



Request for Proposal
Temporary Public Art Along
Boston Harbor Walk

“Show No Bounds”

A Partnership with National Development, Alexandria Real Estate Equities
& FPAC



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***All Applications must be received electronically
by 6PM EST December 18th, 2020***

Overview

The Friends of Fort Point Channel (The Friends), is seeking proposals for a temporary art installation along the Boston Harbor Walkway (near 15 Necco Street). This will be a series of pieces that will be viewed by the public from March to May of 2021. We are seeking pieces/proposals that center around the themes of “breaking barriers, inclusivity and harmony”. This location on the Boston Harbor Walkway is frequently visited by members who reside within the community, abutting businesses, and anyone visiting the South Boston Waterfront.

Art Installation Stipend

Our series titled, “Show No Bounds,” will award a stipend of \$1,000 to each artist who is selected to contribute to this collaboration mural. A diversely qualified selection committee will choose the 5 artists, position each piece in a sequence and then assign dates/times when each artist can come paint their portion of the “scrim wall” off of the Boston Harbor Walkway. Each artist will be given 10ft by 6ft of the scrim wall designated for their painting. There will be an additional 5ft between each piece with signage about the artist, project, etc.

[Please click for rough location](#)

Location of project and scrim wall:



Please note the color of the scrim will be Forrest Green (as seen below), but will be primed with white paint before you begin the mural process.



Details

The Friends are seeking proposals for a public art installation piece to be installed along the Boston Harbor Walkway (see photo above). The piece will need to be painted directly on the scrim and should lie flat- pedestrians walking the trail ***should not*** be able to peel anything off of the scrim. We ask that each piece that is submitted conveys the themes of “breaking barriers, inclusivity and harmony” however that may resonate with the artist themselves. Please note, the piece should be able to withstand Boston’s weather since it will be outside and along the channel for 8 to 10 weeks. Artists that are selected will be required to participate in an artist talk (March 31st at 6PM) and potentially other media events if available.

Timeline

Request for proposal available: November 20th, 2020

Proposals Due: December 18th, 2020

Artists Announced: January 18th, 2021

Property Owners Approve Pieces: January 25th, 2021

Installation: March 12th, 13th and 14th 2021

Installation Length: 8 to 10 weeks (weather depending)

Artists' Talk Back: March 31st, 2021 6PM

De-installation: End of May

Eligibility

The call is open to the public and there will be no entry fee. By eliminating the entry fee for the project, we are anticipating a broad variety of proposals for the project. We are taking diversity, inclusion and exposure for new artists into consideration for the “Show No Bounds” project. We encourage all to apply even if this is your first time working on a public art installation piece. You must be 18 years or older to apply. You also must currently reside in the state of Massachusetts. Information regarding the project will remain on our website after deinstallation for exposure and reference.

Proposal Details

Please submit professional proposals to info@friendsfpc.org. Files should be a word doc., PDF, or JPEG. Proposals should be submitted electronically and before **6PM EST December 18th, 2020.**

1. A brief narrative that explains how your piece conveys “breaking barriers, inclusivity and harmony”. Feel free to elaborate on how you are connected to the piece/what inspired you to create your piece.
2. Detailed sketch of your piece submitted electronically (*sketch, photo, scan etc*). Please include a general list of supplies you expect to bring/purchase. The paint you use must be an exterior latex paint, elastomeric paint, or spray paint to ensure flexibility on the scrim.
3. A minimum of two pieces you have completed for our committee to use as a reference
4. Maintenance plan for the next 8 – 10 weeks (*if weather wears down the paint etc.*)
5. A budget. Budget should not exceed \$1,000. (*Should include your supplies/materials for the piece.*)
6. Resume and up-to-date contact information

Selection Committee

The selection committee will be made up of 7 panelists. One representative from each of our partners on the project and the rest are local artists and partners from the Fort Point community. The selection committee will meet, review all proposals and make a decision based on the proposals that were submitted. The selection will be overviewed by The Friends' Operation Manager who will not be a part of the voting of the committee. The selection committee reserves the right to request additional materials. In addition, the property owners will have the final approval on the five murals that will be painted on their scrim.

Documentation

We asked that documentation of the project be shared with The Friends at the end of the initial installation period. Photos can be emailed to info@friendsfpc.org or please tag us @fortpointchan.

Project Promotion

The Friends will promote the project through the use of Artists' Talk Backs, social media and our neighborhood partners. *We ask that all artists involved in the Show No Bounds project agree to provide The Friends the right to use images, piece summaries and general artists information as part of our promotion of the project. Please note our logo will be on promotional material as well as National Development, Alexandria Real Estate Equities and FPAC.*

What does The Friends of Fort Point Channel do?

The Friends of Fort Point Channel is a place-based non-profit organization committed to making the Fort Point Channel an exciting and welcoming destination for all of Boston's residents, workforce and visitors. The Friend's was established in 2004 as a result of the City of Boston BPDA's award winning 2002 Fort Point Channel Water Sheet Activation Plan. It was created in partnership with Channel landowners, nonprofit and cultural leaders, and residents as a dynamic vision of recreation, cultural activity and diverse year-round programming, which The Friends is responsible for overseeing and executing.

The Friend's year-round programming are free to the public, which is a new model for ensuring civic redevelopment. These programs include the Fort Point Festival, Business Community Meetings, Pumpkin Pageant, and Holiday Stroll. The Friends produces the annual South Boston Waterfront Guide, the only comprehensive source of information for area employers, residents, commuters and visitors alike, that encourages exploration of Fort Point.

Questions/Additional Information

Please email info@friendsfpc.org for any questions or additional information you may need.

Remember to submit all proposals to info@friendsfpc.org before *6PM EST December 18th, 2020*.