

# MAIN STREET PEARL (MSP)

CALL FOR ARTISTS  
OLD HIGH SCHOOL GYM

MSP and the City of Pearl are pleased to announce a Call for Artists to design and execute an exterior mural on the Old High School Gym in Pearl, MS. This call is open to those with professional experience in public art or painting.

The mural will be an integral piece in our Midtown Pearl District as we embrace the rich history of Pearl. The mural will not only be a statement for the Midtown Pearl District but a narrative for Pearl.

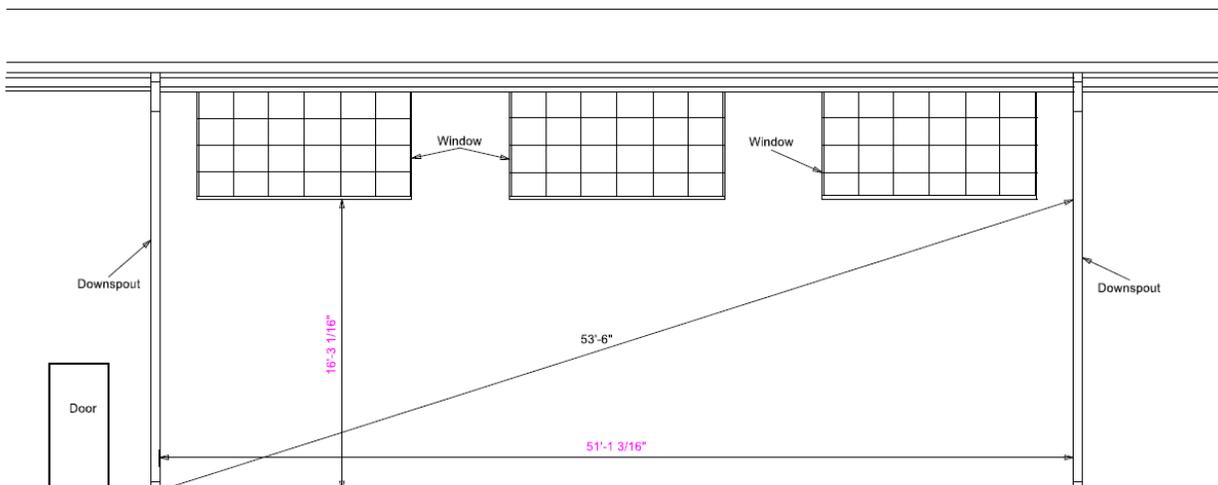
The two goals of the mural are to integrate both:

1. A sense of destination announcing that you have arrived at Midtown Pearl through text, logo/imagery and
2. Utilizing the artist's discretion, celebrate the pride of Pearl, our community, schools and history of Pearl.

Blending the two goals together into one cohesive mural is strongly encouraged.

## SPECIFICATIONS

The painted mural shall be on the exterior wall between the two downspouts. A base coat of neutral primer will be applied to the tunnel by MSP prior to work commencing. Diagrams with dimensions and photos of the structure can be found below.





The Old High School Gym is located at 2420 Old Brandon Road, directly behind Pearl City Hall.

Executed work must be true to the submitted concept design and a final walkthrough of the project any necessary edits must be completed prior to final payment.

#### **ELIGIBILITY AND STIPEND**

Artists are asked to provide a budget for the project with their submission. The total proposed budget should consider costs for materials, supplies, travel, accommodations, and the painting and sealing of the mural, all costs which will be borne by the artist. The selected muralist will receive 50% of project budget prior to work commencing with the signing of a letter of agreement, and the remaining 50% will be paid upon the mural's satisfactory completion.

Entries must be original designs, and artists must demonstrate their ability to hand paint the chosen design through the images they submit to this call.

#### **DEADLINE TO APPLY AND COMPLETE THE PROJECT**

All applications must be electronically submitted by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 5, 2024. No late or incomplete applications will be considered. Artist selection will be made by Wednesday, April 10, 2024 and work on the mural must be fully completed by May 24, 2024. (Dependent on weather and mutually agreed upon by artist, MSP and City of Pearl.)

#### **SELECTION PROCESS**

Proposals will be reviewed by a panel comprised of MSP and the Mayor of City of Pearl. Criteria used to select the artist/design include artistic merit and creativity, demonstrated ability and technical knowledge required to execute the painting, overall budget, and the artist's interpretation of the theme.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Artists may submit up to two concepts for consideration, and the following materials are required:

- Digital images or detailed sketches of your proposed design
- A short bio which includes your qualifications, experience, and contact information
- A short narrative describing the concept and design of the proposed mural
- Images of previous work samples (up to 5)
- Total budget for the project

\*\*\*Applications may be submitted to Stacy Smith at [ssmith@cityofpearl.com](mailto:ssmith@cityofpearl.com). If more than one work is submitted, separate applications must be sent for each work (up to two (2) total).\*\*\*

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For questions or to request additional information, email [ssmith@cityofpearl.com](mailto:ssmith@cityofpearl.com).

