

# La Crosse Arts Board

## [Project Title]

# Call for Submissions

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In response to the outbreak of COVID-19, the La Crosse Arts Board announces a new call for submissions. The budget for new acquisitions is \$TBD. To serve as many artists as possible individual pieces must be priced no more than \$TBD BASED ON BUDGET.

We know that artists have been uniquely impacted by the limits on public gatherings, group size, and physical distancing requirements. The resulting loss of income for artists and galleries in La Crosse has been staggering.

The review process will take place completely online and selected artists will receive a deposit payment of 70% in advance. Purchases are restricted to 2D artworks (prints, drawings, paintings on paper, photographs, canvas, panel substrates, etc.) no larger than approximately 24" x 30". Original works produced within the last five years are eligible.

\*Works collected for the City of La Crosse are exhibited on a rotating basis in city and county buildings, and featured on the Arts Board's webpage.

**Deadline for submissions is Friday, July 1, 2020 at 5 p.m. CST.**

## ABOUT THE LA CROSSE ARTS BOARD

The purpose of the City of La Crosse Arts Board is to focus on four principal areas:

- To develop the Arts District as identified in City Vision 2020
- To serve as a forum to receive proposals and forward them to the appropriate council committee.
- To work as advocate for the arts by commenting on policies and plans of the City and by seeking non-City funding for its advancement; and
- To analyze gaps and opportunities in programming, support, funding, and promotion for the arts, cultural activity and economic development.

## SELECTION PROCESS

The La Crosse Arts Board will select artwork for purchase by reviewing images and application materials online.

Once selected, the Arts Board will pay artists 70% of the total award up to \$**TBD BASED ON BUDGET**. The Arts Board will pay the balance upon receipt of the artwork. The deadline for receiving the physical work shall be two weeks after selection.

The panel reserves the right to select an artist who does not directly apply to this call for submission, if appropriate.

### Goals for submissions:

- Capture the moment that we find ourselves in as La Crosse navigates the pandemic—to the extent that it is safe to do so. Do not put yourself at risk or ignore social distancing requirements or best practices to make new work! Balance what we may want/need to remember from 2020 with what you think future curators and City/County staff will want to display in public spaces down the road.
- Document our growth and change as a city. We honor artists who wish to submit new or pre-existing work unrelated to the quarantine or the coronavirus. Work should still match the purpose of portraying what makes La Crosse unique.

## ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS & ELIGIBILITY

**Original works on paper, produced within the last five years, by artists living in La Crosse and La Crosse County are eligible.** Artistic quality and appropriate-ness for display in a public setting will be weighted in the selection process.

Works submitted must also meet the following requirements:

- Be an original work on paper, photograph, handmade print of limited edition, or original zine or graphic narrative-based work. The price for each individual work must be no more than \$**TBD BY BUDGET**.
- To the extent possible, considering the current availability of art supplies, artwork should be on archival paper and rendered in archival media. Paper size should be no larger than approximately 24" x 30".
- Works may be submitted already framed or matted, but the Arts Board reserves the right to re-mat or re-frame the work.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All applications should be submitted through **INSERT BEST CONTACT MEANS HERE**.

**Please include the following application materials:**

- **Contact Information:** Name, address, phone, email, and website (if applicable)
- **Up to six (6) pieces for submission; no more than six (6) images total.** The selection panel will review up to six images per artist. That can include two images of a single piece, or unique pieces as long as the total does not exceed six. Image files should be named as follows: lastname\_title. **File size of each submitted image should be no larger than 5 megabytes; use .jpg format only. For each artwork please provide title, media, dimensions, year completed, and a purchase price.**
- **Résumé or bio:** a PDF that outlines artistic accomplishments and activities (no more than two pages).
- **Artist's statement:** In 1000 characters or less, provide a description about the work submitted.

## QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about the overall opportunity, **INSERT BEST CONTACT HERE**.

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE

**Friday, July 1, 2020 at 5 p.m. CST. No late entries will be reviewed.**

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