



Request for Qualification for Mural at Children's Museum of Acadiana

Call to Artist

The Children's Museum of Acadiana, The Acadiana Center for the Arts, Downtown Lafayette Unlimited and the Pinhook Foundation are excited to announce a request for qualifications (RFQ) from artists and/or teams of artists to submit interest for a large scale mural on the South-facing wall of the Children's Museum building in Downtown Lafayette.

Important Dates:

Applications Open: June 13, 2025

Applications Close: 5pm, July 31, 2025

Shortlist Contacted: by August 8, 2025

Deadline for Shortlist Design Submission: midnight, August 31, 2025

Selected Artist/Team Announced: September 2025

Project Start Date: October 2025

Project Completion: by January 2026

Eligibility:

- This public art commission is open to all professional artists, artisans, or artist-led teams that live and work in the state of Louisiana.
- Artists and all members of artist-led teams must be 18 years of age or older
- Artists and all members of artist-led teams must be a US Citizen or Resident with a Social Security number that will be provided upon notification of award

Scope of Work

This prominent mural site offers approximately 5,040 square feet of surface area, spanning a 144-foot-wide by 35-foot-high brick façade. Southwest-facing, the wall is located in the heart of downtown Lafayette, directly adjacent to a popular playground and situated within one of the city's most highly activated public spaces.

The mural will be a central backdrop for many of Lafayette's major festivals and community events, making it an ideal location for a high-impact public artwork. From live performances to cultural celebrations, this wall will be featured in countless photos, videos, and everyday experiences.

The mural surface consists of porous brick and the applicant is welcome to submit proposals for either full-span or partial-span designs. While the design must not cover the existing windows,



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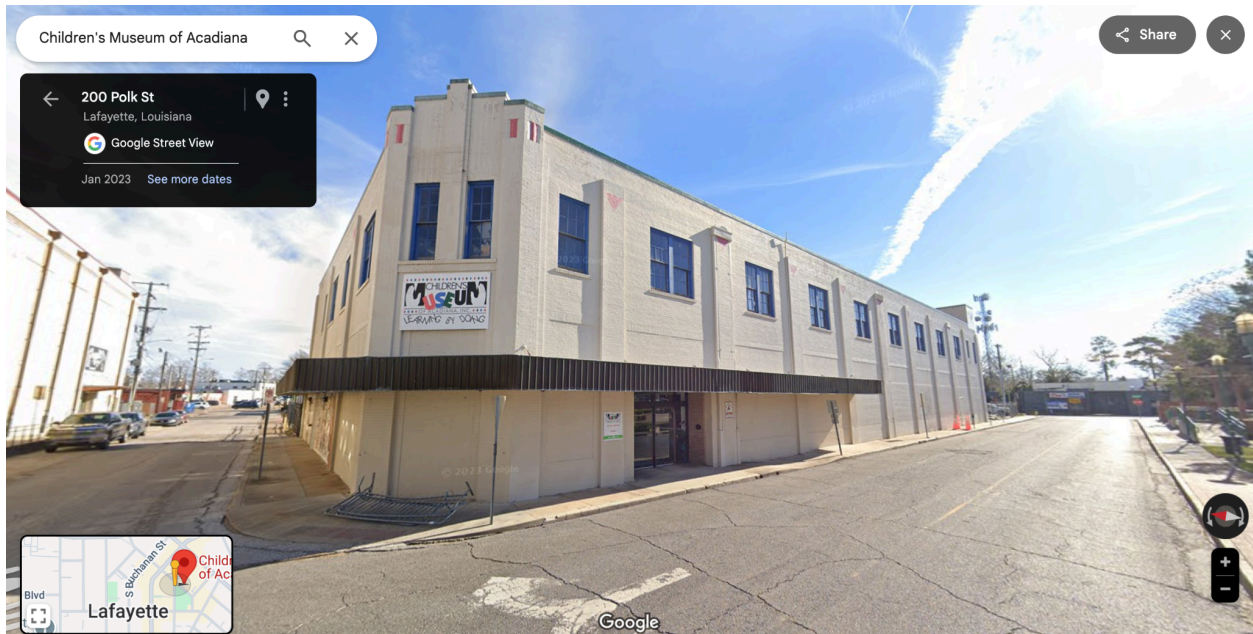
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proposals may include modifications to the blue-trimmed window frames and other existing design elements on the façade.

With 2.4 million visitors each year to the core of Downtown Lafayette, this is a rare opportunity to contribute a bold and lasting visual statement to Lafayette's cultural landscape which will set the stage for the community's vibrant cultural gatherings.

Design Wall ([Photo Gallery](#))





Adjacent Sites of Interest

- Parc Sans Souci Music Stage (Downtown Alive!, Festival International de Louisiane, Bach Lunch)
- Parc Sans Souci Playground
- Hideaway on Lee Dance Hall
- Hotel de Lafayette (coming 2026)
- Lafayette Science Museum



View of wall from Parc San Souci



View into Parc San Souci

Artistic Objectives:

2026 marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Children's Museum of Acadiana (CMA). This large-scale public mural will serve as a celebration of the milestone plus provide a vibrant backdrop to Parc Sans Souci and a welcoming beacon for families in the heart of downtown. This mural aims to reflect the joyful spirit and inclusive values of CMA, capturing the essence of childhood wonder and community connection through bold colors and playful imagery. Inspired by CMA's and Downtown Lafayette's commitment to creating accessible, family-friendly spaces, the mural will symbolize the museum's mission to inspire curiosity and learning, while also highlighting the importance of public art as a catalyst for placemaking and community pride. Artists are encouraged to design with intention, celebrating the unique character of Acadiana and the limitless imagination of its children.

Selection Process:

The selection committee, made up of funders and community stakeholders from the Public Art Network, will review applicants' qualifications and select the top three (3) artists/teams who will be paid a fee of \$1,000 to develop and present a site-specific design proposal.



The designs of the shortlisted artists/teams will then be reviewed by the wider Public Art Network to determine a winning artist/team for the commission.

Correspondence will be sent to the shortlisted candidates and to the winning artist/team detailing the proposal process and contracts.

Budget:

An artwork fee of \$56,000 is inclusive of research, design, labor, professional consultations, long-term maintenance report, transportation, travel, insurance, installation, documentation/photography of the artwork, and any and all other activities needed to deliver the final project as proposed.

In addition to the above, the AcA will provide the following services and allowances:

- Equipment Rental valued up to \$5,000
- Supplies and materials valued up to \$5,000
- Accommodation max 30 room nights valued at \$4,500
- Daily Meal Stipend \$100 per day
- All permitting expenses for street closures

Acadiana Center for the Arts will act as the overall project manager and will work with the artist/team to determine the need for materials, supplies, tools, permits, equipment rental and any other requirements. The artist is responsible for working with the Acadiana Center for the Arts and other relevant partners to oversee all aspects of the art installation. Any additional services beyond the above services and allowances will be at the sole cost of the artist/team.

Terms of Agreement

The artist/team selected shall agree to the following:

- The work submitted by the artist/team is original, solely owned by the artist and reproduction will not violate the rights of any third party. Since the artistic designs leading up to and including the final design and dimension of the artwork are unique, the artist/team shall not make any additional, exact duplicate reproductions of the final design and dimension, nor shall the artist grant to a third party, the right to replicate the artistic designs and dimensions of the artwork, without written permission of AcA.
- The final design should represent the submitted and original design on the application.
- The artist grants to the Children's Museum of Acadiana, DLU and AcA an irrevocable license to make reproductions of the artwork and the final designs to be used in brochures, media, publicity and catalogs, or other promotional items.
- The artwork may be removed and/or destroyed at any time without notification



- The condition of the mural site is as is and it is the responsibility of the artist/team to ensure proper preparation of the site before installation

How to Apply

Applications to be submitted through AcA's online portal at acadianacenterforthearts.org

Items for upload include:

- Statement of interest describing:
 - Why you are interested in this project
 - Previous experience with public art
 - Your methods of working
 - Your connection to (if any) or interest in the Children's Museum of Acadiana
 - How you believe the art will enhance the chosen space
- Résumé (include your contact information)
 - If applying as a team, provide a resume for each team member
 - Include references with the names and current contact details of three people you have previously partnered with, worked with or commissioned your work.
- Artwork Images (up to 15 images for individuals or teams)
 - JPEG files only
 - Maximum file size per image: 1MB
- Artwork Image List (one PDF document)
 - A corresponding, numbered image list listing the artwork title, media, dimensions, date, location (if applicable), budget (if applicable), and brief description
- Support Material (OPTIONAL)
 - PDF only
 - Five page maximum
 - Letters of support, press clippings, volunteer work, artwork/commission spotlight, or other relevant information

Please Note:

Do not send design proposals. Design proposals will not be accepted in lieu of a completed application.

QUESTIONS and TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Further information can be found at acadianacenterforthearts.org. For project specific inquiries and technical support, please contact Jaik Faulk, AcA Visual Arts Director, jaik@acadianacenterforthearts.org or Anna Kojevnikov, AcA Community Engagement Director, anna@acadianacenterforthearts.org