

**Brightening Barriers – Call to Artists for temporary installations of public art
Supported by the Barrie Public Art Committee (BPAC)**

The City of Barrie invites proposals from local and regionally based artists or artist teams for artistic interventions that will serve as downtown patio enhancement.

Following a successful exhibition in 2021, the *Brightening Barriers* project will once again aim to relieve the physical separation necessary during the pandemic by turning seasonal patio fencing into a collective artistic experience. Local and regional artists will be paired with downtown business owners to turn patio fencing from “barrier” to “canvas”.



Derek Martin, *The Long and Winding Road*, 2021 at Bayside Variety

Project Intent

Highlighting local and regional artists and original works of art, *Brightening Barriers* is intended to provide safe and passive enjoyment drawing pedestrians and patrons to Barrie’s downtown core. This project will bring a free and accessible cultural component to our community and animate the downtown corridor with points of interest along Dunlop & Collier Streets. There will be a total of 8 works of art on display; 4 new artwork commissions and 4 legacy artworks from *Brightening Barriers* 2021.

Scope of Artwork

Brightening Barriers 2022 will commission **4 new works of art** that will be on display in public space from May 25 to September 30th. The artwork may be constructed in any medium but must withstand all weather conditions and remain safely fixed to the patio fencing for the duration of the exhibition.

Interested artists or artist teams are invited to submit a concept design and artist statement. The proposed artwork must be suitable for public display (family and community friendly) and designed so that it can be securely affixed to any manner of patio fencing. Fencing may vary in length and be made from but not limited to materials such as: wood, wrought iron, steel or a combination of any of these.

Budget

The selected artist/artist teams will be compensated \$5,000 to create a commission for the *Brightening Barriers* project. This provision is inclusive of the final design, site visits, studio requirements, materials, fabrication, installation, and artist fee.

Artist Selection Process

The selection process will be conducted by members of the Barrie Public Art Committee and one external community member.



Christina Luck, *It's a Dog's Life*, 2021 at Kenzington Burger Bar

Eligibility

This Call to Artists is open to professional artists residing in Barrie and The County of Simcoe.

Submission Requirements

Please respond with:

- a concept design
- an artist statement
- resume or description of relevant experience
- up to 3 examples of other visual work
- a signed submission form (see Appendix A)

Respondents are asked to submit all required information on one PDF Acrobat format file, no larger than 10MB.

Deliver Electronically to Barrie's Public Art Coordinator, Carol-Ann Ryan:

carol-ann.ryan@barrie.ca

Subject Line: Brightening Barriers 2022 (name of respondent)

Deadline: Received no later than 5:00 pm on March 9, 2022. The City is not responsible for technical issues experienced by the artist.



The Birdbath Collaboration (Tanya Cunnington & Bewabon Schilling),
The Land Between Rama and Barrie, 2021 at North Country

Timeline

The table below sets out the milestones and dates for *Brightening Barriers*. Dates are subject to change at the sole discretion of the City.

Milestone	Date
Competition announcement and circulation	February 9, 2022
Deadline for Submission of Design	March 9, 2022
Review of submissions and selection of artists/artist teams	Mid-March
Selected artists notified	March 21, 2022
Artist Agreement submitted and implemented	March 30, 2022
Artwork installation	May 20, 2022
Artwork de-installation	September 30, 2022

APPENDIX A – SUBMISSION FORM
Brightening Barriers 2022 – Call to Local & Regional Artists

Name:
Address:
City/Province:
Postal Code:
Phone (home):
Phone (work):
Email Address:
Please retain my application as part of the Barrie Public Art roster at the City of Barrie
(Check one.) YES NO

_____(PRINT NAME) hereby make a Submission for the
Brightening Barriers 2022 and am in agreement with the Terms of Competition as outlined in the
Information Package.

Signature and Date
