

PORTRAIT ARTIST CALL FOR ENTRIES

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Call Type: Public Art

Eligibility: Local, Peoria, Illinois area

Entry Deadline: 9/30/20 **DEADLINE EXTENDED to OCTOBER 15**

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

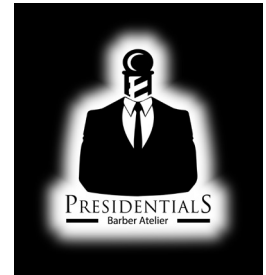
Images - Minimum: 3, Maximum: 10

Call for Entries

Big Picture requests submissions for an exciting mural opportunity at Presidentials Barber Atelier, at 2016 N. University Street. The committee is searching for an artist, or artists, who can paint realistic portraits of local legends Shaun Livingston, Annie Turnbo Malone, Richard Pryor, and Willie York. To be completed in fall 2020.

Big Picture Peoria mission: Big Picture Initiative is a grassroots nonprofit group of dedicated volunteers who believe that art has the power to change our community. We are supported by private donors and corporate sponsors in our region who want to help us achieve our four key pillars. These pillars are hosting annual interactive arts festivals; empowering children through the arts; increasing community vibrancy through public art; and collaborating for community enhancement.

Presidentials Barber Atelier: Owner Marcus Todd grew up in Peoria's South Side in Peoria Housing Authority Projects, attended Peoria High School and graduated from Peoria Manual. His barber shop has had various locations in Peoria, and is now on N. University Street in close proximity to I-74. Presidentials Barber Atelier has recently been renovated, and the interior features contemporary artwork. Mr. Todd would like to bring the high-end artistic atmosphere of his atelier to the exterior of the building. Mr. Todd has requested the portraits of prominent Peoria natives. His goal is to encourage Peoria youth to aspire to greatness by featuring Shaun Livingston, Annie Turnbo Malone, Richard Pryor, and Willie York. This public artwork will be highly visible, and will bring fine art that celebrates Peoria's Black community to one of the most traveled streets in Peoria.



Artist Eligibility:

Any Peoria-area artist interested in painting portraits, to be completed in fall 2020, may apply for consideration in accordance with the guidelines provided below. Black artists will be given preference.

Project Vision and Specifics:

The artist will create recognizable portraits as public art for an outdoor environment that reflects a positive creative spirit, draws attention of passing traffic, and inspires the community. Each panel is approximately 26"x54.75", and there are four panels. Each portrait will be expected to fill the panel as much as possible to make the most impact from afar. In addition, the portraits must be scaled to match each other so that they are visually cohesive.

Due to the need for visual cohesiveness, the committee will most likely select one artist to complete all four portraits. However, they may choose two artists to complete two each, or four separate artists. The committee reserves the right not to select any artists or delay selection until a later date.

The artist(s) will be paid \$500 for each portrait. The panels to be painted will be provided (likely aluminum or MDO board), and primer and clear varnish will also be provided. The artist(s) will be expected to supply their own paint and brushes. Presidentials and Big Picture will work with the artist(s) to install the artwork.

Project Timeline:

- Deadline for submissions 11:59 p.m. ~~September 30, 2020~~ **DEADLINE EXTENDED to OCTOBER 15**
- Notification ~~by October 15, 2020~~ To Be Decided
- Work to commence as soon as possible after announcement and signing of contract. Works may be painted in an indoors studio environment and installed upon completion.
- Complete project by December 15, 2020 (there may be some flexibility).

Application Requirements:

- No cost to apply
- All components must be in digital format to be submitted by email to bigpicturepeoria@gmail.com.
 - If you have questions about the application process, email Heather Brammeier at hjmbrammeier@gmail.com.
- Only complete applications will be considered and must include the following.
 - Sample images: Minimum 5, maximum 10, preferably portraits, but can include other representational imagery.
 - Image size: 300ppi, maximum 2000 pixels on the longest side.
 - Image name: Lastname_Firstname_1.jpg, Lastname_Firstname_2.jpg, and so on.
- Written Statement.
 - Please indicate if you are a Black artist and if you live in the Peoria area.
 - Describe your interest in the project, and how you would approach the portraits (scaling the images for maximum visibility, color palette, painting style, etc.).
 - Feel free to reference your submitted images to illustrate your descriptions.
 - This statement should be in the body of the email rather than a separate document.
 - A few sentences will be sufficient.
 - Visiting the site (2106 N. University Street) before applying is highly recommended.
- Link to artist's personal website (optional). This will not be a replacement for submitting individual images; if the committee is interested in your work, the website will be used to give a broader picture of you as an artist and professional.
- Questions and/or suggestions (optional).

Policies:

Financial compensation and insurance for completion of the mural will be made in accordance with the agreed upon contract between the artist(s) and Big Picture Peoria.

- The artist(s) will own the copyright to the imagery created, but Presidentials Barber Atelier will own the physical artwork.
- Artist recognizes that Big Picture Peoria and Presidentials Barber Atelier may make duplicates of images and application materials for any purpose to benefit the Big Picture Peoria organization (e.g., grant reports or applications).
- Selected artist(s) will be recognized and promoted in the following ways:
 - a label inside Presidentials providing the artist's name and information (to be decided by the artist and committee).
 - recognition on the Big Picture Peoria website, including a link to the artwork on the Big Picture mural map.
 - promotion on social media.
 - efforts to gain television, newspaper, and magazine coverage.
 - possible artist and business owner interviews to be posted online.
 - possible reception/celebration when the portraits are installed.
- Artist applicant must certify that all statements made in the application are true to the best of their knowledge.
- Artist applicant must recognize that any liability for loss or damage is not the responsibility of Presidentials, Big Picture Peoria, or anyone associated with this project.
- By submitting an application, the artist applicant agrees to all the terms within this call for entries announcement.

For questions about the project or the application process, contact:

Big Picture Peoria board member Heather Brammeier, hjmbrammeier@gmail.com.

