



CALLING ALL ARTISTS

WHO LIVE OR WORK IN CULVER CITY!

Culver City continues to expand its recognition of the importance of the arts and the many creative artists who are committed to developing their art forms, enriching our community with their exhibits, performances, presentations, and service. The program is a collaboration between the City of Culver City—the City Council and Cultural Affairs Commission—and Culver City Arts Foundation. Funding is made possible by the City’s percent for art program and a grant from the Culver City Arts Foundation, dedicated to supporting the arts in Culver City.

The City will appoint for a two-year term an individual artist from one of three arts discipline categories—fine and visual arts, performing arts, and literary arts—to serve as cultural ambassador and advocate for the arts within Culver City.

The Artist Laureate Award will provide access, recognition, and a stipend of \$20,000 in support of the artist. An additional \$10,000 is available for supplies and related costs. The award will recognize artistic excellence, support the continuing development of the artist’s work, and spotlight the important role individual artists play in contributing to a vibrant, equitable and healthy community, enriching the city’s creative economy, and positively impacting the quality of life for people of all ages.

Artist Eligibility



WORK IN ONE OF THREE ARTS DISCIPLINES:

Fine and Visual Arts

including 2-Dimensional, 3-Dimensional, and Digital Art

- Reside or work in Culver City for a minimum of 5 years at time of application deadline

Performing Arts

including Dance, Theatre, Spoken Word, and Music

- At least 18 years old at the time of the application deadline
- Publicly exhibited/performed/presented/published artistic work within the last 3 years

Literary Arts

including Poetry, Novels, Essays, Stage Plays, and Screenplays

- Not be enrolled as an undergraduate student or graduate student in a degree program related to the arts discipline of the application

Expectations of the Artist Laureate



Advocate for the arts across disciplines within the community, including artistic equity, cultural diversity and access

Create original artwork, exhibit/perform/engage with the public

Foster opportunities for arts learning

Develop a workplan that addresses the goals of the program and make presentations

Plan events/programs, engage in activities that promote the arts in Culver City, and attend community events

Liaise and partner with City staff, Cultural Affairs Commission, Culver City Arts Foundation, Culver City Unified School District, community groups, non-profit organizations, and the business community

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by an independent peer panel comprising distinguished professionals in the relevant artistic disciplines. The CAC Artist Laureate Subcommittee will make a recommendation based on the peer panel's comments to the Cultural Affairs Commission who will forward a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council appoints the next Artist Laureate.

Review Criteria

Culver City is dedicated to achieving cultural equity through its programs. Cultural equity embodies the values, policies, and practices that ensure that all people—including but not limited to those who have been historically underrepresented based on race/ethnicity, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, socioeconomic status, geography, citizenship status, or religion—are represented in the development of arts policy; the support of artists; the nurturing of accessible, thriving venues for expression; and the fair distribution of programmatic, financial, and informational resources.

40% Artistic Quality

Artistic quality, originality, and uniqueness of work, as demonstrated through work samples and artist statement

35% Community Impact

Potential impact within Culver City of proposed arts engagement, as demonstrated through artist statement, recommendations, and finalist interview

Includes ability to promote the arts across disciplines, demonstrated ability for practical collaboration, and outreach

15% Artistic Activities

Record of artistic activities and achievements, as demonstrated by recognition received and in recommendations and artist resume

10% Cultural Equity

Cultural diversity of artist, artistic activities, and proposed arts engagement, as demonstrated through work samples, artist resume, artist statement, and finalist interview





Important Dates

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

August 29, 2022

Artist Laureate applications released

October 10, 2022, 5:00 PM

Online applications and letter(s) of reference due to the City

November 14 – 18, 2022

Finalist applicant interviews with Review Panel and CAC Subcommittee

December 20, 2022

Cultural Affairs Commission makes recommendation to City Council

January 9, 2023

City Council appoints Artist Laureate

January 16, 2023

Official announcement of appointment

January 2023 – December 2024

Term of Artist Laureate

How to Apply

COMPLETE ONLINE APPLICATION WHICH INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- Resume or CV
- At least five (5) work samples (artist must be the principal or sole creator/performer/author)
- At least two (2) letters of recommendation (up to 3 letters maximum)
- Finalists must be available to interview with review panel in November 2022.

- Access the online application form:
www.culvercity.org/artistlaureate
- ALL required materials must be confirmed received by deadline:
October 10, 2022, 5:00 PM.

QUESTIONS?

Learn more about the Artist Laureate Program, current and past appointees, and the application process:

www.culvercity.org/artistlaureate

Contact Cultural Affairs Division
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