

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**      Musical Benches  
**ENTRY DEADLINE**      July 15, 2020

**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

TVC is working to grow the Washington County, Oregon public art portfolio. As part of this effort TVC is using grant-funded capital support to commission new works in what is being called a Musical Benches Public Art Collection (MB). TVC is working closely with arts councils, commissions, and community stakeholders to develop the scope of this collection. MB works will be strategically placed in order to highlight qualities of particular communities, enhance existing events, and/or to bring foot traffic to under-utilized areas.

**OPEN TO**

- All Oregon-based large-scale public works artists, and/or a designer/design team contracting fabrication to Oregon-based fabricator.
- Priority given to Washington County, Oregon based artists.

**CRITERIA**

- See ***Design Specifications*** for dimension requirements
- The artwork should be kinetic, sound-making and/or physically engaging in some way
- The work should be pedestrian scale and must meet all public safety and be ADA compliant
- Artwork must be durable and free of materials that may be considered precious or fragile
- All materials used must be suitable for outdoor setting with pedestrian, skateboard and bicycle traffic, and must be reasonably vandal-resistant
- All materials should be as low maintenance as possible
- The artwork must be appropriate for an all-ages audience

**TIMELINE**

July 15, 2020	Application Deadline
August 7, 2020 (Optional)	Notifications to selected artist(s) Site walk with project managers
September 15, 2020	Confirmation by artist that work is ready for install
TBD	Artwork(s) installed
TBD	Unveiling Ceremony

Additional meetings and correspondence as needed.

## COMPENSATION

Each work, or set/pair of works, has a maximum budget of \$15,000 which includes all expenses incurred from design, fabrication, transportation, installation, and artist fees.

### Payments are made as follows:

- 50% proposed budget at signing of agreement
- 25% paid at 80% completion mark
- Remainder paid at time of installation

This being a multi-work collection, artists may apply for up to four installation sites. Each site has a maximum budget of \$15,000.

**Artists can apply through the CaFÉ online application system. [www.callforentry.org](http://www.callforentry.org).**

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## APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE (*There is no fee to apply.*)

- Brief letter of interest (one-page)
- An artist's statement (optional)
- Professional resume
- 3-5 images of past relevant work including relevant descriptions and cost (name files as First Initial\_Last Name\_Title. ex: R\_Roushan\_2014 Historic Mural Vista CA)
- Project Proposal including (Compile as one PDF file. Name as First Initial\_Last Name\_MB Proposal 2020. ex: R\_Roushan\_MB Proposal 2020)
  - Design(s) (*See **Design Specifications** for dimension requirements*)
    - Description of materials and their estimated longevity
    - Dimensions
    - Manner by which it is kinetic, sound-making, and/or engaging
  - Budget
  - Estimated timeline to complete

Proposals will be reviewed by a jury composed of Tualatin Valley Creates staff and affiliates, community members, business owners, and others as deemed appropriate.

## APPLICATIONS WILL BE EVALUATED BASED ON

1. Professional qualifications
2. Proven artistic merit of prior relevant work
3. Experience fabricating and installing permanent artwork suitable for the outdoor environment
4. Project management experience
5. Experience working with local governmental (i.e. municipal) agencies a plus

Selected artist(s) will work with Tualatin Valley Creates staff and its respective partners to create a more detailed timeline and refined budget for the project.

## **ABOUT TUALATIN VALLEY CREATES**

Tualatin Valley Creates is the leading arts service organization for Washington County, Oregon. TVC drives the development of inclusive, resilient, creative communities using arts, culture, heritage, and humanities by increasing visibility for community engagement opportunities and by bridging resources needed to support people working in local creative industries. TVC is a longstanding organization with a proven history of facilitating public art programming. TVC's Communication Hub is a comprehensive portal for finding events, access to funding resources, and calls for artists. Other provided programming includes professional development workshops and creative-industry networking events throughout the year, as well as the Arts & Culture Leadership Incubator business intensive. **Visit [www.tvcreates.org](http://www.tvcreates.org) to learn more.**

For questions, please contact **Tualatin Valley Creates at 503-567-1713 or [director@tvcreates.org](mailto:director@tvcreates.org)**