



CALL FOR CHOCTAW ARTISTS

MCALESTER CLINIC EXPANSION AND REMODEL

The Choctaw Nation is actively seeking Choctaw artists working in all styles and media, including paintings on paper and canvas, murals, drawings and photography for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma McAlester Clinic expansion and remodel. Artwork will be carefully selected for its significance and connection to the vision of the project. We are seeking artwork that portrays nature, natural themes, landscapes, animals and other related subject matters. Artwork created with natural materials is also welcome. Artwork with calming imagery or an abstract feel is encouraged. High-quality works with similar or complementary themes are appreciated, but diversification is welcome. The vision for the McAlester Clinic expansion is to curate a collection of Choctaw-driven artwork that reflects these themes.

CHOCTAW NATION RESERVATION:

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is the largest of the three federally recognized bands of Choctaws and 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, a decision that 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 located in Durant, but the capital of the Choctaw Nation is in Tuskahoma. The Tuskahoma Capitol building now houses the Tuskahoma Capitol Museum, and the grounds host thousands of people at the annual Labor Day Festival each year. The Tribal Council also holds monthly meetings at Tuskahoma. The Tribal Council is made up of one representative from each of the Nation's 12 districts. Both the executive and judicial branches of the Choctaw Nation's government operate in Durant near HQ. 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 and multiple casinos, travel plazas and restaurants. In addition, the Nation owns and operates health, manufacturing and recycling facilities.



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ELIGIBILITY:

This invitational call is open to Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma tribal members or Choctaw CDIB. It is also open to registered and non-registered Choctaw artists. Artists are to apply with available works for acquisition and confirm if they are open to commissions and licensing of their work.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A panel will oversee the selection process directly from submissions. The artists whose works are selected will be notified by December 2024. If an artwork is selected for purchase, the artist must hold it until it's procured

- ◆ Artistic merit
- ◆ Appropriateness for public setting
- ◆ Consideration of project theme

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Choctaw artists are invited through an open call to submit ambitious work that embodies the requirements listed.

- ◆ Completed application form
- ◆ Images of work (Please submit images of work via email to PublicArts@choctawnation.com).
- ◆ Links to websites are also welcome.

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

Artist materials can be sent in one of the following ways:

- ◆ E-mailed to Public Arts, 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 the deadline.



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First Name *(Required)*

Last Name *(Required)*

Address Line 1 *(Required)*

Address Line 2 *(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 link shared above, will be emailed to Choctaw Nation Public Arts (PublicArts@choctawnation.com) or will be physically mailed by September 30, 2024, at 5 p.m. CT.

- 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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