

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## NEW SPIRE ARTS MURAL

**Deadline: July 22, 2022 | Application Fee: \$0**

### CALL SUMMARY

Frederick Arts Council seeks proposals for a mural design to embellish the lobby of New Spire Sages, Frederick's state-of-the-art downtown black box performance venue. Proposed designs should activate one or both of the areas marked in the image below. The back wall is approximately 17' W x 13' H and the wall to the right of the image is approximately 13' W x 10' H. Additional images of the space are available below.

To apply, visit: <https://frederickartscouncil.slideroom.com/#/permalink/program/66800>

### REQUIREMENTS

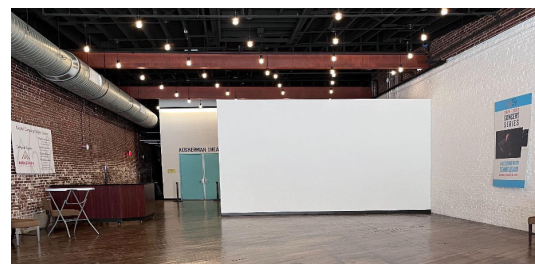
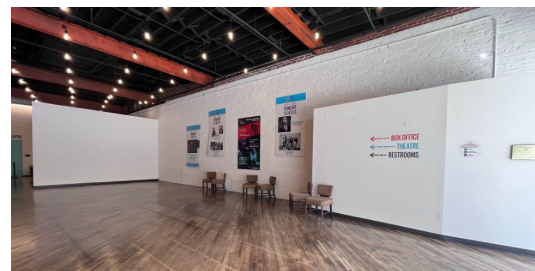
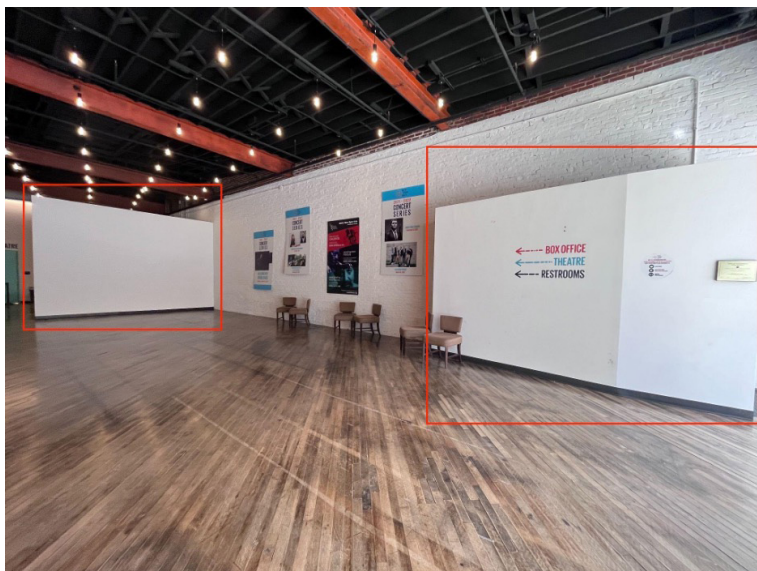
Artists must submit an artist statement, CV, website, and proposed design via Slideroom by **July 22, 2022**. There is no submission fee for this opportunity.

### BUDGET

\$8,000

### ELIGIBILITY

All artists 18 or older are eligible to apply.



**Inquiries regarding this opportunity may be directed to: [info@frederickartscouncil.org](mailto:info@frederickartscouncil.org)**

The Arts Council's vision is a Frederick where public art connects residents and visitors, expresses an authentic and unique sense of place, drives economic prosperity through creativity, and advances a culturally inclusive and empowered future. The Frederick Arts Council does not discriminate against any person on the basis of any characteristic described in Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act or on the basis of political opinion or affiliation in any of its policies, procedures or practices and prides itself on maintaining a facility that is accessible to all.

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### HISTORY OF NEW SPIRE STAGES

*New Spire Stages features a flexible black box theatre that seats up to 275 people and a gorgeously renovated lobby that doubles as a community gathering space. Artists may decide to react to the history of the space in their proposed design, though it is not necessary to do so.*

#### **1874-1906: Rohrback's Grocery**

Martin N. Rohrback opened his grocery and liquor store in 1874, adjacent to the City Hotel. Rohrback operated the store until 1895, at which point his youngest son Allen Rohrback became proprietor. Allen operated Rohrback's until he died at age 32.

#### **1928-1996: McCrory's 5 & 10 Cent Store**

15 W Patrick St spent almost seventy years as McCrory's 5 & 10¢ Store. McCrory's had already occupied the store at 15 N Market St for close to twenty years when the corporation built their new store on "the old Rohrback property" in 1928. By 1929, McCrory's had connected 15 N Market with 15 W Patrick, creating the L-shaped building that stands today.

In the 1950s, McCrory's added its luncheonette counter, located in what was the stockroom and would eventually become the theatre. The corporation reached its peak in the 1960s with 1300 stores nationwide. In 1992, the chain filed bankruptcy, and the Frederick location closed in 1996.

#### **1998-2013: Frederick Cultural Arts Center**

In 1998 the property became the Cultural Arts Center of Frederick County, and was owned and managed by the Frederick Arts Council until 2013. The Cultural Arts Center was a community venue for actors, dancers, musicians, and artists of every discipline where they could work, rehearse, perform, or teach.

Plays, music concerts, and dance performances were held in the 106-seat black box theatre. Rehearsals, lectures, special events, and other activities took place throughout the week in the event hall, and the gallery hosted monthly rotating art exhibits.

The facility was one of the busiest arts spaces in Frederick County, with over thirty different groups regularly utilizing the center every year, including Equinox Dance Company and Maryland Ensemble Theatre.

#### **2018-Present: New Spire Arts**

In 2017, New Spire Arts contracted Ziger/Snead Architects to design a new performing arts center at 15 West Patrick Street in historic downtown Frederick. Construction soon began, breathing new life into an iconic downtown building – and enhancing Frederick's growing Theatre District. After a sellout Grand Opening weekend in January 2019, New Spire Arts is officially open for business!

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The Frederick Arts Council invests in a vibrant and cohesive arts community for the people of Frederick County. The organization fosters an environment where the arts flourish in the community through grants and scholarships, arts advocacy, and links to essential resources. FAC is responsible for large-scale programming such as the Frederick Festival of the Arts, Sky Stage, Frederick Public Art Initiative, Art in the Park, and Arts in Education grants. For more information about the Frederick Arts Council, visit [www.frederickartscouncil.org](http://www.frederickartscouncil.org).