



City of Ketchum  
Ketchum Arts Commission

## Call for Artists Temporary Outdoor Solar Eclipse Exhibit

### INTRODUCTION

The City of Ketchum, Idaho, invites experienced artists to apply for The Great American Eclipse installation project. One artist will be selected to create a temporary installation at Festival Meadow on Sun Valley Road in Sun Valley, Idaho on Monday, August 11, 2017.

Proposed installation should reference the idea of the solar eclipse in some way.

Artists can submit proposals for up to three temporary installations. Large-scale installations are encouraged. Festival Meadow, the site where the artwork will be installed, is a five-acre parcel. Only one work will be selected. Selected artist will receive a \$1,500 stipend for the exhibition of their work. The stipend will cover artist fee, materials costs and all costs related to installing artwork. The art installation will be featured in the City's e-newsletter, on the City's website ([www.ketchumidaho.org](http://www.ketchumidaho.org)), on the eclipse website ([www.ketchumsunvalleyeclipse2017.com](http://www.ketchumsunvalleyeclipse2017.com)), and in various social media forums.

### CITY BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The City of Ketchum is a diverse mountain resort community 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. This year, the City of Ketchum will host the 60<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of its famous Wagon Days on Labor Day Weekend and is in the direct "path of totality" for the solar eclipse on August 21. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents.

In 2012, ArtPlace named Ketchum as one of the top twelve small-town arts places in the US. In 2014, Smithsonian Magazine named Ketchum as one of the 20 best small towns to visit in the U.S.

On August 21, 2017, Ketchum and Sun Valley residents and visitors will experience a total solar eclipse as the moon moves fully in front of the sun. This extraordinary moment marks the first total eclipse of the sun visible from all 48 contiguous United States since 1979, and the first visible from coast to coast in the U.S. since 1918.

Solar activities are a source of historical and cultural significance. Some people travel the world to view eclipses. Idaho is expected to be one of four states most visited for this remarkable event and Ketchum's commitment to its dark skies has drawn great attention from astronomers and eclipse chasers. Several thousand visitors are expected in the Ketchum/Sun Valley area to view the eclipse. The City of Ketchum and the City of Sun Valley are hosting an event for the community and its visitors to celebrate the eclipse.

### ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

The call is open to individual artists (or artist teams) of all ages. Jurors will look for proposals for projects that engage the imagination and visitors.

### TIMELINE

May 1	Call for submissions
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>
June 15	Notice of jurors' selections
August 11, 2017	Receipt and installation of accepted artwork by city of Ketchum
August 11, 2017	Display Opens
August 21, 2017	Display Ends

Artists may submit proposals for up to 3 temporary art installation projects. Images included with proposal should be 4" X 6" minimum and 300 dpi resolution. Each image should be accompanied with artist's name, title of proposed project, medium and estimated dimensions, insurance value (if applicable), installation method and requirements. Include detailed description of proposed project and its relationship to the eclipse. Each image must have a corresponding number or title. Proposals that do not contain all the required information will not be considered. Work will be selected from digital images.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

- Proposed projects should consider the outdoor setting and large scale of the Festival Meadow site.
- Sculptures should be able to withstand effects of weather with minimum maintenance.
- Artwork must be as resistant as possible to vandalism and able to withstand possible pedestrian contact.
- The artist is responsible for delivery, installation and removal of artwork in coordination with the City of Ketchum at the specified site on an agreed upon date prior to August 21, 2017. The City may be able to assist in installation. De-installation will take place after event.
- The Ketchum Arts Commission reserves the right to reject work that differs from the original proposal or does not meet requirements of quality, safety and durability.
- The city may request the installation remain at the site until mid-September 2017.

## **ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Selected artist must sign an "Arts in Public Places" agreement with the city in which states:

- 1) **Artist or artist's representative *must* participate and/or coordinate with the City of Ketchum for installation and de-installation of artwork.**
- 2) Artwork is on loan to the city during the exhibition period.
- 3) Artist agrees to indemnify and hold the City of Ketchum, its managers, members, directors, officers, shareholders, agents and employees harmless from and against all claims, suits, damages (including without limitation, damages to persons and property including deaths), costs, losses, and expenses, in any manner related to or arising from the acts or omissions of artist, its managers, members, directors, officers, shareholders, agents and employees.
- 4) Artist releases the City of Ketchum from and against all damages, injuries to persons or property, including damage to the art and/or artist during installation and removal.
- 5) Artist assumes responsibility for transportation and delivery to and from installation site.
- 6) Installation and de-installation processes must include cleaning of the artwork by the artist upon installation, and leaving the site in a clean and professional manner once installed and upon removal.
- 7) The City of Ketchum will provide insurance for both liability and damage during the display period.

## **PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Artist's single page resume that includes name, day/evening/cell phone, e-mail, mailing address and website (if applicable) and an artist's statement of one paragraph per entry describing connection between proposed project and the eclipse.
- Details of proposed installation project: estimated dimension, materials, and installation explanation or diagram.

## **CONTACT**

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