



Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce and SSA #33

Request for Proposals

Interactive Installation and/or Performance Art Works for Wicker Park Fest 2019

The Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce and SSA #33 is accepting proposals for the **Arts Section** of the Wicker Park Festival on July 26- 28th, 2019 from 12pm-10pm, Friday, Saturday & Sunday. We are seeking visually-compelling installation and/or performance art for outdoor, heavily crowded, public spaces in the street for the duration of the music festival. **Please note noise levels may be high.** If the work cannot accommodate loud noise, this may not be the best fit. Artwork should be cohesive with the surrounding environment and possibly interact with it.

The committee will only select a small number of proposals and has a budget to stipend up to \$5,000 per proposal.

Available space – up to 20' x 85' total

Maximum size of Installations: Structures can be no more than 400 square feet AND no more than 12' tall. Installations can include multiple structures but each one may be no larger than 400 square feet and 12' tall.

We would like to fill this area with **Art** that is:

- Entertaining and engaging
- A novel experience that inspires conversation
- Visually compelling
- Accessible by a large demographic
- Programmed for a minimum of 6 hours up to a maximum of 10 hours, between the hours of 12-10 pm for each day of the festival (Ideally spread evenly throughout the day)
- Suitable for family viewing and participation
- Interactive
- Free-standing (non-reliant on any surrounding building structures)
- Adaptable to unexpected weather conditions

ARTIST RESPONSIBILITIES: Applicants must curate and manage all programming and/or installation for their designated space for the duration of the festival. All load-in and set-up must occur on Friday morning and be fully completed by the start of the festival at 12pm. Break-down and load-out must begin no later than 10pm and be clear of event site by 2 am on Sunday night. You must be willing to provide your own crew for load-in and load-out in addition to transportation of all materials to and from the festival.

PLEASE NOTE: Arts vendors are responsible for removing all materials from the site after the festival, there will be no material disposal available on site for artists. While there will be security guards overnight, you must be willing to take full responsibility for the safety of your work and performers. Please give consideration to the unpredictable environment of an outdoor festival with loud live music, food and alcohol, and heavy foot-traffic. No fire, nudity or hazardous materials will be allowed. Upon acceptance, artists will be asked to provide two formal progress updates to the panel in early June and early July 2019.

PROPOSAL DETAILS

A TWO STEP PROPOSAL PROCESS:

STEP 1: Please submit the following materials for consideration:

- Description of Project (250 words or less)
- Drawings or Renderings of Proposed Work
- A Project Schedule (Timeline) with Detailed Installation Plans
- Three Examples of Previous Work (JPEG or TIFF Photographs and/or Online Video URLs)*
- Artist Statement and CV for Artists and Collaborative Groups
- Bio and CV for Curators and Producers
- Budget and Stipend Request detailing expected costs and needs
- Plan for Load In/Out and garbage disposal

*You must exhibit a strong history of experience and capability with managing projects of this magnitude.

Please format your complete proposal as a single PDF file for electronic submissions.

STEP 2: A select group of applicants will be invited to present their proposal in person to the Wicker Park Fest Arts Subcommittee at the end of April, date to be determined. Details will be provided with invitation. **All applicants will be notified of acceptance by May.**

DEADLINE: All proposals must be received by Friday, April 19, 2019 at 5pm

For electronic submission, please email all proposal materials as a single PDF file to:

SSA33@wickerparkbucktown.com with "WPFest 2018 Arts Submission" in the subject line.

For submission by mail, please send all proposal materials in an envelope addressed to:

Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce
Attn: WPFest Arts Subcommittee
1414 N. Ashland Ave.
Chicago, IL 60622

Please contact SSA33@wickerparkbucktown.com with any questions. Inquiries may be directed to Jordan Miller.