

# Call to Artists

## “Spanish River Park/Beach Tunnels Art”

Commission of site-specific visual artwork for three (3) pedestrian tunnels under A1A, between Spanish River Park and the beach; six (6) openings/projects in total.

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City of Boca Raton  
Art in Public Places Advisory Board  
201 W Palmetto Park Road  
Boca Raton, FL. 33432

### APPLY TO THIS CALL

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### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The City of Boca Raton Art in Public Places Advisory Board is seeking Request For Qualifications from artists for the Spanish River Park/Beach Tunnel art. The City is currently accepting applications from artists skilled in visual arts (murals). The preferred artist(s) will have an extensive background in street/wall art with proven results in public spaces, civic and community engagement to create innovative temporary public art project(s). (Documentation that demonstrates experience must be provided.) Proposed art should: promote the general view of the City of Boca Raton as a focal point for South Florida culture, creativity and entrepreneurial energy; encourage future public/private partnerships between local arts and culture initiatives; and improve the overall aesthetic appearance of the pedestrian tunnels under A1A, between Spanish River Park Beach and the beach. Abstract art may also be accepted.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

On June 12, 2018, the City of Boca Raton adopted Resolution No. 82-2018 which delegated to the Art in Public Places Advisory Board the authorization to develop and administer visual arts projects. The particular project for this Call to Artists relates to the three (3) pedestrian tunnels under A1A, between Spanish River Park and the beach. These tunnels provide an entrance to and from Spanish River Park and the beaches. There is a total of six (6) tunnels/projects at each one of the entrances into the tunnels.

The three (3) pedestrian tunnels provide safe and easy passage to the beach under State Road A1A. The three (3) tunnels are similar, but vary somewhat, in access points from Spanish River Park to the beach area. The Art in Public Places Advisory Board wants to create visual art (murals) on the six (6) exterior wall areas around the pedestrian tunnel openings approximately six (6) feet out from the tunnel opening, extending to the top of the wall above the tunnels. The art is also to be carried into the tunnel approximately six (6) feet in, including the tunnel ceiling, with appropriate artwork design. The wall surface will be cleaned and painted white (or similar shade) prior to project commencement consistent with the visual artwork. Artists should be aware of the potential impact to murals from salt, weather, and fading from the sun. More information on the site, tunnels and areas for assignment are included in the [Site Selection Map](#) specifications.

Through this Call to Artists, the Art in Public Places Advisory Board intends to enrich the aesthetic landscape and cultural experience for residents and visitors of the City of Boca Raton. A minimum of six (6) individual artists or teams, and six (6) or more alternates may be selected to independently paint assigned tunnel/wall entrances. While the murals should be reflective of the wonders of nature and Boca Raton's coastal address and environment, abstract art may be accepted as well.

The Art in Public Places Advisory Board shall consider the [Selection Criteria](#) in reviewing and selecting all proposals for the Spanish River Park Beach/Tunnels Art Project. Artists will be selected pursuant to availability of space, as indicated in the [Site Selection Map](#) specifications. Murals must utilize the entire available space as assigned. The City of Boca Raton will prepare the wall prior to commencement of mural project work with a pressure cleaning and basic white (or similar) paint for the project surface. Electricity will not be available at the site, as such, the Artist is responsible for their own power.

There will be a minimum of six (6) artists selected and six (6) or more artists selected to serve as alternates in the case of inability of a selected artist to provide the Artwork. Muralists with proven results in public spaces are encouraged to apply, as well as Artists from the Boca Raton community and Student Artists; the Board desires at least one (1) community Artist and one (1) Student Artist or group of Student Artists serving under a Master Artist. Any one from the general public at large may apply with appropriate experience and demonstrated ability to meet the [Selection Criteria](#).

All murals must be completed according to the Project Schedule (listed on page 5 herein), between April 6, 2019 and May 17, 2019. **Work shall only be allowed Monday through Friday, 8:00AM-6:00PM.** Due to the heavy use of the tunnels on the weekends, **NO work may be done on the weekends.** To accommodate the artists, tunnels will be closed to the general public while painting is being done. If selected, Artist(s) must be available to paint assigned tunnel according to the dates in the Project Schedule. (In the event of inclement weather a rain date(s) may be set.) Selected Artists will be allowed to park their vehicles in Spanish River Park while actively working and attending events and will be provided a FREE Parking Pass.

**BUDGET**

Amounts to cover artists' expenses, including but not limited to paint, supplies, site preparation, installation and clean-up may be granted subject to authorization by the Board and in accordance with any Project rules established by the Board. Minimum budget amounts for each tunnel (on both beach and park sides) as depicted in the [Site Selection Map](#) are subject to final Board review and approval of Project proposal as follows for EACH tunnel entrance:

- North Tunnel: \$2,000 minimum\*
- Central Tunnel: \$2,000 minimum\*
- South Tunnel: \$2,000 minimum\*

**Budget payments\*:**

50% at time of Artist selection, an approved W9/Vendor registration and fully executed Artist [Agreement](#).  
50% remaining within 15 days after completion of visual artwork approved by the Board.

**(\*Supplies for assigned tunnel sections will be paid a minimum amount as indicated above subject to required documents and may be adjusted subject to Final Board Approval.)**

## APPLICATION PROCESS

**A complete application consists of the following items. Please be sure to clearly state name, address, email, phone, and website on all documents.**

1. **Written Statement:** Describe the conceptual basis for your practice and approach, including how you envision approaching the project. Include experience working with murals and painting. Maximum length: 300 words.
2. **Professional Resume:** Include degrees held, a summary list of public art projects, exhibitions completed during the past ten (10) years, awards, catalogues, current gallery affiliations, grants/fellowships and experience in working with multiple agencies including public agencies. Maximum length: two (2) pages.
3. **Digital Images:** Include images of completed art works or projects (up to ten images). Suggested file size is 1920 pixels on the longest side submitted as a JPG.
4. **Digital Image ID Sheet:** For each image, please include:
  - Budget
  - Title of Work
  - Medium
  - Dimensions
  - Date of Work
  - 1-2 sentences of explanatory text
5. **Waiver:** Artist must complete and sign an agreement that artwork will become the property of, and, owned by the City of Boca Raton upon completion. Artist(s) shall also agree to waive all proprietary rights to, and ownership of the visual art, all claims that may arise under VARA, and, acknowledge the City's right to modify, remove and/or maintain such visual art. (See sample Artist [Agreement](#), which must be executed prior to first payment installment.)
6. **Acknowledgement:** Artist must acknowledge the following: the information submitted is truthful and accurate to the best of Artist's ability and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the referenced Call to Artists for the "Spanish River Park/Beach Tunnels art"; the funds provided for this visual arts project will be utilized for the purpose of creating murals for public purpose and viewing; that the Artist(s) has no conflicts of interest, including, but not limited to a familial or financial relation with elected or appointed officials and/or employees of the City of Boca Raton; any such conflicts may disqualify Artist from participating. Although tunnel will be closed to the public according to the project schedule, Artist agrees to keep work area clear and navigable without obstructions while the work is being performed on or near any public pathways adjacent to the Artist's assigned tunnel.

## **PROJECT SCHEDULE**

**February 22, 2019** -Submission Deadline for proposal **5:00 pm**

**March 8, 2019** -Selection of Finalists (**attendance required**)

**March 15, 2019** -Submission Deadline of Final Rendering **5:00 pm**

**March 20, 2019** -Approval of Final Renderings for Murals (**attendance required**)

**April 6, 2019** – City Event “Springfest” to display approved artwork (**attendance desired**)

**April 6-May 17, 2019** – Artwork to be completed as follows:

**Central Tunnel:**

April 8-12, 2019

April 15-19, 2019

**North Tunnel:**

April 22-26, 2019

April 29-May 3, 2019

**South Tunnel:**

May 6-10, 2019

May 13-17, 2019

**May 18, 2019** - Mural Reveal (or other time to be determined by City) (**attendance required**)

## **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019 AT 5:00 PM EST**

**Application Submission:** Complete and submit online application at:

<https://www.myboca.us/1516/Art-in-Public-Places-Board>

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