



City of Ketchum

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City of Ketchum Seeks Artists for Two Major Art Projects

Ninth Annual 'Art on Fourth' Exhibition and Utility Box 'Cover Art'

KETCHUM, Idaho — The city of Ketchum invites artists to submit qualifications for two separate projects to be installed in spring 2016. There is no fee to apply for either project.

The first project is the ninth annual “Art on Fourth” outdoor sculpture exhibition. The selected artwork will be featured in the heart of downtown Ketchum along the Fourth Street Heritage Corridor. The Fourth Street Heritage Corridor is a pedestrian-friendly street with widened sidewalks, benches and designated sites for artwork. The Art on Fourth exhibition has evolved into a significant attraction during the city’s summer tourist season. The deadline for submissions is March 4. Selected artists will receive a stipend of \$1,000. Artists may submit images of up to three works for consideration for Art on Fourth.

The second project, “Cover Art,” features vinyl images of original art that are applied on selected utility boxes throughout the city. This will be the third installation of Cover Art, which currently includes 19 boxes in Ketchum. An estimated six boxes will be covered during this installation and the artwork will remain in place for approximately three years. Cover Art is intended to create vitality throughout the city by transforming otherwise mundane infrastructure into engaging works of art. Commissioned artists will receive a stipend of \$1,000 per utility box. The deadline for initial submissions is Feb. 12. Photographers, graphic artists and others working in creative fields are encouraged to apply.

Both projects are organized and curated by the Ketchum Arts Commission, whose mission is to integrate arts and culture into the community’s life.

Both calls for artists, which provide detailed information on the submission process, can be found at ketchumidaho.org/arts or by contacting Sharon Arms, arts & events coordinator at sarms@ketchumidaho.org or (208) 726-7820. The calls are open to all artists, regardless of their state of residence.

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About Ketchum Arts Commission

The city of Ketchum Arts Commission was created in 2007 with the objective of integrating arts and culture into the community. Among its initiatives are Cover Art, the wrapping of utility boxes in downtown Ketchum and a ski gondola at the Sun Valley Resort; Art on Fourth, an annual sculpture exhibit; Street Art, which features manhole covers designed by local artists; a rotating exhibit of work by local artists in City Hall; and the development of policies and plans for public art in the community. The commission consists of local volunteers who are active in and passionate about the arts.

About the City of Ketchum

The city of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The city of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the city of Ketchum, visit ketchumidaho.org.

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