**CALL TO ARTISTS**

Issued by the Town of Decatur

May 20, 2021

**Request for Proposals (RFP): Decatur Art Trail - Murals, Decatur, TN**

The Town of Decatur is seeking proposals from artists/artist teams for the creation of 2 murals to be part of the Decatur Art Trail in Decatur, TN.

Murals – Selected artist/artist teams will design, create, and install 2 murals in the Decatur Veterans Memorial Park. Selected artist will work with committee members on potential themes for 2 murals along the route of the Decatur Art Trail. Themes may include colorful whimsical depictions of family friendly art that can include children at play, animals, recreational activities, sporting events, and other “fun” themes.

**Eligibility:** The RFP is open to all artists and artist teams who wish to participate.

**Application Deadline:** Applications must be submitted electronically via email to [laurasmith@decaturtn.net](mailto:laurasmith@decaturtn.net) by ***11:59 pm Eastern Time on May 31, 2021***.

**Project Timeline:** *May 20 – May 31*: Open Call for Applications for artists to paint 2 murals along the Decatur Art Trail.

*Week of May 31st*: Artists/Teams Notified of Selections.

*June 1-4*: Artists meet with committee to discuss project.

*June 5-30*: Art design, creation, and installation.

**Project Overview and Description**

The Decatur Art Trail will connect downtown Decatur to the Decatur Veterans Memorial Park with 3 unique artistic installations: sidewalk art, murals, and a sculpture. These 3 forms of artistic expression will serve to bring interest and vibrancy to the area and will inspire movement for residents and tourists. The trail will lead people through downtown Decatur, connecting the downtown business district, encouraging engagement with local community organizations and businesses and lead them to the Decatur Veterans Memorial Park where they can partake in a variety of recreational activities including walking tracks and various sporting opportunities. Murals will be placed along the trail leading into the Decatur Veterans Memorial Park and at the entrance to the park. It will serve to set the tone for the playful atmosphere at the Decatur Veterans Memorial Park as individuals and families enter the park.

**Budget (fees, supplies, equipment, and anti-graffiti coating**

Mural Art -- $7.000 – Total budget for 2 murals. Budget for each mural will be dependent on size of each, determined during artist collaboration with committee members. Approximate total combined square footage of murals will be 350-400 square feet (divided between the 2).

**Application Requirements**

The following materials are required for electronic submission to [laurasmith@decaturtn.net](mailto:laurasmith@decaturtn.net) by ***11:59 pm Eastern Time on May 31, 2021***.

* Electronic Images of the artist’s prior work exhibiting their style and capabilities
* An Artistic Statement (1-page maximum) providing a description of the artist’s design style, how the artist works, production style, etc.
* Artist Resume or C.V. detailing experience, education (if available), and similar commissions or projects
* List of 3 References

**Contact & Additional Sources on the Decatur Art Trail project**

For questions about the Call and other inquiries regarding the Decatur Art Trail project, contact Laura Smith via email at [laurasmith@decaturtn.net](mailto:laurasmith@decaturtn.net) with “Decatur Art Trail Call for Artists - Murals” in the subject line or via phone: (423) 334-5716 or 423-333-9870.