
Box! Box!

A Public Art Project for Muncie's Traffic Control Boxes

Call for Participation

Summer 2019 - Application Deadline: Friday, July 27th 2019



Box! Box! is a program of the Muncie Arts and Culture Council in partnership with the City of Muncie that places public art on traffic signal control boxes to develop attractive, vibrant places that reflect the culture of the area and engage the community with the public environment. More information at www.munciearts.org/boxbox

Project Overview

Across the United States, communities are using traffic signal control boxes to develop attractive, vibrant places that reflect the culture of the area and engage the community with the public environment. In 2018, Muncie Arts & Culture Council partnered with the City of Muncie and Mayor Dennis Tyler to launch this exciting and popular movement in our fair city with Box! Box! - a public art project for Muncie's traffic control boxes. It is our hope to encourage bold designs and promote community engagement with a streamlined process that artists and groups can easily navigate from application to completion.

We are looking for eye-catching, exciting, and unique designs to make this project successful! MACC will provide a modest artist and supply stipend, install vinyl information about each project, and complete both the priming and final anti-graffiti clear coat for each of the completed project locations. Following the launch of the pilot program in 2018, we hope to close out 2019 with 24 boxes throughout the city festooned with amazing art by local artists!

Eligibility

- Participation is open to all artists residing in Delaware County, Indiana that are at least 18 years of age. Student groups may apply with a sponsor that meets the age requirement of eligibility.
 - All entries must be the original design and artwork of the entrant and must be suitable for viewing by all ages. Artists will be required to certify that all work submitted is original and developed by the submitting artist.
 - The scope of this project is limited to two-dimensional works and NO three-dimensional concepts will be considered.
 - Entries must not defame or invade the rights of any person, living or deceased.
 - Entries must be appropriate for all ages.
 - Offensive and/or commercial advertisements are strictly prohibited.
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Application Requirements

In order to be considered for participation in Box! Box!, all submissions must contain the following:

- Signed and completed application form.
- Design template with a rendering of the proposal.
- A Project Statement (500 words maximum) that describes why the artist is interested in painting a traffic signal control box and how the artist believes the art will beautify the surrounding area. If a location is requested for specific reasons, please identify those as well.
- An artist statement or biography with previous experience.
- Minimum of three work samples related to the proposed Box!Box! design.

The submission deadline for the Summer 2019 season is Friday, July 26. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered. Application materials will not be returned.

Deliver or mail applications and all required submission materials to:

Muncie Arts & Culture Council
Attn: Box! Box!
608 E Main St.
Muncie, IN 47305

Or email applications and all required submission materials **as a single PDF** to info@munciearts.org using the subject line "Box! Box! Application - (Applicants Name)".

Artist Selection Process

Box! Box! applications for Summer 2019 projects will be accepted on a rolling basis until Friday, July 26. The selection committee includes MACC board members as well as neighborhood representatives and area stakeholders when appropriate. Applications will be evaluated on the following selection criteria:

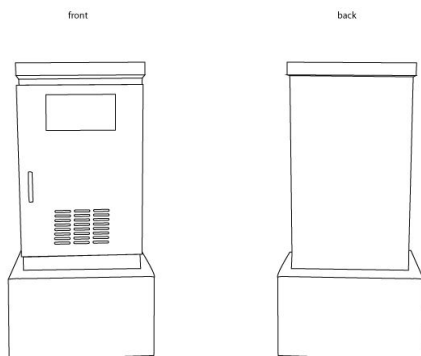
- Originality
- Composition
- Artistic Merit
- Artist's Experience
- Artwork that attracts attention from a distance

Site Specifications

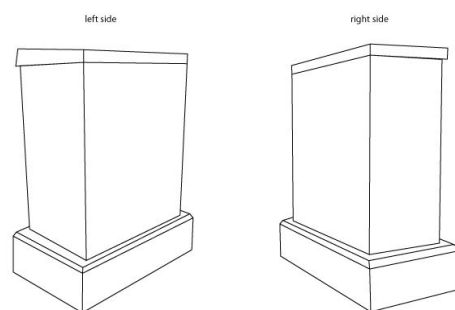
A design template sample for each type of control box is provided to assist in the visualization and planning of the proposal. A design template must be submitted as part of the full application.

- [Small Box Design Template PDF](#)
- [Large Box Design Template PDF](#)

SMALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL BOX



LARGE TRAFFIC SIGNAL BOX



We encourage artists to visit these locations to assess the needs specific to each location. Take note of parking, distance to restroom facilities, and any environmental conditions like sun/shade that might present a challenge.

Locations

Traffic boxes in up to twelve locations will be painted as part of the 2019 season. Applicants are encouraged to consider locations relevant to them - near where they live, where they work, or where they play! Please indicate your top three (3) location preferences on the application form.

Project Timeline for Selected Applications

- Artist notifications will be sent via email within two weeks of the application submission.
- A contract will be required for all selected projects.
- Artists painting small boxes will receive \$175 stipend for participation. Artists painting large boxes will receive a \$250 stipend for participation. Stipends are paid upon completion of the selected proposal.
- Artists will also receive a supply stipend of \$100 for large boxes and \$75 for small boxes via a gift certificate for paint and other necessary supplies available at Art Mart. This stipend can only be used for the approved materials. Any surplus of the stipend will go back into the project.
- Locations must be ready for installation of the wayfinding ribbon and application of final anti-graffiti top-coat by within one month following approval of application. The Summer 2019 season deadline for completion of all projects is October 30th, 2019.

Worksite Specifications and Safety Procedures

Each artist will be given instructions to maximize safety for themselves and the general public while painting on-site. It is the responsibility of the artist to comply with recommended safety protocols.

Health and Safety Requirements

MACC will provide:

- Pedestrian signs (where needed)
- Safety vests (must be worn at all times when on-site)
- Safety cones (where needed)

Safety while on-site:

- The artist is NOT, under any circumstances, allowed to stand in the gutter or roadway while engaged in this project.
- Do not block sidewalks, crosswalks or traffic lanes while painting your signal box.
- Use traffic cones and/or caution tape to block off your working area.

On-site requirements:

- Cover the space surrounding your work area with a drop cloth.
- Use a protective face mask to screen out fumes and consider using eye protection.
- Use low-tack masking tape to mask off areas that must remain unpainted.
- Do not block or cover vents, keyholes, or light sensors. These are necessary to make the signal control box work as intended.
- If using aerosol techniques, do not direct paint upward around the vent area. Avoid paint entering the box and damaging the sensitive electronics inside the traffic box.
- Allow paint to dry thoroughly between coats or layers unless you are blending wet-on-wet as an effect.
- Clean up spills while paint is still wet and easy to remove. This will save power-washing of spilled paint after it has dried. Artists are liable for any citations from the City.
- Do not dump excess paint, paint residue or paint-water into the city sewer system or into the grass or soil around the box. Remove your paint waste and dispose of properly. For more information, visit <https://www.munciesanitary.org/household-hazardous-waste> or contact East Central Recycling by phone at 765-282-1900
- We encourage participants to donate any left-over paint and supplies back to MACC to help reduce costs for the next group of participants.