



Call for Artist Qualifications: Mrs. Fern Crossley Mural

Request for Qualifications

Project: Indoor Mural – Southwest Broadcasting, 206 N Front St, McComb, MS

Artist/Artist Team Stipend: \$500

Deadline: Monday, October 16, 2023, 5:00 pm CST

Project Summary

Pike School of Art – Mississippi seeks to commission a professional visual artist or artist team to design and paint a mural in honor of Mrs. Fern Crossley on one interior wall of Southwest Broadcasting, 206 N Front St, McComb, Mississippi.

Wall dimensions: 10 feet high by between 13 and 19 feet wide

The artist stipend for this project is \$500, and materials for the project will be provided by Pike School of Art – Mississippi. The application deadline is Monday, October 16, 2023, 5:00 pm CST.

Project Background and Goals

The subject of this mural is Mrs. Fern Crossley, a local radio talent who hosted “Community Focus” from the studios located at Southwest Broadcasting. Mrs. Crossley was also a treasured member of the Pike School of Art – Mississippi’s Board of Directors.

This location is in the waiting area outside of hers and other radio personalities’ studios and in a high traffic area with lots of visibility.

The goals of this mural project are:

- To beautify and add character to Southwest Broadcasting
- Add to a growing collection of public art in the McComb Arts & Entertainment District

The project should meet the following objectives:

- To create a mural that represents the spirit of Mrs. Fern Crossley
- To create a mural that is colorful and inspiring

Artist Eligibility

Preference will be given to artists or artist teams who have prior experience in mural/large-scale artworks and prior experience in the creation of public art.

Evaluation Criteria

The selection of an artist, or artist team, will be based on the following criteria:

- Artist’s qualifications
- Prior experience with community engagement projects

Budget

The total amount to be paid to the artist is a stipend is \$500, inclusive of the design and painting process. This does not include paint, brushes, lifts, etc. as these items will be

provided by Pike School of Art — Mississippi in a quantity and quality agreed upon by both parties.

Timeline – subject to change

Monday, October 16, 2023, 5:00 pm CST

Deadline for submission of proposals

October 17 – November 3, 2023

Review, selection, and contracting of the artist/artist team

December 2023

Painting of the mural and dedication

Submission Guidelines

Artist submissions must include the following information:

Contact Information (resume and artist statement are helpful and encouraged.)

Examples of other relevant works and/or reviews of similar work. Maximum of 5 images.

Please send each image as a .jpg and label with the artist's last name, image number and image title. For example: Smith_01.jpg, Smith_02.jpg, etc. Images must be 1028x728 pixels (or smaller) and at least 72 dpi

Please submit proposals by Monday, October 16, 2023, 5:00 pm CST to:

Pike School of Art — Mississippi

131 N Broadway

McComb, MS 39648

Or email mail@psa-ms.org.

