ABOUT THE EL PASEO SCULPTURE EXHIBITION:
El Paseo is the premier shopping district in Palm Desert and the Coachella Valley, located in southern California. The exhibition space consists of eighteen lighted concrete pads located in the median of a prime retail corridor. The artwork will remain on exhibition for approximately two (2) years, with installation tentatively planned for October - November 2024 and de-installation planned for October 2026.

DEADLINE:
Monday, February 12, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST)

HONORARIUM:
A $5,000 honorarium will be provided for each selected artwork. Participant is responsible for delivery and pick-up of artwork per scheduled date. Payment schedule is as follows: $4,000 on delivery and $1,000 at pick-up.

ELIGIBILITY:
All artists, galleries, museums/non-profit arts organizations, and private collectors are encouraged to apply. Limited to USA, Canada and Mexico.

TO APPLY:
The required materials as stated below must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST), Monday, February 12, 2024, to https://www.palmdesert.gov/departments/public-art/artist-opportunities.

If you are unable to apply online, contact Erica Powell at 760-776-6346 or epowell@palmdesert.gov for alternate application methods.

Required materials include:
- A current resume or CV, including current contact information.
- Up to five (5) images of proposed sculpture in jpeg format.
- Description of the proposed sculpture including materials and dimensions.
- Three (3) references.

NOTE: A maximum of two (2) sculptures will be considered per artist.
TENTATIVE TIMELINE (subject to change):
• February 12, 2024: Applications due by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST)
• March 13, 2024: Selections made by the Cultural Arts Committee – eighteen (18) sculptures, plus up to eight (8) alternates
• April 25, 2024: City Council review and approval of selections
• April 29 – May 3, 2024: Selected artists notified
• October – November 2024: Tentative dates for exhibition installation
• January 2025: Exhibition dedication (date to be determined)
• October 2026: De-installation of exhibition

GUIDELINES:
• All sculptures MUST fit on one (1) of the existing concrete pads. Seventeen (17) pads measure 84” x 84” (7’ x 7’) with a usable corner-to-corner space of 67” x 67”. A horizontal base could use the maximum 84” length of the base if its width is within the 67” dimension. One pad measures 96” x 300” (8’ x 25’), and could accommodate multiple pieces or one (1) with a much larger base.
• Sculptures should be no less than 8’ and no more than 10’ in height on their own inclusive of a base. Additionally, there are a few pads that can accommodate sculptures up to 13’.
• Sculptures should weigh no more than 3,000 pounds.
• Sculptures should be suitable for viewing from all angles.
• All sculptures MUST be designed with tabs or other devices that can be utilized to easily secure the artwork to the concrete pads. Pads may not be altered in any way to accommodate the artwork.
• Artworks requiring electricity are welcome.
• Artworks must be constructed of durable materials that are able to withstand the harsh weather conditions of the desert (high winds and extreme temperatures).
• Sculptures must comply with all appropriate engineering requirements.
• Artist or artist’s representative must be available to deliver the artwork in person the day of installation. The City will not store shipped artwork prior to installation.

SALE OF ARTWORK:
• Artwork may be sold during the exhibition but MUST remain onsite throughout the duration of the exhibition.
• The City does not take a commission for the sale of the artwork.

THE CITY OF PALM DESERT WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:
• Installation and de-installation of the artworks
• Exhibition advertising/signage
• Online virtual tour
• Pads/lighting/maintenance
Onsite insurance

**DISCLAIMER:**
- The City of Palm Desert reserves the right to reject any and all submittals and decline to award contracts for this project.
- Limited renderings for accepted artworks. No renderings accepted for alternates.

**INFORMATION:**
For more information, please contact Erica Powell, Management Analyst, at epowell@palmdesert.gov or 760-776-6346.

**Overview of El Paseo with Artwork in the Median**

![Overview of El Paseo with Artwork in the Median](image)
Eye of the Wind by Nico Meyer

Hygge by Hector Ortega
Big Bang by Ray Katz (Pad 16 – 8’ x 25’)

Dione the Water Goddess by Lynn Jaye (Only pad with electricity.)
Timepiece by Mitch Levin