



Ketchum Arts Commission CALL FOR ARTISTS & DESIGNERS CREATIVE CROSSWALKS 2023

INTRODUCTION

The City of Ketchum, Idaho, invites professional artists and designers to apply for Ketchum's "Creative Crosswalks Art Program." Artists are asked to submit original artwork/designs to enhance city crosswalks, within pedestrian crossing requirements, that will be converted into reusable templates. Templates will be used indefinitely to refresh images when weather and street use erodes paint surfaces. Two artists will be selected for the project which will address four different intersections located on Sun Valley Road. Artwork will be selected by a jury composed of Ketchum Arts Commission members as well as city representatives. Selected artists will each receive a stipend of \$1,000.00. Artwork is scheduled for installation in spring of 2023. Artist name and information will be featured on the City's website under Ketchum Arts Commission Projects and Events.

CITY BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The City of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho and is adjacent to the Sun Valley Ski Resort. 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 20 in the world. The City of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, the internationally recognized "Trailing of the Sheep" in October and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents.

OVERVIEW

The City of Ketchum seeks the creation of original designs by two artists to enhance crosswalks, create safe crossings, add vitality to public life, and celebrate artistic talent. Artwork will be installed at four intersections: Sun Valley Road and Leadville Avenue, Sun Valley Road and East Avenue, Sun Valley Road and Walnut Avenue and Sun Valley Road and Spruce Avenue. Two artist works will be selected. One artist will be selected to design Sun Valley Road and Leadville Avenue, as well as Sun Valley Road and East Avenue. A second artist will be selected to design Sun Valley Road and Walnut Avenue as well as Sun Valley Road and Spruce Avenue. Artists may submit up to 5 original designs. One original work from the selected artist/s will be used for all four crosswalks at the identified intersections. Two designs will be selected from both artists – one for each designated intersection. Artwork design should be graphic in nature for translation to templates. Possible themes may consider activities in the vicinity of the intersection, recreation, culture, flora, fauna, dark sky, or local history. Artists unable to visit the sites should view the surrounding area on google earth to assist with theme selection. Chosen artist works will be recommended by the Ketchum Arts Commission to the Ketchum City Council for final approval. Upon approval by the Ketchum City Council, the artists will receive a design fee of \$1,000.00.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Enliven Ketchum's streetscape creating a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly framework.
- Creating original artwork that becomes part of the City's permanent collection and reflects the mission and goals of the KAC: the integration of arts and culture into the life of the community.
- Develop safe pedestrian crossings by drawing attention to crosswalks through artist designed walkways.

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

The call is open to all artists. Local, Idaho and regional artists/designers are encouraged to apply.

Proposals that do not contain all the required information will not be considered.

ARTWORK SPECIFICATIONS

- The designs must be original artwork of the selected artists or designer
- Repeatable design measurements should be 72" x 72" and will be repeated at each crosswalk in the intersection. Following are the approximate lengths of each crosswalk to provide estimation of the number of repeats of each design.
 - Sun Valley Road/Leadville Avenue
 - North/South approximately 40'
 - East/West approximately 35'
 - Sun Valley Road/East Avenue
 - North/South approximately 40'
 - East/West approximately 80'
 - Sun Valley Road/Walnut Avenue
 - North/South approximately 40'
 - East/West approximately 60'
 - Sun Valley Road/Spruce Avenue
 - North/South approximately 40'
 - East/West approximately 35'
- Crosswalks are demarcated by white parallel lines called 'longitudinal lines' that connect the street corners and must remain intact in the artist's design. The two-dimensional artwork must conform to the template dimensions.
- Designs should not include words, commercial speech, numbers, logos, brand imagery or advertising.
- Visual images are not intended to create a forum for public expression.
- Artwork design must not mimic traffic control signage or devices such as street, traffic, or directional signage.
- Yellow, orange, and white colors should be minimized to avoid looking like traffic control devices.
- Artwork/designs should be graphic in nature for translation to plastic polyethylene templates. i.e. shading will not transfer to the templates.
- The Ketchum Arts Commission reserves the right to reject work that differs from the original submittal or does not meet requirements of quality, safety and design requirements.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All artwork/designs must meet the specified guidelines mentioned above, the standards and mission of the Ketchum Arts Commission, be in good taste and be in furtherance of the mission of the KAC: to integrate arts and culture into the life of the community.

TIMELINE

December 8, 2022	Call for Submissions Released
January 13, 2023	Application Deadline
January 20, 2023	Notice of Jurors' Selections
February 7, 2023	Notice of City Council Approval
March 3, 2023	Receipt of Artwork
Spring 2023	Installation of Artwork

SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

Artists may enter up to 5 artist rendered templates for consideration. Artists' names should not appear on the images.

To apply, please submit:

- Resume
- Artist statement
- Images must be designed to fit within the 72"X 72" template that will be used to repeat the design in the crosswalk.
- A separate information sheet for each entry listing:
 - Artist's name
 - Artist Bio
 - Title of work and a number corresponding to the image number All images need to be submitted via PDF
 - Include RGB or CMYK for accurate color reproduction

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Selected artists will enter into a contract with the City of Ketchum and must sign an "Art in Public Places" Agreement with the City. Final designs become the property of the City of Ketchum.

SUBMITTAL

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Examples:

