



CALL TO ARTISTS

CITY CENTER SQUARE WINDOW INSTALLATION COMMISSION 12TH AND MAIN IN DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY Deadline for proposals: Friday, July 10, 2009



Charlotte Street Foundation's Urban Culture Project, in collaboration with City Center Square, seeks proposals from artists interested in being considered for a window installation commission, for the large ground-floor window at City Center Square, located on the north side of the street just west of 12th and Main in downtown Kansas City. (It should be noted that CSF's Urban Culture Project is planning to launch new studios on the 5th floor of City Center Square this fall as an expansion of its Studio Residency Program.)

In relation to the United States Post Office located within City Center Square, the installation should engage the theme of mail or the post office in some manner. Creative, innovative, artistic approaches to this subject are encouraged.

This window currently features an installation by Kansas City based artist Kati Toivanen, who was awarded the commission last year. Her installation, *Commemorating the Everyday, Today*, takes inspiration from the commemorative and precious aspect of postage stamps but celebrates mundane objects and everyday life.

The selected artist will be awarded a materials budget of \$500 and an artist stipend of \$500 to support the creation of the final project. The installation will remain on view for approximately one year.

The window dimensions are approximately 22 feet long; 3 feet deep; 14 feet tall and should be considered in relation to proposals. Access into the window space is via a ladder and opening of limited size.

In order to be considered for this commission, please submit the following:

- A resume or bio;
- 10 jpeg images of recent artwork accompanied by an image list including titles, dates, media and dimensions;
- A 1-2 page proposal describing the installation you would create if selected. This proposal should include an explanation of your interest in this project, a description of how the work relates to the mail/postal service theme; and a description of material components, as well as any other relevant information. Please include digital renderings, sketches, or other images that would provide a sense of your vision and approach to the installation. And please let us know, if selected, how long you anticipate it would take for you to create and complete the installation.

Note: 3 of the windows are blacked out in order to conceal columns and an access area. The actual visible area is approximately 14 feet long.

Proposals from interested artists are due July 10, 2009. Mail to:

City Center Square Proposals
c/o Charlotte Street Foundation
PO Box 10263
KC MO 64105

Or drop off to:

Charlotte Street Foundation's offices
1000 West 25th Street (brown building across parking lot from La Esquina gallery)
KC MO 64108
Monday-Friday; 10-5 pm.
Questions? E-mail Kate@CharlotteStreet.org or call 816.221.5115.

An initiative of the Charlotte Street Foundation, Urban Culture Project creates new opportunities for artists of all disciplines and contributes to urban revitalization by transforming spaces in downtown Kansas City into new venues for multi-disciplinary contemporary arts programming. For more information, visit www.charlottestreet.org or email info@charlottestreet.org