Art Commission (PAC) is thrilled to announce Public Art & Performance Mini Grants for Salem Artists!

The PAC welcomes requests for funding for public art projects and performances taking place on public property from individual artists and performers based in Salem, MA.

Application Deadline is Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 4pm, for the March Review Cycle.

Apply here: <https://bit.ly/forsalemartists>

Program Overview:

- Proposals will be reviewed twice a year in our regular March and September meetings which are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- Proposal will only be reviewed during these meetings; however, proposals may be submitted any time using our online submissions form here: <https://bit.ly/forsalemartists>
- Funding will be allocated at the discretion of the PAC towards qualifying proposals reviewed in each session until all funds are exhausted.
- The amount of available funds fluctuates from year to year. Funding is renewed annually on July 1st.
- This is a 'Mini-Grant' funding opportunity for **Salem based artists.**
- Grants will range from \$500-\$2,500. Total available funding for the March review cycle is \$7,500. The PAC will award funding at their discretion to eligible high-quality projects until all funds are exhausted.
- Funding can be used for projects involving a group performance or artist team; however, the applicant/lead artist must be an individual based in Salem, MA.

Eligible Projects:

- Applicants must be individual artists/performers based in Salem, MA. (We define being based in Salem as the lead applicant being an individual with a residential address in Salem, MA.)
- Eligible projects must be completed by June 30, 2024.
- All funded projects must take place in Salem, MA on Public Property.
- Projects must be free and open to the public to attend/engage with.

- Types of eligible projects include but are not limited to: musical performances, theatrical performances, poetry/spoken word, performance art, art happenings and/or interventions, temporary and/or permanent public art installations, workshops, documentation of a planned public art project/installation/performance, etc.
- Projects that encourage interactivity and community engagement are strongly desirable.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Does the project meet all of the basic eligibility requirements?
- Does the project speak to and serve the Salem community?
- Does the artist have demonstrated success with a similar project and/or at least one year of experience working in the proposed media?
- Is the vision for the project clearly articulated?
- Does the project demonstrate high artistic quality and merit?

Submission Instructions:

All proposals must be submitted via our online submission portal here: <https://bit.ly/forsalemartists>.

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Applications received after that time will be considered in our March 2024 meeting if funds are available.

Applications will be reviewed and selected in the March Public Art Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 @6:30pm via Zoom.

About the Salem Public Art Commission

The Salem Public Art Commission (PAC) is committed to enriching and enlivening the urban environment through innovative and transformative works of art in all media and modalities. With a focus on local artists, especially those historically underrepresented, and a global perspective of the art scene, PAC seeks to foster greater community awareness of and interaction with the arts, enhance the scope of Salem’s public art collection, and celebrate diversity in all its forms among citizens and visitors of Salem’s alike. The PAC feels Public Art in Salem should contribute to the community’s identity as the cultural hub of the North Shore and a center for creativity and enhance the quality of Salem’s built environment. Our goal is to nurture diversity & creativity; foster a sense of community pride & belonging; and enhance the quality of life for all.

Learn more at <https://www.salemma.gov/arts-culture>

To view other City of Salem Calls for Artists currently open visit:

<https://www.salemma.gov/public-art-commission/pages/calls-artists>

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