



STREET STORIES

ARTIST GUIDELINES

2026 ARTIST RESIDENCY & EVENT INFORMATION

Welcome

Street Stories is a collaborative public art experience that celebrates artists, storytelling, and community. Street Stories aims to activate Lakeland through original artwork while supporting local creatives and creating meaningful connections. Selected artists will be invited to participate in a two-month residency leading up to the final public installation, allowing the community to witness the creative process from concept to completion.

Event Timeline

July: Event Launch, Open Call to Artist

August: Artist Selection & Orientation. Official invitations, wall assignments, project timeline, concept deadlines, and residency schedule.

September & October: The [Depot Arts District](#), Artist Residency. Artists receive studio space to create murals, collaborate, engage the community, and participate in professional content creation.

November 8, 2026: Street Stories Installation & Art Crawl 2026. Completed murals are installed and showcased during Art Crawl 2026 at [Swan Brewing](#), transforming a downtown public space into an immersive public art experience.

Artist Selection

Street Stories is a curated experience. Artists are selected based on artistic quality, originality, storytelling, professionalism, reliability, and contribution to the overall vision of Street Stories.

Call to Artist opens July 13th, 2026, closing August 13th, 2026. (6) Artists will be selected and expected to submit finished mural story concepts (story outline and mural design mockup) by August 23rd, 2026

Artist Expectations

- Create original artwork.
- Participate in the Depot Arts District residency by creating and progressing murals throughout term checkpoints to create consistency throughout the experience.
- Provide all basic needed art materials: paint, brushes, water bucket tools, ladders. Anything to create the piece will be left up to each individual artist in order to make it their own. **(Spray paint and aerosols are prohibited)**
- Participate in interviews, photography, and promotional media.
- Represent Street Stories professionally by respecting the rules and guidelines of Street Stories, Art Crawl, Inc., and The Depot Art District.
- Complete artwork according to the project timeline.

Artist Incentives

Each artist will be provided one 8'x8' portable mural installation wall and a two-month studio residency at [The Depot Arts District](#). Professional headshots, video content, artist interviews, and social media promotion will be provided to each artist by the Street Stories team. The [Art Crawl](#) festivals have an average of 3,300 people in attendance throughout the day making this a great opportunity to showcase and sell finished murals.

Mural Walls

Each selected artist will receive one designated portable mural wall to complete during the Street Stories residency.

Wall Specifications

- Professionally constructed Hardboard tempered panel walls
- Approximate size: **8' x 8'**
- Primed and hung prior to residency start date.
- Designed for both indoor creation and temporary outdoor display during Art Crawl 2026.

Mural paintings will be created at the Depot Arts District Gallery throughout September and October before being transported and installed November 8th at the Art Crawl event.

The Depot Arts District Residency (September - October)

The residency encourages collaboration, builds community before the event, documents the creative process, and produces marketing content. Artists are encouraged to meet mural progress checkpoints to ensure consistency throughout our event. The Depot Art District studio provides 24/hr access, maintaining flexibility around personal schedules.

The Depot Art District - Studio Guidelines

- Tenants shall not cause or allow unreasonable noise or disruptive activity. All tenants are entitled to the quiet enjoyment of the complex.
- Common areas, including kitchens and restrooms, are available for tenant use. Tenants are expected to leave these areas clean after each use.
- Visitors entering after 6:00 PM must be granted access by the artist-in-residence. There is no front desk attendant.
- No structural modifications may be made to a studio without written approval from the property owner.
- Smoking and vaping are prohibited inside the building and near all entrances.
- All trash must be bagged and disposed of in the designated dumpster.
- Studio spaces may **not** be used for residential purposes.
- Artists may not assign or sublease their studio. All artists must be registered with building management.
- Pets are not permitted, with the exception of service animals.
- Kilns, hazardous materials, noxious materials, and spray paint are not permitted inside studio spaces.

Content Schedule:

Individual Artist content dates will be decided with artists availability.

AUGUST 2026	Artist introductions, portraits and storytelling interviews covering inspiration and mural concepts
SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2026	Creative process filming and time-lapses, behind-the-scenes collaboration and community engagement
NOVEMBER 8th, 2026	Live Art Crawl Event

Final Art Crawl Experience

Artists are expected to be present during scheduled event hours, engage with visitors, support fellow artists, maintain a clean and safe installation area, and participate in media opportunities. Together, we create an experience that inspires our community and continues to shape our cultural identities. Art Crawl 2026 has an average of 3,300 people in attendance throughout the day making this a great opportunity to showcase and sell finished murals.

Photography & Media

Street Stories will photograph and film throughout the residency and event. By participating, artists grant Street Stories permission to use photos and videos featuring themselves and their artwork for marketing, social media, press, and future promotional materials. Artists retain ownership of their original artwork unless otherwise agreed upon.

This program is sponsored by:



This opportunity is offered by Street Stories, a partner of Art Crawl, Inc., to continue the cultivation of the arts in our communities. Any questions about this Street Stories opportunity should be referred to sxbrinavibez@streetstories.art.

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