



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
Public Art Urban Enhancement Division



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Temporary Pandemic Memorial Installation Call for Artists for Cut Paper Designs

City of Albuquerque, Department of Arts and Culture

Deadline Friday, June 11th, 2021 4:00 pm

The past year, 2020 and into 2021, has been one of significant sacrifice and loss — and a time when we, though separated, came together as a community.

The City of Albuquerque wishes to acknowledge, remember and honor those New Mexicans who we have lost to the pandemic by creating a city-wide opportunity for grieving and healing in public plazas and in homes across the city. The City's Department of Art & Culture will bring our local and statewide communities together through accessible, meaningful, safe and symbolic participation in a cut paper memorial honoring the many forms of loss experienced by New Mexicans due to the pandemic. While the impact of the pandemic continues, Summer 2021 will start a unique series of ways to visually share in acknowledging our collective loss.

The activities will begin with an initial installation of artist-designed strings of cut paper installed at one or more public plazas. This art form is highly accessible — paper is often readily available in homes — offering an opportunity for a collective process. In addition to being an accessible medium, paper honors that this is an initiatory step in a communal-driven healing process that will continue to evolve — and involve — all of us.

Alongside installations in public plazas, residents will have the opportunity to print artists' designs from home, creating their own cut paper installation, similar to papel picado, at their own home patio. In addition to the cut paper installations at larger civic spaces, Albuquerque's Civic Plaza will feature a video media tribute on the large video screen. The tribute will launch a social media messaging campaign for people to upload and share their short video tribute to lost loved ones. Throughout the summer additional cut paper installation will arise, hopefully throughout New Mexico, as symbols of unity and connectedness in our diverse, but collective resilience through the pandemic.

Additional artistic expressions, through dance, music and other creative forms will be sourced in safe ways for additional content for virtual distribution among other platforms throughout the state and throughout the summer.

PROJECT INTENT/THEME: The City of Albuquerque Public Art Program seeks to commission artists' designs in the style of cut paper, an art form that transcends cultures around the world, to be installed in one or more public spaces, in particular downtown Civic Plaza and then in other plazas. The designs

should acknowledge, remember and honor the many forms of loss experienced by New Mexicans due to the pandemic.

SITE: Sites for this temporary installation may include public spaces such as Civic Plaza, Old Town Plaza, and, perhaps, other public infrastructure. The intent is for the designs to be easily downloadable and printed for individuals to use at private homes or places of business as well.

MEDIA/STYLE/SIZE: The cut paper design should fit onto an 11" x 17" sheet of paper

PROJECT FUNDS: \$500.00 will be made available to up to 10 artists willing to design an original, hard-edge graphic design/COVID memorial artwork, to be reproduced in large quantities by the City through die cut or laser cut process, for the temporary installation. The City will pay for the cost of the die and/or laser cutting process. The source of funds for this project is 1% for Art funds.

APPLICATION/SELECTION PROCESS: This is an open call for all artists residing in New Mexico.

Artists must submit the following items for the project.

- 1.) A statement or description of the proposed COVID Memorial cut paper design, which includes a description of the artwork and/or draft sketch. The written description should not to exceed 500 words. A sketch can include graphic black and white submissions only. Cut out space should be black.
- 2.) Up to 5 visual samples of the artist's current or relevant style of artwork
- 3.) An image key, clearly labeled with your full name and a numerical listing for each image, the title of the work, the media, dimensions, and year of completion of the work.

DEADLINE for submission is Friday, June 11th, 2021 at 4:00 pm local time.

The City of Albuquerque Public Art Urban Enhancement Division is conducting this application and selection process via on-line application here:

<https://coacommunityevents.wufoo.com/forms/k1arhe5r1n6cl0i/>

Artists will be selected and notified by Thursday, June 17th, 2021. All selected final designs must be readied in digital format for laser or die cutting the week of June 28th, 2021.