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A Call for Joliet Art

Joliet, IL – The City Center Partnership, in conjunction with the City of Joliet Arts Commission, seeks proposals for the commission of five pieces of art. Selected artists will be paid \$1,000 each and the commissioned pieces will be displayed at local downtown Joliet businesses and at select events during the summer months. This project aims to generate interest in local art raise funds for the Arts Commission. A raffle of the individual pieces will be conducted later in the year and all proceeds will be donated to the Arts Commission.

The commissioned pieces will highlight and celebrate the cultural heritage of Joliet. Special consideration will be given to proposals that focus on a component of the industrial heritage that is central to identity of Joliet. Art from any medium will be considered, though the pieces must be able to withstand Illinois weather. CCP and the Arts Commission will consider proposals consisting of mixed media and artist collaboration as well, to encourage unique and creative pieces.

Pieces must be 30 to 42 inches tall and 8 to 16 inches wide. All proposals must include a visual representation and written narrative. The selection committee will primarily review the feasibility and end result creativity of the proposal, meaning that visual representations from rough contour line drawings will be considered as long as the quality of the visual aspect of the proposal is of a professional nature. Artists will also be required to submit a written description and provide a resume and pictures of previous work. All requirements can be viewed at jolietccp.com/art.

All proposals are due no later than May 7th and must be submitted to Lauren Las at the Joliet City Center Partnership. Accepted proposals will be announced no later than May 14th and the final art pieces are to be completed by no later than June 25th.

The Joliet City Center Partnership, LLC was developed in the late 1980's in an effort to revitalize the downtown area and maintain existing structures that hold architectural and historical significance. The CCP strives to promote existing businesses while bringing the community together through family-friendly events that utilize our amazing location.

The City of Joliet Arts Commission was created in 2019. The Arts Commission was established to provide policy direction and input regarding the arts to foster and enrich the quality of life within the community and its public spaces; enhance the image and creative history of the community among those who live in and travel to Joliet; and provide new citizen engagement opportunities pertaining to the arts.