



Call for Artists

THE NEW BEDFORD SEAPORT ART WALK unites two of the city's nationally recognized cultural and commercial assets, its working artists and its working waterfront. It is the first large format outdoor public art installation along the waterfront in the city. Each summer, ten to twenty sculptures are temporarily installed along MacArthur Blvd, City Pier, State Pier, and the Seaport Cultural District.

Artists are invited to submit proposals reflecting this year's theme – **"Freedom and Equality"**; honoring the bicentennial of Frederick Douglass and his history in New Bedford as his first free home after escaping slavery. Artists are asked to submit proposals reflecting the vision he and many New Bedford abolitionists held sacred: social justice, human rights, emancipation, and sanctuary.

Artist Proposals

Artists may submit up to three (3) proposals and must include:

- Artist Statement
- Three (3) images of past work
- Schematic design of the project (please keep in mind the high winds along the waterfront)
- Textual description of the project and title
- Schedule of maintenance – if applicable
- A budget, including estimated fabrication, construction, and installation
- Total cost of value and sale price

Possible proposal themes:

- Social Justice and Human Rights
- Women's Movement
- LGBTQ equality
- Immigrant rights
- Emancipation
- Underground Railroad
- More...

Each artist should have a connection with New Bedford. This will be a Juried Show. Artists may receive up to \$2,000 in funding per sculpture. Insurance is not provided.

Please submit your proposal(s) online at <https://goo.gl/forms/vJLt27q5QLkshjMA3>

If you have any questions contact Margo Saulnier, Arts and Cultural Strategist, City of New Bedford, artsnewbedford@gmail.com

Important Dates

Proposal submission(s) due: **April 2, 2018**
Installation week: **May 20-29, 2018**

Notification to finalists of approval(s): **April 10, 2018**
De-installation: **October 12-15, 2018**

For more information and artist forms visit: www.DestinationNewBedford.org/Seaport-art-walk