

THE MARCUM

A P A R T M E N T S



A Call to Artists

An RFP from the City of Sculpture and The Marcum Apartments

Summary

The City of Sculpture and CMC Properties are seeking proposals to create a new sculpture to be placed at downtown Hamilton's newest mixed-use development, *The Marcum Apartments*. Proposals are due by September 15th and the selected artist must be able to fabricate and install the sculpture before the apartment complex's slated grand opening in June of 2018. While there are no strict provisions on the subject matter, size, or materials used, the selection committee currently has a vision in mind for the piece that will be detailed later in this document.

Location

The proposed sculpture will be located at South entryway to the Marcum Apartments, **at the corner of Market and Riverfront Plaza.** This area **is the primary access point to** the property **and** will be **just outside** the primary tenant parking area as shown below. Located at the corner of Front Street and Market Street, the sculpture will have high visibility from traffic to and from ***The Marcum Apartments***, the new Marcum Park, RiversEdge, Municipal Brew Works, and the Courtyard by Marriott. The space currently allocated for this work is roughly the size of two standard parking spots (approximately 18'X18').



Budget

All proposals must include a budget detailing the cost of fabrication or purchase price of the piece, any artists' fees or travel expenses, shipping and handling expenses, and an estimate for the cost of installation. While there is no set budget for this project, the overall cost of the piece will be a factor considered in the selection process. City of Sculpture is happy to assist with any **logistic** questions regarding installation.

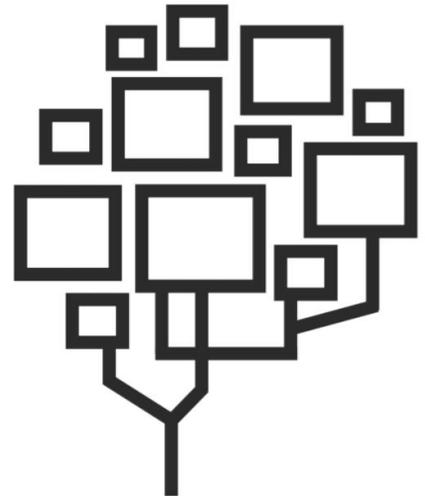
Vision of the Selection Committee

NOTE: Existing sculpture will be considered - If you think a piece in your collection fits well in this location please submit it. Artists may submit more than one concept or existing work but no more than 3 total concepts. Artists must submit a budget proposal for each concept they choose to submit.

The vision for this piece is representational of the progress our community has made. The Marcum represents the first new **ground-up** housing investment in the urban fabric of Hamilton, OH in decades. Often times CMC Properties' **President** Jim Cohen has stated that their choice to develop here was based in part on the significant investment 'Old Hamilton' made in architecture and infrastructure in the community in the late 1800s and early 1900s. These "good bones" mixed with the recent revitalization efforts have spurred on a new generation of investors who have led the charge in rebuilding the community.

The Marcum Apartments represents the crux of viable private sector redevelopment - the moment when local efforts matched with private philanthropy and the passion of the community has made Hamilton once again a good choice to build and invest in. This project is the bullish signal that our community, which had faced multiple generations of decline, is on its way back.

This development is a tangible and real indication of rebirth in the community and as such is worthwhile of commemoration. For that reason the committee would like to see proposals which re-envision the tree logo of the Marcum Apartments in a literal or abstract manner as moved by the artist. **An artistic incorporation of historic artifacts from the City of Hamilton's industrial past would be favorably received but is by no means necessary.**



Timeline and Submission Requirements

September 15, 2017	Proposals must be received by 5:00pm on September 15th.
October 12, 2017	Artists will be notified of the results of the selection process.
October 26, 2017	
- March 30, 2018	Fabrication of piece by Artist
April 2, 2018	
- May 11, 2018	Delivery of piece by Artist to City of Sculpture
May 18, 2018	
- June 1, 2018	Installation coordinated by City of Sculpture

Submissions should include:

- An artist statement covering:
 - The general description of the proposed piece including fabrication materials and dimensions of final product
 - Any long term care and installation requirements that should be considered
 - Details on the artist's credentials including any links to any online portfolios of work
- The budget of the proposed piece.
- Sketches or rendering of the proposed piece from more than one viewpoint (photos if submitting an existing work for consideration)
- Artist's CV is preferred

All questions and submissions should be sent to taylor@cdalliance.net

Selection Criteria

- Artist's Background and prior works
- Overall appeal of proposed sculpture to the selection committee
- Total project cost
- Anticipated longevity of the final piece

About the City of Sculpture

On August 16, 2000, Ohio's governor declared and formally recognized Hamilton, Ohio as "The City of Sculpture." This sparked a vision for a group of community members who officially formed Hamilton, Ohio City of Sculpture, Inc. a 503c organization. Since that watershed event, a full Board of Trustees has been established and many new sculptures have been installed in public spaces around Hamilton. Today the City of Sculpture is responsible for more than 50 public sculptures around the community and has hosted a number of temporary installations, fundraisers, and other programs furthering the arts in our community.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Hamilton, Ohio City of Sculpture is to promote the recognition of Hamilton as a cultural community through obtaining sculptures to be placed in public spaces for the enjoyment of citizens and visitors.

About the Marcum Apartments

The Marcum is **an entire city block, under construction**, in Downtown Hamilton, Ohio. These luxury apartment homes **and retail shops** are across the street from Marcum Park, next to the YMCA, overlooking the Great Miami River, and one block from historic High and Main Streets.

Why Hamilton: Hamilton is experiencing a downtown resurgence much like many other older, classic American downtowns. You could not ask for more beautiful architecture, more abundant natural beauty, or more varied cultural activities.