



City Artist Program

The City of Reno is now seeking a visual artist to serve as the City Artist for 2020/2021. The mission of this program is to promote visual artists living in Reno, to highlight visual art in the community, and to engage with the public through visual art. The City Artist will also have the opportunity to learn about the local government process and engage with constituents about their art.

Requirements of Candidates:

To be considered for the position of City Artist, an artist must be a Reno resident and be able to complete the duties listed below. This position is open to visual artists.

Description:

This is a one year appointment with a stipend of \$2,000. Plus potential purchase of a piece of the artist's work, up to \$2,000, to become part of the City of Reno Metro Art Collection. Duties would include:

- Exhibition of artist's work in Metro Gallery
- Curation of an exhibition in the Metro Gallery
- Two public talks: A public talk about artist's art/solo exhibition, a talk about the curated exhibition
- City Council presentation/public comment
- One additional community engagement requirement that fulfills the City of Reno's Arts & Culture Commission's strategic goals on diversity, equity, and inclusion

General timeline of appointment:

- Begins 6/2020

- Solo exhibition in Metro Gallery 6/2020 - 8/2020
- First public talk 6/2020 - 8/2020
- Curated exhibition in Metro Gallery 1/2021 - 3/2021
- Second public talk 1/2021 - 3/2021
- Council presentation 6/2020 - 5/2021

Selection Process:

The selection process will be facilitated by the Reno Arts & Culture Commission (RACC) and their Public Art Committee (PAC). The committee will use the criteria of past community engagement, distinguished achievements, quality of work, strength of gallery curation proposal, appropriateness of work for a public space, and ability to present and advance visual art in the public domain.

Application process:

Please submit the following items as part of your application packet (documents should be in PDF format and images in JPG format and no larger than 5MB each):

- Artistic resume with contact information, exhibitions and relevant experience
- Work samples
- Cover letter explaining interest in the position
- Curated show proposal (cannot be a solo show of artist's own work nor include work previously shown in Metro Gallery)
- Letter of recommendation (at least one letter is required but you may submit up to two)

Deadline:

Please submit a completed application packet by 5:00 pm on April 30, 2020 to

bernerm@reno.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Berner, Public Art Program Coordinator, at 775-326-6333 or bernerm@reno.gov.

