



# News Release

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## **Durham Cultural and Public Arts Program Pre-Qualified Artists Registry Now Open for Submissions** *March 11 Submission Deadline*

DURHAM, N.C. – The City of Durham Cultural and Public Arts Program now invites artists and artist teams to submit portfolios to be selected to join the City of Durham Pre-Qualified Artists Registry.

This registry will serve as a resource for the selection of artist and artist teams to create City cultural and public art projects. Access to a pre-determined network of qualified professional artists strengthens and streamlines the process and allows for greater capacity building within the arts community.

The Pre-Qualified Artists Registry is now open for submissions through March 11, 2019. Candidates are eligible regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender identification, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical ability. Artists who are selected to join the registry are encouraged to apply to any additional open calls issued by the City of Durham Public Arts Program, provided they meet eligibility requirements.

An Artist Selection Committee comprised of City staff, members of the Public Art Committee, visual art/design professionals, and other community members will evaluate application portfolios for inclusion in the registry.

All submissions must be in digital format and include an artist statement, a résumé, high-resolution images, and strong references. For full details and to access the submission portal, visit the [City's Call for Artists webpage](#). For more information about this registry, contact Special Projects Manager Stacey Poston with the City's General Services Department at (919) 560-4197, ext. 21254 or by [email](#).

### **About the City of Durham General Services Department**

The [General Services Department](#) builds and maintains City properties to make Durham a great place for people to live, work, and play. Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the department's core functions include the acquisition and sale of properties, design and management of new construction and renovation projects, building maintenance, landscaping and urban forestry services, cemeteries management, sustainability and energy management, cultural and public art program management, and supporting the nonprofit [Keep Durham Beautiful](#).

### **About the City of Durham Public Art Committee**

The [Public Art Committee](#) serves as an advisory body to the Durham City Council and the City Manager, and its functions include assisting the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development on matters relating to public art; implementation of the Public Art Policy; and reviewing proposals for public art projects brought to it by the City administration; and making recommendations to the [Cultural Advisory Board](#) regarding project approvals. To further help artists connect with opportunities, the City has a

[Durham Calls for Artists](#) webpage, which lists a number of upcoming opportunities for artists in and around Durham. Artists and other stakeholders who would like to be notified of current and future art-related opportunities and news can now sign up for alerts through the [Cultural and Public Art mailing list](#). For more information about the City's Public Art Program, visit the City's [public art web page](#). Artists interested in more information about the Public Art program may also contact Special Projects Manager Stacey Poston with the City's General Services Development at (919) 560-4197, ext. 21254 or by [email](#).

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