

CALL TO ARTISTS: Submission deadline October 3rd, 2025

Local or Regional Muralists and Sculptors

Overview:

Alchemist CDC is a mission-driven, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting communities in the Sacramento area to land, food, and economic opportunity. Our vision is a future in which all neighborhoods are vibrant, equitable, healthy, and diverse. We are widely recognized for enhancing quality of life in under-resourced communities through increased access to nutritious food, the creation of community-supported green spaces, and the promotion of economic self-sufficiency via entrepreneurship and small business development.

Summary:

The River District in Sacramento boasts a rich history shaped by its strategic position at the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers. Our latest initiative, Alchemist Public Market is designed to serve as a central gathering space for the community including a full-service cafe, corner store, and food courtyard as well as special events like farmers markets, outdoor movie nights, and more! Alchemist Public Market will be a place where residents can connect, engage, and build lasting relationships with their neighbors. Originally an isolated area, the River District emerged as a vital distribution hub for agricultural products, leveraging both river and rail transportation to support regional commerce. Over time, the district evolved into an industrial center. Today, it is undergoing a significant transformation through revitalization efforts aimed at rebranding the area into a dynamic, mixed-use urban community. For additional information on this project, please feel free to visit our website:

<https://alchemistpublicmarket.com/>

Alchemist Public Market offers four opportunities for site-specific public art installations by local Sacramento artists. Each piece is intended to reflect and honor the historical significance of the area while aligning with the mission and vision of the space.

1. [Interior mural](#)
2. [Exterior Mural](#)
3. [Exterior Sculpture](#)
4. [Seating Sculpture](#)

Eligibility:

Professional artists or artist teams residing within the Sacramento region are eligible to apply.

Project timeline:

- Artist Call Posted – August 12, 2025
 - **Submission deadline – October 3, 2025 at 12pm PT**
 - Artist notification – Week of November 3rd, 2025
 - Installation of artwork – Summer 2026
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1. Interior Mural:

We are seeking a local artist to design and paint two interior murals on the east and west walls of the main building. This is a paid opportunity to create a lasting, hand-painted work of art that will become a focal point within the Alchemist Public Market main space. This is a unique opportunity to leave your mark on a prominent, high-visibility space. We welcome applications from artists of all backgrounds and encourage bold, original designs that energize and elevate the environment.

Project Details:

- **Locations:** Interior east and west walls of the main Alchemist Public Market building
- **East Wall Dimensions:** 24' 3" tall at the highest point, 16' 5 ¼" at the lowest, and approximately 22" wide
- **West Wall Dimensions:** 19' tall at the highest point, 16' 5 ½" at the lowest
- **Wall Finish:** Level 5 finish (or equivalent)
- **Medium:** Hand-painted mural (no vinyl or printed installations)
- **Theme:** Open, but should complement the space and reflect community, creativity, or transformation. Nods to local food scene also welcomed. Please feel free to view our website for more information and inspiration:
alchemistpublicmarket.com



***Please note that the rendering mural is a placeholder – Alchemist is very interested in the vision local Sacramento Artists have for this opportunity.*

Eligibility:

- Open to local Sacramento artists or artist teams with experience in large-scale mural work.
- Must be able to complete the murals on-site and within the agreed timeline.

Submission Requirements:

1. Artist bio and/or resume.
2. Up to 10 images of relevant past work, including at least 2 murals.
3. A brief concept or statement of interest (no more than 300 words).
4. Optional: Initial sketch or design approach.

Stipend: A stipend of \$15,000 will be provided to the selected artist.

Timeline:

- Submission deadline: **October 3, 2025 at 12pm PT**
- Selection notification: Week of November 3, 2025
- Mural completion: Summer 2026

How to Apply:

To apply or request more information, please contact:
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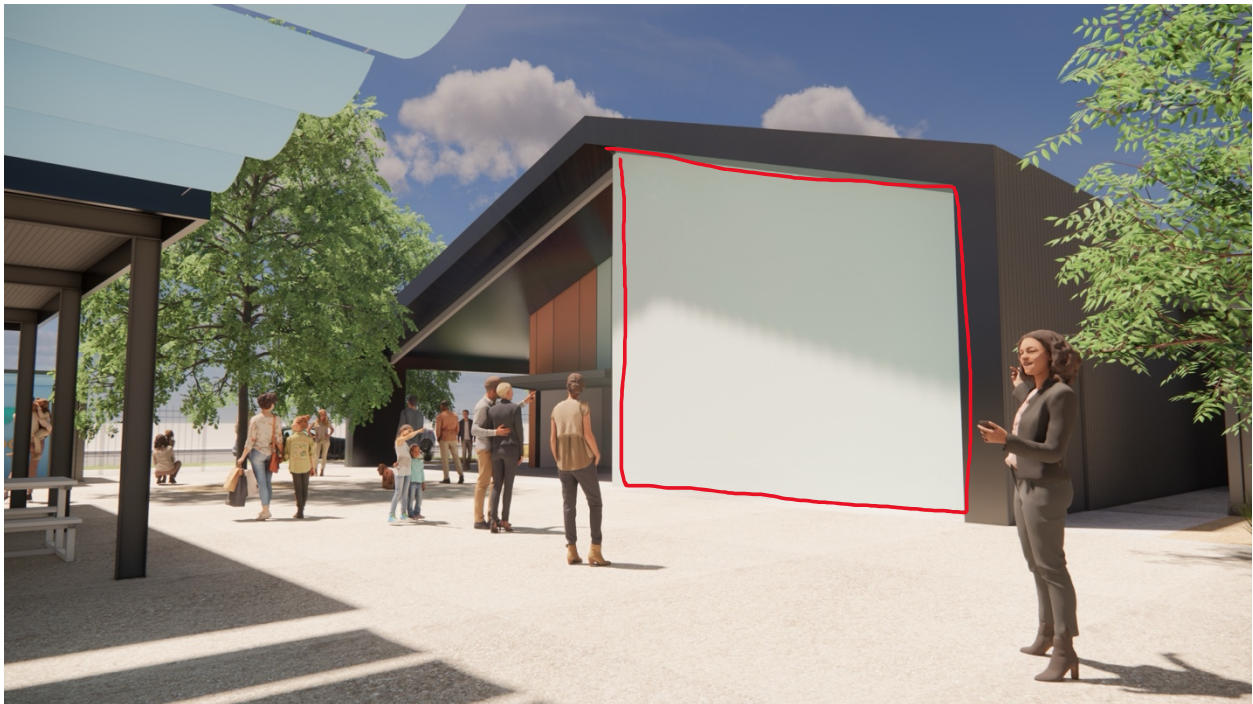
2. Exterior Branded Mural

Alchemist Public Market is excited to announce a call for a local artist to design and hand-paint a large-scale branded mural on the east exterior wall of our site in Sacramento's River District. This mural will be a vibrant, welcoming focal point for our space, a place where community, creativity, and the local food movement come together. Please visit our website for a better idea of our mission:

<https://alchemistpublicmarket.com/>

Project Details:

- **Wall Location:** East-facing exterior wall
- **East Wall Dimensions:** 26' wide with the high point at 22' and the low point at 14'.
- **Surface Material:** Entire wall will be clad in fiber cement (replacing previously specified material)
- **Design Goal:** A branded mural that reflects Alchemist's mission: supporting food entrepreneurs, building community, and transforming spaces
- **Artist Selection:** We are prioritizing local artists with a passion for community-driven work
- **Theme:** Open, but should complement the space and reflect community, creativity, or transformation. Nods to local food scene also welcomed.



Color Considerations

We welcome artists to propose a base color for the fiber cement wall as part of their mural concept. However, due to construction timelines, if a color cannot be finalized in time, the wall will default to a white or cream base.

Eligibility:

- Open to local Sacramento artists or artist teams with experience in large-scale mural work.
- Must be able to complete the murals on-site and within the agreed timeline.

Submission Requirements:

5. Artist bio and/or resume.
6. Up to 10 images of relevant past work, including at least 2 murals.
7. A brief concept or statement of interest (no more than 300 words).
8. Optional: Initial sketch or design approach.

Stipend: A stipend of \$20,000 will be provided to the selected artist.

Timeline:

- Submission deadline: **October 3, 2025 at 12pm PT**
- Selection notification: Week of November 3, 2025
- Mural completion: Summer 2026

How to Apply:

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3. Exterior Sculpture

Alchemist Public Market is seeking proposals from local Sacramento artists for the fabrication of a striking exterior sculpture to be prominently displayed at their new Public Market. This piece will be a key feature of our vibrant public space and will contribute to the market's mission of fostering creativity, community, and connection.

Project Details:

- **Location:** The sculpture will be placed at the entrance of the market's exterior grounds. The Market will be in Sacramento's up and coming Riverfront District.
- **Dimensions:** The sculpture should have a maximum width of 3 feet in diameter (or square) and a maximum height of 8 feet.
- **Material:** We welcome proposals utilizing any materials, including but not limited to metal, wood, stone, or mixed media. The material choice should reflect durability, aesthetic appeal, and the ability to withstand Sacramento's climate.
- **Maintenance:** Artists are required to submit a maintenance plan outlining the care and preservation of the sculpture over time.
- **Theme:** While the theme is open, the work should reflect the spirit of the riverfront, community engagement, and the vibrancy of Sacramento.



Eligibility:

- Open to local Sacramento artists or artist teams with experience in large-scale mural work.
- Must be able to complete and install sculpture by Summer 2026 (final date range of installation will be provided).

Submission Requirements:

1. Artist bio and/or resume.
2. Up to 10 images of relevant past work or examples of existing artwork the artist is proposing for this installation.
3. A brief concept or statement of interest (no more than 300 words).
4. A brief description of your artistic practice and vision for this project.
5. A detailed plan for the long-term maintenance and upkeep of the sculpture.
6. Optional: Initial sketch or design approach.

Stipend:

- A stipend of \$20,000 will be provided to the selected artist. This stipend covers all costs associated with the fabrication, installation, and maintenance plan for the sculpture.

Selection Process:

- Proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of representatives from Alchemist Public Market.
- The selected artist will be notified by [Insert Notification Date].

Timeline:

- Submission Deadline: **October 3, 2025 at 12pm PT**
- Selection notification: Week of November 3, 2025
- Mural completion: Summer 2026

How to Apply:

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4. Exterior Sculptural Seating Structure

Alchemist Public Market is seeking proposals from local Sacramento artists for the design and creation of an innovative exterior sculptural seating structure, to be installed adjacent to the children's playground on the Market grounds in the River District. This installation will serve a dual purpose of functional seating and public art, offering a welcoming, interactive space where children and families can gather, rest, and play. The selected piece should embody creativity, community, and inclusivity, reflecting Alchemist's mission to build spaces that support local food entrepreneurs and foster meaningful connection. We encourage artists to think beyond traditional benches or seating concepts. The ideal design will be sculptural in nature; visually striking, engaging for children and adults alike, and built with durability and safety in mind for daily public use. This is an opportunity to create a truly playful and imaginative landmark that enhances the Alchemist Public Market experience.

Project Details:

- **Location:** The seating structure will be placed outdoors, next to the children's playground at Alchemist Public Market.
- **Dimensions:** The seating structure can occupy up to 6 feet in diameter or a 6-foot square space.
- **Material:** We will explore a range of materials; however, it is crucial that the structure does not become too hot to the touch in the intense Sacramento heat.
- **Theme:** The seating structure should reflect the spirit of community and interaction.
- **Maintenance:** Artists are required to provide a maintenance plan outlining the care and upkeep of the seating structure over time.



Eligibility:

- This call is open to all professional artists based in Sacramento or the surrounding region.
- Experience with outdoor installations or functional public art is preferred but not required.

Submission Requirements:

7. Artist bio and/or resume.
8. Up to 10 images of relevant past work or examples of existing artwork the artist is proposing for this installation.
9. A brief concept or statement of interest (no more than 300 words).
10. A brief description of your artistic practice and vision for this project.
11. A detailed plan for the long-term maintenance and upkeep of the sculpture.
12. Optional: Initial sketch or design approach.

Stipend:

- A stipend of \$32,000 will be awarded to the selected artist. This stipend will cover all costs related to the design, fabrication and installation.

Selection Process:

- Proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of representatives from Alchemist Public Market.
- The selected artist will be notified by [Insert Notification Date].

Timeline:

- Submission Deadline: **October 3, 2025 at 12pm PT**
- Selection notification: Week of November 3, 2025
- Mural completion:

How to Apply:

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