

Call for Artists: Carousel Art



CALL SUMMARY

The Frederick Arts Council is seeking artists to design and decorate 15 existing carousel figures. Sales from auctioned carousel figures will be split by the designing artist and FAC (50/50) during FAC's fall event Cocktails and Carousels on September 24th in Downtown Frederick.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Artists will apply to design and decorate existing carousel figures. Upon acceptance, each artist will:

1. Arrange pick up
2. Select and sign out their figure
3. Decorate and design their figure (an artist stipend up to \$250 for materials related to outdoor artwork available)
4. Artist will drop off their figure at the display location by August 18th

REQUIREMENTS

- *Accepted artists are responsible for picking up their figure from FAC for production and then return to the FAC promotional event location by an arranged date.
- *Figures currently have a top and bottom pole. Artists must provide a base for their figure for the bottom pole to stand. The top pole does not need to remain on the piece during refurbishing.

*Artist "teams" are invited to apply.

Please address any questions to info@frederickartscouncil.org

Application deadline: June 6th, 11:59p

Apply via Slide Room

Additional Guidelines

- **Durability and Weather Resistance:**

Since many horses are displayed outdoors, artists need to consider weather elements like sun, rain, wind, and dirt. Paints, varnishes, and materials used should be durable and resistant to fading or damage from the elements.

- **Vandalism Prevention:**

Given the public nature of the display, artists should ensure any attached objects are securely fastened and difficult to remove, as vandalism can occur.

- **Safety:**

Designs should prioritize safety, especially for interactive events where the public is encouraged to touch the horses.

- **Material Selection:**

Acrylic paints, artificial resin paints, and two-component paints are commonly used, with a minimum of three coats of a two-part, hard gloss varnish for durability.

Carousel Figures have been generously donated by the Frederick Keys