



CALL FOR CHOCTAW ARTISTS

TVSHKA HOMMA CAPITOL GROUNDS

Choctaw Nation is actively seeking experienced sculptors to create up to three busts of historic tribal figures to be installed at the Choctaw Capitol Grounds at Tvshka Homma. Experienced sculptors are invited to submit application forms along with images of their work. Artists will be carefully selected based on past work and connection to the overall goal of this Choctaw Nation Public Arts project. Additional information pertaining to this project will be distributed upon artist selection.

CHOCTAW NATION RESERVATION:

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is the largest of the three federally recognized bands of Choctaws. It is the third-largest federally recognized tribe in the United States. In August 2020, the Supreme Court ruled in *McGirt v. Oklahoma* that the federal government never officially dissolved the Muskogee Creek reservation. This decision extends to the Choctaw Nation as well. The Choctaw Nation's reservation covers nearly 11,000 square miles in Southeastern Oklahoma. The region's topography includes the Kiamichi mountains, prairies, cypress swamps, rivers, and woodlands. Fishing, hunting, and camping are popular activities, especially in the eastern part of the reservation. It is a place rich in natural resources and home to people of deep faith, strong ties to family and a resilient cultural heritage. The Choctaw Nation Tribal Headquarters building is in Durant, but the capital of the Choctaw Nation is in Tuskahoma. The Tvshka Homma capitol building now houses the Capitol Museum, and the grounds host thousands of people at the Labor Day Festival each year. The Tribal Council also holds monthly meetings at its capitol. The Tribal Council comprises one representative from the Nation's 12 districts. Both the executive and judicial branches of the Choctaw Nation's government operate in Durant near its headquarters. The tribal nations of Oklahoma were responsible for an incredible economic impact of more than \$15 billion in 2019 alone. The Tribe employs over 12,000 people and operates several businesses, including three casino resorts, multiple casinos, travel plazas, and restaurants. In addition, the Nation owns and operates health, manufacturing, and recycling facilities.

ELIGIBILITY:

This invitational call is open to Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma registered artists, tribal members or Choctaw CDIB holders.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A panel will oversee the selection process directly from submissions sent in. The artists whose works are selected will be notified after the application deadline of September 30, 2024. The artists will be selected based on quality of previous works. This project will contribute to existing sculptural busts displayed at Tvshka Homma capitol grounds. Submissions demonstrating previous sculptural work are appreciated.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Choctaw artists are invited through an open call to submit ambitious work that embodies the requirements listed. A completed application form, along with images of work, is required. Links to websites are also welcome.



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DEADLINE | ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, AT 5:00 PM CST.

Artist materials can be sent the following ways:

- ◆ Emailed to: Public Arts Manager Claire Green Young (PublicArts@choctawnation.com)
- ◆ Mailed to:

Choctaw Nation Public Arts Department Attn: Claire Green Young
1802 Chukka Hina
Durant, OK 74701

Postmarks are acceptable as proof of meeting deadline.

First Name (Required)

Last Name (Required)

Address (Required)

City (Required)

State (Required)

Zip Code (Required)

Email (Required)

Phone (Required)

Artist Statement Please include information such as your name, preferred medium to create work in, your reason and motivation for making art, your intended message behind your artwork, and any awards, exhibitions, or other accomplishments you would like to share. If you have an existing artist statement, feel free to utilize it within this section. (100-250 words)

Open to licensing? (Required)

- YES
 NO

Open to commissions? (Required)

- YES
 NO

Submission Checklist (Required)

By checking off each box, you acknowledge that the corresponding material has been included in your application and will be emailed to Choctaw Nation Public Arts (PublicArts@choctawnation.com) or will be physically mailed by September 30, 2024, at 5 p.m. CST.

- Photos/images of work
 Completed application form

Member Status

- I confirm that I am a Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma tribal member or Choctaw CDIB.



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