



City of Ketchum

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Ketchum Issues Call for Artists

Interactive sculpture will be installed on Fourth Street

KETCHUM, Idaho – The city of Ketchum invites professional artists, architects or designers to apply for a new, long-term interactive sculpture for a site on the city's Fourth Street Heritage Corridor. The original artwork selected will be displayed on an outdoor pedestal beginning in late fall 2019 and become a permanent part of the city's art collection.

Three semifinalists will be selected by the Ketchum Arts Commission and receive a stipend of \$500 upon submission of proposal. Finalist will receive a budget of \$29,000, inclusive of artist fee, design, engineering, materials, fabrication, shipping and installation.

The sculpture will be interactive in nature, allowing viewers of varying ages to interact with the piece in some way. Interactivity could include kinetic elements that allow viewers to alter the sculpture or set it into motion, optical devices, elements that allow viewers to create sound, or motion-activated elements.

The call for artists, which provides detailed information on the submission process, can be found at www.ketchumidaho.org/arts. The deadline for submission is March 25, 2019, no later than 5 p.m.

The call is open to all artists, regardless of their state of residence. Local artists are encouraged to apply.

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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. In 2018, Ketchum was awarded designation by the International Dark-Sky Association as a Dark Sky Community and is included in the Nation's first International Dark Sky Reserve, one of only 13 in the world. 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 www.ketchumidaho.org.

About Ketchum Arts Commission

The Ketchum Arts Commission (KAC) was created by the City of Ketchum in 2007 with the objective of integrating arts and culture into the community's life. It seeks to encourage opportunities for Ketchum residents to participate in artistic activities and to promote the development of Ketchum artists. At the KAC's initiative, the city recently increased its Percent for Art Ordinance for public projects from 1.33 percent to 5 percent, which is believed to be higher than any other city in the country. The Commission consists of local volunteers who are active in and passionate about the arts.