



**CALL FOR ARTWORK**  
**INAUGURAL COMMERCE CITY ARTIST EXHIBITION**  
**Theme: ART BY ART TEACHERS**

The City of Commerce City and the Commerce City Cultural Council are seeking to host the inaugural exhibition of loaned artwork inside the Bison Ridge Recreation Center starting at the beginning of June 2018. This facility will become a community gathering area where artwork by local Commerce City artists will be exhibited and celebrated on a regular basis. When renovations are completed at the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center at the end of 2018, it also will feature an art exhibition area to celebrate local artists.

The Commerce City Cultural Council hosts annual student art shows to recognize emerging talent within the community. For the inaugural exhibition program exhibit, the organization seeks to highlight the talented teachers who foster the creative spirit of our youth, providing a unique opportunity showcase their work.

**Overview of the City's Exhibition Program**

Commerce City's recreation centers function primarily as a space for exercise, health and recreation, but they also serve as a community gathering place and a social/event space. The recreation centers can become a cultural resource through exhibitions of excellent artwork and events held in celebration of these shows. Exhibits of art can be a means through which the public can share experiences, appreciate special interests and talents, and exchange information. The program also is a means to build a creative community within Commerce City.

**Exhibition Program Purpose and Goals**

Temporary exhibits shall celebrate the work of artists who reside and/or work in Commerce City, its emerging artists as well as more established artists who wish for more exposure and audiences. For artists not represented by a gallery, exhibits like these can be places to show and sell their art, gaining access to collectors. This program can serve as a kick-start for their careers and a means for the public to enjoy and purchase artwork.

The Exhibition Program has two related goals:

- To provide increased access to the artwork of local artists through their public display
- To provide an avenue for public education and community building through the presentation of thematic exhibitions.

See next pages for how to apply.



**HOW TO APPLY?  
INAUGURAL EXHIBITION THEME: ART BY ART TEACHERS**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL: April 30, 2018**

**EXHIBITION SUMMARY**

The City of Commerce City and the Commerce City Cultural Council would like to recognize and celebrate personal artwork created by art-program faculty within the Commerce City school system. Artwork by K-12 art teachers, in any two-dimensional media, will be considered. The exhibition period will be from June-September of 2018.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible applicants for this project are those who are adult teachers that work and/or reside in Commerce City and have existing or proposed artwork for exhibition.

**SELECTION PROCESS AND SCHEDULE**

The Commerce City Cultural Council (CCCC) will review only completed applications (see application materials below). A short list of semi-finalists may be created; further negotiations may take place by phone and/or email.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

April 8, 2018	Preliminary Review by CCCC
April 30, 2018 (4 p.m. MST)	Deadline for Application Packets
May 9/10, 2018	Notification of artists to Exhibit
May 23 -30, 2018	Installation
Week of June 4, 2018	Art Reception/Dedication

**APPLICATION MATERIALS**

ALL items are required for consideration:

1. A short **cover letter** of up to 250 words outlining the theme of your artwork (or exhibition) and how it would benefit Commerce City residents.
2. An **artist statement** of up to 500 words or a one-page group exhibition concept (and include list of proposed artists for exhibition).
3. **Current resume** for all artists to be included.
4. **Digital images** of up to ten individual works of art proposed for exhibition. Emailed images or a travel drive will be accepted. Recommended image size is between 500-800kb, 300 dpi. If proposing new work (yet to be completed) please provide samples of past work that best represents the proposed new work.
5. **Image identification list** for each digital image provided. The list should include Title, Date, Medium, Dimensions (\*framed), selling price and approximate weights for each work of art. \*We require that the artwork be framed. If financial assistance is necessary to provide frames, please note that in your cover letter.
6. If you require these application materials to be returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with enough postage to accommodate the return of the items.



7. All mailed application materials shall be sent to **Daniela Villarreal, Community Liaison, Commerce City, 7887 E 60th Avenue, Commerce City, CO 80022**. Emailed application materials can be sent to [dvillarreal@c3gov.com](mailto:dvillarreal@c3gov.com). Items may be hand delivered by the deadline as well.

### **LEGAL COMMENTS**

Commerce City and the Commerce City Cultural Council reserve the right to reject any or all applications, proposals, applicants, and projects, to waive any informalities or irregularities, and to modify or terminate the application process or the selection process for any reason and without prior notice. The issuance of this Request for Qualifications and the receipt and evaluation of applications do not obligate Commerce City to select any proposal or applicant or enter into any agreement. The City will not pay any costs incurred in responding to this Request for Qualifications except as expressly stated.

Applicants are cautioned not to undertake any activities or actions to promote or advertise their submittal, other than discussions with City staff as described. Proposers are not permitted to make any direct or indirect contact with members of the Art Selection Committee, the Commerce City Cultural Council, the City Council, or media on the subject of this Request for Qualifications, except in the course of City-sponsored presentations or to submit questions. Violation of these rules is grounds for disqualification.

Artists who are accepted into the art exhibition program must read and abide by Commerce City Exhibition Program Policies and Artist Agreement. These documents will be sent to selected artists separately.

Artists who exhibit their artwork on Commerce City property may choose to sell their artwork to the public. However, if sold during the exhibition time, Commerce City reserves the right to collect up to 10% of the sales price to help defray program costs.

### **QUESTIONS**

Questions regarding this Call for Artwork must be submitted by email only to Kendall Peterson, Public Art Consultant, at [kendall@theresquaredenver.com](mailto:kendall@theresquaredenver.com).