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**CITY OF SALEM, MA is pleased to announce the launch of the 2021 ARTISTS' ROW CALL FOR CREATIVES & PUBLIC ARTISTS FOR THE ARTISTS' ROW PUBLIC ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM**

Mayor Kimberley Driscoll and the Salem Public Art Commission seek Creatives to participate in the City of Salem's newly revitalized Artists' Row Public Artist in Residence initiative.

Artists' Row consists of four artist 'stalls', a restaurant, and a public restroom and is centrally located in historic downtown Salem at 24 New Derby St., across from Old Town Hall and Derby Square. This area, at the heart of the City, was originally built as a marketplace and continues to be a thriving public plaza and pedestrian way. The City of Salem respects, values, and celebrates the diverse life experiences and unique heritages, attributes, characteristics and perspectives that make each person who they are. We believe that bringing diverse individuals together through the Arts allows us to collectively and more effectively address the issues that face our communities.

**The Artists' Row initiative is a seasonal program that provides space for artists and artisans looking to build their audience and/or arts practice through daily engagement with residents and visitors to Salem.** Participation in the **Artists' Row program** is envisioned as a **springboard opportunity for creatives wherever they are in their career** that can help take them to the next stage/level in their unique professional development journey. It is very much a shared space for artists and visitors alike, where creativity happens, and unique arts-related goods and activities can be experienced in an animated public place.

**The City of Salem is currently looking to fill one (1) paid position for a Public Artists in Residence, lasting for a term of 8 months.** The City is interested in uses that will contribute to the vibrancy of the Artists' Row community and this important gateway to Salem's bustling downtown. The variety of activities/uses considered for Artists' Row spaces include, but are not limited to, original uniquely produced or handcrafted artworks and products, performances, art 'happenings', art 'interventions', art making, and temporary public art installations.

To view the full Call for Artists submissions, visit: <http://bit.ly/SalemPAiR2021>

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