



**City of Lakeville – Lakeville Area Arts Center
2023 Request for Qualifications for Art Bench Design and Commission**

Background

In 2018, the City of Lakeville completed a comprehensive grounds project including Art Nooks near the Arts Center to create an external Art Walk. As part of the extended public art initiative, the Arts Center in conjunction with the City of Lakeville, is commissioning artists to produce three benches for placement in three city parks. The goal of the program is to infuse original art into everyone’s daily life and to improve the City Parks by providing people a unique place to pause and rest.

Identified Art Bench Sites

- Juno Trailway Trailhead– south side of Lake Marion
- Kenwood Trail Disc Golf Course – near Kenwood Middle School
- Ritter Farm Park – near bonfire area

General Specifications

- Must accommodate up to 500 pounds for seating
- Maximum length, 8 feet. Entire design must stay within 8 feet.
- Height, minimum 17 inches. Maximum height may vary depending on the site
- Durable construction suitable for outdoor conditions.
- Bench must include mounting mechanism for surface installation to a concrete pad. The City of Lakeville will install the pads. Artist is responsible for artwork transport to designated location and for final installation.

Budget

\$3,250 per bench, inclusive of all costs including installation.

Up to four finalists will be chosen from the RFQ to receive a \$250 stipend for proposal development. The artists selected for the Preliminary Design Proposal will be required to present their design at the advisory board meeting on Thursday, July 13th at 3:30 p.m. at Lakeville Area Arts Center. Final selection of the artists will be made after the presentations of the Preliminary Design Proposals.

Eligibility

Applicants must reside in the State of Minnesota or demonstrate a significant established connection to Minnesota.

Submission Requirements

By submitting a response to the RFQ for this project, the artist commits to the schedule and agrees to the completion dates listed.*

Qualifications must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on June 1, 2023 utilizing the [Commissioned Art RFQ Form](#) (directly link) or on the [LAAC website](#). Request for Qualifications received after this date and time will be disqualified.

Detailed submission information, including required documents can be found within the Commissioned Art RFQ Form.

Questions Regarding This Project

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Selection and Implementation Timeline

EVENT	DAY	DATE	TIME
RFQ advertisement	Tuesday	May 2, 2023	-
RFQ Response DUE	Thursday	June 1, 2023	2:00 p.m. CST
Notify Artists to receive RFP for Preliminary Design	Tuesday	June 13, 2023	-
Preliminary Design Proposals Due	Thursday	July 6, 2023	2:00 p.m. CST
Artist Presentations	Thursday	July 13, 2023	3:30 p.m. CST
Planned contract execution	Tuesday	August 1, 2023	-
Installation Completed By*	Monday	October 16, 2023	-

* An extension to the deadline can be negotiated before contract execution.