



## CALL FOR ARTISTS: HATTIESBURG IN REALISM MURAL

HAPA and Shows Dearman & Waits Inc. are pleased to announce a Call for Artists to design and execute an exterior mural in downtown Hattiesburg, MS. This call is open to those with professional experience in public art or painting.

### SPECIFICATIONS

The painted mural will be approximately **13 feet high x 42 feet wide** along a painted brick wall on the exterior of the engineering firm Shows Dearman & Waits Inc. The proposed project is located at the gateway into downtown Hattiesburg with visibility from the highly traveled Hardy Street.

Concept proposals should follow the theme **"Hattiesburg in realism."** Artists are asked to submit engaging designs honoring Hattiesburg's past, present, and future. The "realism" mural should include ideas, accomplishments, people, and/or industries historically relevant to Hattiesburg. Artists can consider a timeline or chronological order of elements in their design. The design can be simple or complex, but any historically relevant items should be factually accurate through 2023. Artists are encouraged to creatively include future items if they wish.

Hattiesburg's progressive infrastructure has always been ahead of the curve. As a nod to the engineering firm on which the mural will be painted, artists are invited to tie architectural and/or infrastructural elements into the design. This could include but not be limited to incorporating roadways and piping into the background, important structures like the Leaf River Bridge, iconic local architecture, or industry such as timber and railroads.

NOTE: The gutter and meters seen on the wall below will not be removed, so the design should incorporate or work around these elements.



### ELIGIBILITY AND STIPEND

Artists are asked to provide a total budget for the project with their submission, not to exceed \$7,500, which should consider costs for materials, supplies, travel, and the painting and sealing of the mural, all the responsibility of the artist. Artists must supply all equipment and materials needed for the project and are required to apply a protective coating to the finished art.

The selected muralist will receive 50% of project budget prior to work commencing with the signing of a letter of agreement, and the remaining 50% will be paid upon the mural's satisfactory completion. A final walkthrough and ribbon cutting ceremony are required prior to the project being considered complete. Entries must be original designs suitable for viewing by all ages, and artists must demonstrate their ability to hand paint the chosen design through the images they submit to this call.

### DEADLINE TO APPLY AND COMPLETE THE PROJECT

**All applications must be electronically submitted by 5:00 pm on Thursday, November 30, 2023.** No late or incomplete applications will be considered. Artist selection will be made in early December and work on the mural **must be completed no later than December 29, 2023**, unless otherwise negotiated prior to project acceptance. *(Allowances will be made for weather.)*

### SELECTION PROCESS

Proposals will be reviewed by a panel comprised of professional artists, HAPA, and project partners. Criteria used to select the artist/design include artistic merit and creativity, demonstrated ability and technical knowledge required to execute the painting, overall budget, and the artist's interpretation of the theme.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Artists may submit up to two concepts for consideration, and the following materials are required:

- Digital images or detailed sketches of your proposed design
- A short bio which includes artist qualifications, experience, and contact information
- A short narrative describing the concept and design of the proposed painted mural
- Images of previous work samples (up to 5)
- Total budget for the project

**\*\*\*Applications may be submitted electronically via [this Google Form](#). If more than one work is submitted, separate applications must be sent for each work (up to 2 total).\*\*\***

### PROJECT TIMELINE

Proposal deadline: Thursday, November 30, 2023

Project completion: By December 29, 2023

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applications cannot be submitted via email. The Google Form linked above must be used. For questions or to request additional information, email [kbrock@visithburg.org](mailto:kbrock@visithburg.org). The Hattiesburg Alliance for Public Art is an affiliate of the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission and supported by the MS Arts Commission and National Endowment for the Arts. For more information about HAPA, see our Facebook page or visit [hburgart.com](http://hburgart.com).

## PROJECT INSPIRATION

