

Call for Artists

St. Louis Park City Art Lab

Application Deadline: November 19, 2017

Project Timeline: Various dates in 2018, TBD

Budget: Stipend TBD pending grant funding

Eligibility: Open to all. Connection to St. Louis Park preferred, but not required.

Friends of the Arts is seeking 8 artists to participate in its new *City Art Lab* program. Each artist will lead at least one 2-4 hour workshop (with the help of Friends of the Arts volunteers, if desired) with 12-24 participants and contribute to a collaborative public art installation with the other artists and workshop participants.

Workshops will teach participants about the artist's chosen art form/style/medium, teach techniques, offer guided practice time, instruction on how to practice at home, and conclude with a collaborative contribution to a public art installation. Friends of the Arts will provide a stipend and purchase workshop materials and extra materials for participants to bring home.

An initial meeting with all selected artists will take place in February, 2018. Workshops will take place between March-August based on the artist's schedule/preference. A final meeting with all artists will take place in August or September to finalize the public art piece, offer program feedback, and discuss additional ways to connect local artists with the community.

Artistic Goals

The goals of the City Art Lab program are to:

1. Teach a diverse group of St. Louis Park participants about different contemporary art styles, materials, tools, and techniques through hands-on, creative experience, and send participants home with materials so they can continue their practice and play.
2. Offer local artists paid teaching opportunities in their home community, connect local artists with one another, and provide a framework for artistic collaboration.
3. Create a collaborative public art piece over the course of the sessions that incorporates elements from each of the sessions and is displayed publicly for at least one year. Public art piece to be designed by artists collaboratively (may be 8 individual pieces presented alongside one another, a single piece with elements incorporated from each workshop, or some other creative idea to be discovered along the way).

Location

All meetings, workshops, and installations will take place in St. Louis Park. Specific locations will be determined based on artists, participants, and availability. Artists are not expected to provide space for workshops.

Budget

Each artist will receive a stipend (specific amount to be determined based on grant funding awarded). Workshop materials will be provided by Friends of the Arts and determined in partnership with the artist.

Application / Statement of Interest

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

What might your workshop look like? Please include the artistic medium(s), possible materials used, and a brief overview of what the participants would learn and create in a 2-4 hour session.

What is your connection to St. Louis Park, if any? Have you done artistic projects in St. Louis Park?

Do you have experience teaching your art form? Please describe.

Do you have experience collaborating with other artists? Please describe.

Please include a bio, resume, website link, work samples, or any other materials that would be helpful for us to gain a greater understanding of you as an artist, teacher, and person.