



## PORTRAITS OF PEORIA ARTIST CALL FOR ENTRIES

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**Website:** [bigpicturepeoria.org](http://bigpicturepeoria.org)

**Call Type:** Public Art

**Eligibility:** Local, Peoria, Illinois area

**Entry Deadline:** 6/20/21

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

**Images - Minimum: 5, Maximum: 10**

**Total Media - Minimum: 1, Maximum: 10**

### Call for Entries

Big Picture Peoria and Discover Peoria invite artists to submit qualifications for an exciting mural opportunity for our Portraits of Peoria public art project. Portraits of Peoria will feature notable Peorians who have made a difference locally, nationally, or internationally. The committee is searching for artists who can create portraits of our local legends. We encourage entries from all artists regardless of race, ethnicity, religion (creed), age (within the eligibility requirements,) political affiliation, gender, gender expression, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status.

**Big Picture Peoria mission:** Big Picture Peoria, part of Big Picture Initiative, is a 501(c)3 organization that promotes education in the arts, public art, collaboration with community partners, supporting Peoria artists, and working together with arts organizations, artists, and businesses to raise up central Illinois.

**Portraits of Peoria:** Big Picture Peoria will be placing 8 portraits in the windows of the Central Building on the corner of Main and Adams Streets in downtown Peoria. Each portrait will be professionally printed and fill the window. Each window is approximately 14-feet tall by 13-feet wide with mullions intersecting the portraits into six panels. Big Picture Peoria will provide a template for each window with exact measurements to be followed. Two portraits have been completed (Betty Friedan by Eliza Von Zerneck and Romeo B. Garrett by Kevin Bradford) and we are looking for artists for the remaining 6 portraits. Here's the visual of what to expect.



Please note how the portraits are divided by the window mullions.

### **Artist Eligibility**

Any artist in Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Fulton, Stark, Mason and Marshall counties interested in creating portraits may apply for consideration in accordance with the guidelines provided below. Portraits may be created in any medium. Artists will be required to complete a portrait in exact proportions and at a size suitable for reproduction. Big Picture Peoria will digitize the portraits for printing and installation or work with digital artists on the printing specifications. Artists will **not** be painting a full-size mural. Big Picture Peoria will reproduce your work for the public installation.

### **Project Vision and Specifics**

The artist will create recognizable portraits as public art for an outdoor environment that reflects a positive creative spirit, draws the attention of passing traffic, and inspires the community. Each portrait will be expected to fill the window to make the most impact from afar. The committee reserves the right not to select any artists or delay selection until a later date.

The artist(s) will be paid \$1000 for each portrait. The artist(s) are expected to supply their own materials.

### **Project Timeline**

- Deadline for submissions, no later than June 25, 2021
- Notification by July 10, 2021
- Work to commence as soon as possible after announcement and signing of contract.
- Completed portraits will be due by August 25, 2021.

### **Application Requirements**

- No cost to apply
- All components must be in digital format to be submitted by email to [bigpicturepeoria@gmail.com](mailto:bigpicturepeoria@gmail.com).
  - If you have questions about the application process, email the Big Picture Peoria team at [bigpicturepeoria@gmail.com](mailto:bigpicturepeoria@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 for email: 144 ppi, maximum 2000 pixels on the longest side.
    - Image name: Lastname\_Firstname\_1.jpg, Lastname\_Firstname\_2.jpg, and so on.
  - Written Statement: Please include your county, 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 sent in an attached document. A few sentences will be sufficient. Visiting the site before applying is highly recommended.
  - Link to 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 Big Picture Peoria will own the printed, final images.

- Artist is responsible for securing any required permissions and rights to use for reference photographs and must provide documentation of said permission to Big Picture Peoria.
- Artist recognizes that Big Picture Peoria 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 plaque on the building providing the artist's name and the notable Peoria portrayed.
  - 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 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 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 contact** the Big Picture Peoria team at [bigpicturepeoria@gmail.com](mailto:bigpicturepeoria@gmail.com)