

Call to Artists

New Britain Commission on the Arts
Public Arts Program

Slide Bank

Dear Artist,

As someone who may be interested in providing public art, we would like to alert you to a new public arts program. The city of New Britain, Connecticut has recently passed an ordinance that formed the New Britain Commission on the Arts and a public arts program based on a percent for the arts model. The artworks we would consider appropriate for our program include, but are not limited to, sculpture, mosaic, fresco, painting, stained glass, architectural embellishment and functional art. Please remember that public art is meant to be very durable. It should last at least 30 years in high traffic locations, often in educational settings. Fragile works of art, such as graphics, must be rendered in a permanent medium (e.g., laminated) for installation. The artwork should require very little maintenance in terms of time and cost.

Many public arts programs use slide banks as an information base in the determination of project finalists. We are in the process of gathering slides and encourage you to submit your slides to our program. Our slide format and registry process is based on the State of Connecticut model, and we hope this similarity of format will be helpful to the many of you familiar with this framework.

To participate in our process, please follow all directions carefully and complete the Slide Bank Application Form and Slide Identification Sheet below. In order for your work to be considered all information must be provided. Please do not provide any supplementary information. Please note that once slides are submitted they cannot be returned to you.

Send all requested materials to: The Office of the Mayor, City Hall, 27 West Main Street, New Britain, Connecticut 06051.

We are excited to provide you with a new venue for your art. We believe the new works will enhance the beauty of our city and encourage our citizens to expand their conceptions and experiences of art in public places. If you have any questions you may contact New Britain City Hall (860) 826-3303.

Sincerely yours,
Members of the New Britain Commission on the Arts

A complete application includes the following:

Up to 19 slides and not fewer than 10 slides in a top loading plastic page.

No virtual manipulation of slides will be considered.

Complete slide identification sheet (below) with HEIGHT/WIDTH/DEPTH in inches, in that order. (HEIGHT=top to bottom, WIDTH= left to right, DEPTH= front to back)

INCLUDE THE BUDGET OR PRICE OF THE WORK ONLY IF THE WORK HAS BEEN SOLD OR COMMISSIONED.

Supporting material:

Please include only the following and do not exceed the page limit:

- One page up-to-date resume including references.
- One page artist statement – Within your statement please include (1) a paragraph on public art that discusses how your work relates to public space and community needs and (2) the themes of your art.

Please **DO NOT** include original art works.

If you wish to be included in more than one discipline, please submit a **SEPARATE SET OF SLIDES IN A SEPARATE SLIDE FILE PAGE** and identification sheet for each discipline. (Artists submitting in more than one discipline will be cross referenced). Be sure to use the discipline codes. It is not necessary to send more than one resume and one set of the supporting materials specified above.

Discipline code _____
**Note only one discipline
 code per sheet**

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| 05A Experimental (neon, laser, computer) | 06A Architectural Embellishments |
| 05B Drawings/ Pastels | 06AI Installation Art |
| 5BA Graphics (printmaking) | 07A Crafts |
| 05D Painting | 07M Mural (including mosaics) |
| 05F Sculpture | 08A Photography |
| 5FK Sculpture (kinetic, and suspended) | 09C Media / Video |
| 5FW Sculpture (wall / relief) | 10A Functional Art |

Slide Identification Sheet

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