



City of Palm Desert

Call for Entries

2021/2022 El Paseo Sculpture Exhibition

(DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES – February 21, 2020)

ABOUT THE EL PASEO SCULPTURE EXHIBITION:

El Paseo is the premier shopping district in Palm Desert and the Coachella Valley, located in southern California. The exhibition space consists of eighteen lighted concrete pads located in the median along a one and one half mile stretch of prime retail. The artwork will remain on exhibition for approximately two years, with installation tentatively planned for October - November 2020 and de-installation planned for October 2022.

DEADLINE:

Friday, February 21, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. MST

HONORARIUM:

A \$5,000 honorarium will be provided for each selected artwork. Participant is responsible for delivery and pick-up of artwork per scheduled date.

ELIGIBILITY:

- All artists, galleries, museums/non-profit arts organizations, and private collectors are encouraged to apply.
- Artists who have participated in the 2019/2020 El Paseo Sculpture Exhibition are not eligible to apply.

TO APPLY:

The required materials as stated below must be submitted electronically by midnight (MST), Friday, February 21, 2020 to www.callforentry.org. Once on the website, the RFP can be easily found by searching for public art projects in California.

If you are unable to apply online, contact Amy Lawrence at 760-837-1664 or alawrence@cityofpalmdesert.org for alternate application methods.

Required materials include:

- A current resume or CV, including current contact information.
- Up to five (5) images of proposed sculpture in jpeg format via email, CD, or flash drive.
- Description of the piece including materials and dimensions. Three (3) references.
- A maximum of two sculptures for consideration per artist.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

February 21, 2020: Applications due by midnight (MST)

March 11, 2020: Selections made by Art in Public Places Commission – 18 sculptures plus up to 4 alternates

April 9, 2020: City Council review and approval of selections

April 13-17, 2020: Selected artists notified

October 19 – November 5, 2020: Tentative dates for exhibition installation

January 2021: Exhibition dedication (date to be determined)

October 2022: De-installation of exhibition

GUIDELINES:

- All sculptures MUST fit on one of the existing concrete pads. Sixteen pads measure 84" x 84" with a usable corner-to-corner space of 67" x 67". A horizontal base could use the maximum 84" length of the base if its width is within the 67" dimension. One pad measures 48" x 48" and one measures 96" x 300" (8' x 25'), and could accommodate multiple pieces or one with a much larger base.
- Sculptures should be no less than 8' and no more than 10' in height on their own inclusive of a base, with the exception of artwork being proposed for the 48" x 48" pad for which the artwork can only be a maximum of 5' tall. Additionally, there are a few pads that can accommodate sculptures up to 13'.
- Sculptures should weigh no more than 3,000 pounds.
- Sculptures should be suitable for viewing from all angles.
- All sculptures MUST be designed with tabs or other devices that can be utilized to easily secure the artwork to the concrete pads. Pads may not be altered in any way to accommodate the artwork.
- Power for the sculpture itself is not available on site. If the sculpture requires power then it is suggested that it include a solar component.
- Artworks must be constructed of durable materials that are able to withstand the harsh weather conditions of the desert (high winds and extreme temperatures).
- Sculptures must comply with all appropriate engineering requirements.

SALE OF ARTWORK:

- Artwork may be sold during the exhibition, but must remain onsite throughout the duration of the exhibition.
- The City does not take a commission for the sale of the artwork.

THE CITY OF PALM DESERT WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Installation and de-installation of the artworks
- Exhibition advertising/signage
- Pads/lighting/maintenance
- Onsite insurance

DISCLAIMER:

- The City of Palm Desert reserves the right to reject any and all submittals and decline to award contracts for this project.
- The City is currently exploring potential renovations to El Paseo and if this does occur it may affect the timeline of the Exhibition.

INFORMATION:

For more information, please contact Amy Lawrence, Management Analyst, at alawrence@cityofpalmdesert.org or 760-837-1664.

Overview of El Paseo with Artwork in the Median

Polka Pooka by Karen and Tony Barone



What Does the Nose Know? by Ronald Simmer



Dropsy by Ted Schaal



Fluttering Rainbow by Stephen Fairfield



Heroic Interlude by Delos Van Earl