

CALL TO ARTISTS AND DESIGNERS – Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
Temporary public art installation in Stoughton, Wisconsin, 2015-2016
\$4,200 budget

Submission Deadline: March 17, 2015

The Stoughton Arts Council seeks qualifications from artists and designers interested in creating a one-year site-responsive public art installation in the City's Arts and Entertainment District for one year beginning in the summer of 2015. The public art project will be a prominent feature in the kick-off of the Arts and Entertainment District.

Artists and designers working in any media, including light, are encouraged to submit qualifications.

Stoughton's Arts and Entertainment District was dedicated in the fall of 2014 and spans the City's downtown and surrounding area. The District is home to several restaurants and galleries, a movie theater, community theater, and the famed Stoughton Opera House. Retail shops, businesses, and residences are located throughout the District. The architecture includes historic Victorian-era buildings as well as newer structures like the in-process Norwegian Heritage Center.

Stoughton has a rich Norwegian culture and is home to beautifully maintained and restored Victorian architecture along with a vibrant downtown not often seen today.

The Stoughton Arts Council strives to make a variety of art forms publicly available and supports the creation and promotion of the City's cultural offerings.

The Stoughton Arts Council public art project is an opportunity to create a unique experience for the thousands of visitors and residents who enjoy downtown Stoughton in the summer and throughout the year. Stoughton's biggest festival, Syttende Mai, kicks off the season with thousands in attendance. The year's events continue with weekly outdoor music performances, a film series, the Coffee Break Festival and winds up with the Victorian Holiday Weekend.

From this RFQ, three to five finalists will be invited to submit concept proposals. Each finalist or finalist team will be paid a \$150 stipend. One proposal will be selected for installation. The selection committee is particularly interested in artists or designers who show promise of creating a project that:

- responds to the physical, historical, and/or social attributes of the site
- reflects high level of quality in design and fabrication
- offers the potential for community interaction
- unifies the series of public spaces within the overall site
- is durable and easily maintainable for one year in exterior conditions

The budget for the Stoughton Arts Council public art project is \$4,200.00

Timeline:

March 17, 2015 All electronic submissions due

April 30, 2015 Finalists selected

End of May 2015 Finalists present concept proposals in person

June 15, 2015 Final selection announced

July-August 2015 Final development of project

End of September 2015 Installation

How To Submit:

Submissions should be emailed to Mary-Carel Verden, Stoughton Arts Council Chair, stoughtonoperahouseads@gmail.com. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 24 hours, please re-send or call Mary-Carel at 608-877-1393.

For more information, please contact Mary-Carel Verden: stoughtonoperahouseads@gmail.com

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