



**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE**  
Public Art Urban Enhancement Division



# Balloon Museum Art Exhibition

## Call for Artists – Issued May 24, 2019

The City of Albuquerque Public Art Program and the Albuquerque Anderson Abruzzo International Balloon Museum are pleased to announce a special creative opportunity to allow selected artists of various disciplines limited access to the Albuquerque International Balloon Museum and affiliated facilities for the purposes of finding inspiration for art to be put on display for a 6 month exhibition in the Balloon Museum from September 2019 through February 2020. As part of the themed Balloon Museum Exhibition, the Albuquerque Arts Board will offer up to three Purchase Awards for works that are curated into the exhibition.

As the Balloon Museum prepares to host special events during the 2019 International Balloon Fiesta, selected artists will be invited for “behind the scenes” access to the museum and other related sites to photograph, sketch, draw, paint, capture artistic video, or other media within certain interior and exterior spaces in and around the Balloon Museum complex. The theme for the Balloon Museum exhibition is: *“Rally! From Here to There” - Hot air balloons are more than big and beautiful shapes in the sky. How do you really get from here to there by balloon? What/where is Here? What/where is There? Balloons and art bring us into these worlds and let us join the rally.*

**Artist Eligibility:** This exhibition opportunity is open to artist residing in New Mexico over the age of 18. Up to 30 artists will be selected from the open call.

**Application Deadline:** June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 5:00 pm

Artists must apply by submitting the following required materials by email to [publicart@cabq.gov](mailto:publicart@cabq.gov):

1) An Artist’s Statement of Interest of up to 500 words about why they wish to create art in, about or inspired by the Balloon Museum and how the theme resonates with their artwork style;

2) A description of their proposed artistic medium;

- 3) A current resume or CV not to exceed 10 pages; and
- 4) Up to 3 images of previous work in similar style.

Artists' submissions will be reviewed by the Art Selection Committee, with the emphasis on achieving a broad spectrum of artists working in different media and styles that will result in a wide range of artistic expression for a well-rounded exhibition. The Artist's Statement of Interest and examples of past work are critical for the review process in order to achieve a fair balance.

The selected artists will be contacted with further information for participation, including proposed dates for site visits and other relevant events and programs for artists' inspiration.

Artists may bring art making supplies such as canvases, panels, easels, cameras, tripods and other artists' equipment and supplies to various events, but everything must be portable, and be completely removed at the end of the designated event timeslots. Artist's helpers may be allowed depending on any specific site restrictions. Artists may bring personal snacks and beverages. The City of Albuquerque will not provide security for individuals' equipment or supplies. All events will take place during the summer months of 2019. Participation in this event does not include access to the any aspects of the balloon fiesta.

All artwork created as a result of the "behind the scenes" event will be the property of the artist, and can be made available for sale at the Balloon Museum with purchase inquiries passed on directly to the artists. The Arts Selection Committee of the Albuquerque Arts Board will have first right of refusal to purchase exhibition artworks for the Albuquerque Public Art Collection with that decision made no later than September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Works not purchased by the Public Art Program upon recommendation and approval of the Arts Board can be made for sale during the exhibition.

Questions may be directed to Augustine Romero Satellite Gallery Curator, or Sherri Brueggemann, Public Art Urban Enhancement Division Manager at [publicart@cabq.gov](mailto:publicart@cabq.gov) or by calling 505-768-3833.

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