

July 11, 2018

### **Call for Artists - Utility Box Art Wraps in Chinatown**

The City is seeking an artist or artist team with a connection to Vancouver Chinatown to propose a series of art wrap designs. Artists can select between three to nine boxes to wrap as a series.

Throughout its history, Chinatown has been the centre of Chinese-Canadian's stories of overcoming discrimination and in the process making Canada a more just society. As the City of Vancouver develops a long-term plan to conserve Chinatown's living culture and heritage as part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site - we invite proposals for a series of art wrap designs with the people and place in mind.

### **Mural Program Goals for Vancouver Chinatown Art Wraps**

- To contribute to the street experience and artistic development of Chinatown
- To provide artists opportunities to work in the public realm
- To create opportunities for established artists to mentor emerging artists
- To support and celebrate the creativity of local artists
- To deter graffiti vandalism

### **What kinds of projects will be considered?**

Artworks must be new, unique, original work and be successfully completed by summer 2018.

### **Who is eligible?**

Qualified artists who have a relationship or connection to Vancouver Chinatown culture and history are eligible to apply. Partnerships and collaborations are highly encouraged, including between established and emerging artists.

### **Budget**

The artist fee for this opportunity is \$1000 per utility box art wrap design.

The fee is inclusive of leads and apprentice artists fees

## Sites

All artworks will be installed within and on the edge of Vancouver Chinatown. Below is a list of the boxes:

LOCATION	TYPE
Carrall St. & E Pender St.	Tripod
Carrall St. & Keefer St.	Tripod
Columbia St. & Keefer St.	Tripod
Main St. & E Pender St.	Tripod
Main St. & Keefer St.	Tripod
Main St. & E Georgia St.	Tripod
Main St. & Union St.	Medium
Gore Ave. & E Pender St.	Tripod
Gore Ave. & Union St.	Tripod

The City will maintain the ability to relocate or reproduce the wrap on another City asset at any time.

## Installation

The series of artwork will be installed on tripod style utility boxes. They are located on intersections with traffic signals. The artwork must be transferred to a digital template provided. City will print and install the wraps. The work is considered temporary with a typical lifespan of two years.



**Tripod Box**

Artwork by April Joy Milne. Photos by City of Vancouver.  
Measurements: 66" tall by 15" wide and 13" deep



**Medium Box**

Artwork by Hiller Goodspeed. Photos by City of Vancouver  
Measurements: 90" tall by 33" wide and 24" deep



## Selection Process

Projects will be evaluated by a selection panel of artists and curators with cultural knowledge and art experience using the following criteria:

- Demonstrate understanding of the neighbourhood context, and the potential impact of the proposed artwork
- Artistic merit, creativity, quality and clarity of approach to this project
- Experience and quality of work as demonstrated through past projects, training and experience
- Ability to meet timeline
- Mentoring or community engagement in the project are an asset but not required

Once selected, artists will enter into a service contract with the City and produce their digital artwork to provided specifications by early September 2018.

## Technical Requirements

- Artists must be proficient in graphic design software. The design process includes laying out the correct templates, editing, and converting images to appropriate scales and file formats
- The City of Vancouver will provide templates for the artist(s) to create the final artwork
- Changes to the design may be required to accommodate site specific requirements (guidelines to be provided to shortlisted artists)
- Final work must be in an approved electronic file format (JPEG, TIFF, PDF, PSD, INDD, EPS).

## Schedule

EVENT	DATE
Artist call open	Wed July 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Application deadline	Wed August 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Artist(s) recommended by panel	Mid August, 2018
Artist(s) submit design	Mid September, 2018
Artwork Installed	September, 2018 (potential 2019 install due to weather)

## How to Apply

To apply, visit: [www.vanculture.fluidreview.com](http://www.vanculture.fluidreview.com) and click the "Sign Up" button. On the sign-up page, select "Art Wraps Program." Deadline: Wednesday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm.

Artists interested in this opportunity must submit:

- Artist CV(s)
- An artist statement outlining the intention of the work and approach to working in Vancouver Chinatown (up to 300 words)
- A minimum of 3 to a maximum of 8 images of previous works including title, date, materials, dimensions, and smaller than 2MB per image in JPG or PDF

**DEADLINE:** All proposals must be submitted via the online application form by **Wednesday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 4pm**

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