



## Art in Storefronts Program - CALL FOR ART

# ***Our Fragile Planet***

## ***Climate Change Through The Artist's Lens***

OAA Invites artists to respond to the Climate Crisis by creating artwork that galvanizes our community towards resilience, adaptability and making a difference for our fragile planet.

**TO APPLY:** Email application material to [storefronts@olympiaartspace.org](mailto:storefronts@olympiaartspace.org)

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### Seeking Proposals for Artwork Installations

***Applications due July 5th at 9am - One application per artist or artist team.***

Olympia Artspace Alliance is seeking proposals from artists and artist teams to develop site-responsive, temporary, 2-dimensional and/or 3-dimensional art installations related to the theme “Our Fragile Planet: Climate Change Through The Artist’s Lens”. The artwork will be installed in vacant storefront windows in downtown Olympia, mid-August through the end of October.

### Project Summary

“Art in Olympia Storefronts” is a project of the Olympia Artspace Alliance (OAA) to create a series of temporary art installations in vacant storefront windows in downtown Olympia. The project is made possible with the support of Olympia Federal Savings, and with funding from Olympia Downtown Alliance, Olympia Grants to Arts and Cultural Organization, the City of Olympia/PBIA, ArtsWA/the Washington State Arts Commission and individual donations.

### Project Goals

- Activate vacant and/or underutilized spaces downtown
- Provide high quality exhibition and paid opportunities to local artists
- Increasing public access to professional art
- Encouraging creative activity throughout our community

### Installation Information

“Our Fragile Planet: Climate Change Through The Artist’s Lens” is the theme for our Fall 2023 exhibition - OAA Invites artists to respond to the Climate Crisis by creating artwork that galvanizes our community towards resilience, adaptability and making a difference for our fragile planet. Artists are encouraged to use recycled materials and sustainable practices. Proposals will be selected through a jury process. We particularly seek work that is innovative and that will capture the attention of people walking through the streets of downtown Olympia.

All 2D and 3D visual media accepted, including video.

Proposed installations may consist of existing or new works. Preference will be given to artwork that responds to the space and the scale of the site.

Content must be suitable for the general public. No explicit sexual or violent imagery of profanity will be accepted.

All materials and labor required for installations are the responsibility of the artist. This includes hanging, hardware, curtains or temporary walls, tools and any other materials/equipment required to install the artwork. Artists will be expected to comply with OAA safety protocols.

Artists are responsible for maintaining their work for the duration of the installation and may be asked to repair their work if necessary and requested by OAA.

## Submitting Your Proposal

*Please email the Storefronts Manager the following information:*

- Contact Information: Name, address, phone number, email
- A statement (limit 200 words) describing your vision for the proposal, design elements, and how it will be displayed.
- A sketch or diagram of your proposal
- Photographs of the work for the installation, or work you have created in a similar style
- Please indicate if you have a preferred site (see below for window options)

We suggest you visit the site before submitting your proposal. This will enhance your understanding of the windows and their scale (reach out if you would like a tour).

## Selection Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed and selected using the following criteria:

- Overall aesthetic quality and ingenuity of proposed installation.
- Ability to create a temporary public installation on scale with the architecture and site.
- Appropriateness of work for the general public and site.
- Evidence that the proposed project is feasible.

## Timeline

**Deadline to submit proposals:** Wednesday July 5th, 2023 by 9am.

**Notification:** Monday July 10th, 2023 at 2pm.

**Once your proposal is accepted and approved:** We will schedule a meeting the week of July 17th to sign contracts and dispense your first payment as well as give you more detailed information about the site and materials available for your use.

**Installation:** August 14th-August 20th

**Completed installations in place:** August 21st, 2023

## Conditions

**Stipend: \$500**

- Selected artists will receive \$500 in two installments: \$350 upon signing the contract, and the remainder upon removal and clean-up of installation space at the end of the installation.
- Contracts with selected artists will grant the property owner, ODA and OAA the right to reproduce and distribute images of the artwork in connection with marketing the Arts in Olympia Storefront Project.

- Participation in this project is done at the artist's own risk. Property owner, ODA and OAA will not be held responsible for loss, theft or damage, including breakage, of displayed work.
- Artists will be expected to comply with OAA safety protocols.
- Artists, and their volunteers, are responsible for installing the work. OAA Storefront Manager and Board Members will be available for some assistance if necessary.

## **Goldberg Building**

Four sites are available at The Goldberg Building, 403 Capitol Way. OAA anticipates selecting one proposal for each of the four sites. Overhead lighting and electric power are available for each window, and each window has a black backdrop. Note that the building can be damp.

**A-** 3 Windows to left of main doors

**B-** Corner 6 windows

**C-** West end- 2 large(er) windows

**D-** West end- 2 small(er) windows

## **Non Discrimination**

Olympia ArtSpace Alliance does not discriminate on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, or the presence of any disability.

**Questions? Please call or email Storefronts Manager Erika Naficy or Board Member Lucy Gentry.**

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