

Decatur Mural Project

Call for Artist Proposals - 2020

The Decatur Mural Project is accepting proposals/designs from artists interested in creating a public art mural in Decatur. The Decatur Mural Project team is establishing partnerships with artists, property owners, the City, local volunteers, and sponsors or funding agencies for the creation of murals for the beautification of Decatur buildings.

This year's project is being done in cooperation with and through support from the Beautify Decatur Coalition. Their goal is to have a mural created that builds awareness for keeping our city clean and encourages everyone to enhance its appearance. For example, the Beautify Decatur Coalition has focused on the litter prevention theme, "Be a dear, put it here," encouraging the use of available trash receptacles. Artists may consider this theme when developing a design proposal. Learn more about the Beautify Decatur Coalition at BeautifyDecatur.com.

Project Goals

The goals of the Decatur Mural Project are to:

1. Beautify buildings throughout the city which are primarily in high visibility locations.
2. Visually promote the benefit of the arts throughout the community.
3. Create a sense of pride among members of the city, as well as specific neighborhoods.
4. Provide a positive impact on project participants.

About the Project

- Mural design proposals are collected by the DAAC Public Art Committee to present to building owners as locations become available throughout Macon County. Preference is currently given to locations within the City of Decatur.
- Building owners are asked to donate the use of their space.
- Locations vary in dimensions and elevation.
 - **The location for this mural has not been determined but will likely be a single story horizontal wall.**
- Supplies and equipment will be provided at no cost to the artist.
- Artists will receive a monetary stipend of \$1,500.
- Volunteer assistance can be arranged by the Committee at the artist's request.
- Preference will be given to local artists, but does not exclude artists from outside the Decatur area from participating.
- Preference will be given to designs with uplifting/positive themes.
- Preference will be given to designs with bold, simple, graphic elements.
- Designs should be suitable for public viewing by all ages.
- The mural must be completed by September 30, 2020.

Proposals:

Interested artist must provide the following information to the Decatur Area Arts Council by June 12, 2020:

1. A narrative and **preliminary** concept drawing. The narrative should convey the artistic intent, colors, style of work, etc.
2. Timetable for completion of the mural.
3. Contact information. (Resumé and artist statement)
4. Examples of other works and/or reviews of similar work are welcome.

5. Additional anticipated assistance required. (Suggestions on utilization of community/neighborhood volunteers to assist with the mural are encouraged.)

Proposals will be juried by the Committee using the following criteria:

- Description and creative design of proposed work
- Feasibility of project completion
- Appropriateness of work to location

Submit proposals to:

Decatur Mural Project
c/o Decatur Area Arts Council
125 N. Water St.
Decatur, IL 62523
Or
Email: arts4all@decaturationarts.org

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact the Decatur Area Arts Council, 217-423-3189 or arts4all@decaturationarts.org.

For information on the Decatur Mural Project, go to www.decaturationarts.org/murals.

Liability:

- Finished pieces will be property of the business owner (depending on site). The Decatur Mural Project reserves the right to reproduce finished work for promotion and archival purposes in both printed and electronic form.
- **Artist(s) shall waive his/her rights under the Visual Arts Rights Act of 1990 to the extent that such rights would preclude or constrain the right of the business to remove any accepted artwork.**
 - *Artists should familiarize themselves with this statute before committing to the project.*
- The business will not sell reproductions of the work without written consent of the artist(s).
- Artist(s) retain all other rights.
- Submission of proposal for this call implies acceptance of all conditions here stated.