



# CALL TO ARTISTS

## **ZeitBike 2010: Kinetic Interventions**

**Budget: \$1,000 per commissioned piece**

**Deadline: March 19, 2010**

In recognition of National Bike Month, The City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Art Museum invite artists and/or artist teams from Pierce and Thurston Counties to submit proposals for the creation of a piece of temporary artwork for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Zeit-Bike exhibit at the Tacoma Art Museum.

### **Art Opportunity**

The 2010 Zeit-Bike competition is seeking 3 artists or artist teams to create kinetic sculptures that reference bicycles either in form, materials, or essence. The sculptures must be functional enough to be ridden and human powered.

The kinetic bike sculptures will be exhibited on the upper mezzanine at the Tacoma Art Museum from May 18 – May 21, 2010. A longer temporary installation location will be sought in conjunction with the Temporary Contemporary Tacoma exhibition series (see Background section for more information.)

Finished sculptures must be completed and delivered to the Tacoma Art Museum by noon on May 17, 2010.

Selected artists must be available on Third Thursday, May 20, 2010 to demonstrate to the public how their kinetic bike sculptures operate. Demonstrations will take place on the outdoor plaza of the Museum. Pieces must be powered by artist or another person(s) with oversight by the artist.

**Scale:** All work must be able to fit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor mezzanine of the Tacoma Art Museum. In order to allow for a 3' wide area of passage, sculptures must fit within an 8' deep space. Ceilings are 10' tall.

### **Background**

Zeit-Bike 2010: Kinetic Interventions is a special project that kicks off the Temporary Contemporary Tacoma exhibition series. This project will showcase a series of site-specific temporary art installation exhibits in downtown Tacoma. Calls for artists for this program will be available in spring 2010.

## Eligibility

Applicant(s) must live and/or work in Pierce or Thurston County.

Applicant(s) can apply as a single artist or as an artist team.

Applicant(s) cannot be a member of the Tacoma Arts Commission or an employee of the City of Tacoma.

## Selection Criteria

Artistic quality as exemplified in past work

Reference to or use of biking or bike components in the proposed piece

Creativity of the proposal

Kinetic nature of the proposed piece

Feasibility of the proposal

## Submission Process

**PART I:** Prepare and submit the following:

- **ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM**

- Go to: <http://www.tacomaculture.org/arts/Esubmit.asp> where you will find a link to an online form. This form will request your basic contact information. If applying as a team, please appoint one person from the team to fill out the form for the entire team (form will ask for names of all artists on team.)

**PART II:** Prepare and submit the following items to [tacoma.submissions@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:tacoma.submissions@cityoftacoma.org) with the words “Zeitbike\_Your Last Name” in the subject line. You may need to email files in several batches.

- **PROPOSAL** (one page or less) including:

- A general idea of what you would like to do
- Can be a sketch and/or narrative

- **WORK SAMPLE** – if available, work samples should include a maximum of 3 past kinetic works

- 10 digital images of the artist’s past work

- Submit only “High” quality JPEG files (do not use GIF, TIFF, or other formats.)

- *Image Size*

- Images must be at least 72 ppi resolution
- Images smaller than 600 pixels per side are not recommended

- *File Size*

- Files must be less than 5 MB each

- *File Labeling*

- Files must be titled with a number indicating the viewing order, followed by the applicant’s name. The numbers must correspond to image descriptions as listed on the Work Sample Description Sheet. Use a “0” in front of single digit numbers and use only letters, numbers, and underscores. For example: 01\_Smith.jpg; 02\_Smith.jpg.
- If using Mac OS 8 or later, be sure to include a “.jpg” extension at the end of each image title.

- Do not embed the images into PowerPoint or submit moving image or audio files.
- Artists applying as a team who have no examples of joint work in the past may submit 10 images of each artist's work.
- **AND/OR One DVD of the artist's past work**
  - Please submit the portion of the work that you want the panel to view. If the DVD contains several pieces, please indicate which 'chapter' you want to be viewed. The panel will view a minimum of 1 minute and a maximum of 3 minutes of each video.
  - DVD discs can be mailed to: Naomi Strom-Avila, Zeit-Bike 2010, 747 Market Street, Room 900, Tacoma, WA 98402
- **AND/OR Up to three Online Videos of the artist's past work**
  - Please provide the exact web address(es) where the online videos can be viewed. The panel will view a minimum of 1 minute and a maximum of 3 minutes of each video.
- **WORK SAMPLE DESCRIPTION SHEET** (one page or less) including:
  - Applicant's name (upper right corner)
  - Numbered order in which the images and/or videos are to be viewed
  - Title of each the work represented in the image or activity depicted
  - Media & dimensions (H x W x D"), if applicable, or description of activity
  - If work is presented as part of a collaboration, explain your role in the larger project
- **RESUME**
  - Resume should not exceed 3 pages
  - If submitting as a team, a current resume should be submitted for each team member
  - Name your resume file with your last name like this: "Smith Resume"

## Timeline

March 19, 2010	Deadline for submissions
Week of March 22, 2010	Review of submissions and selection of artists
May 17, 2010	Delivery of completed sculpture to Tacoma Art Museum
May 18 – 21, 2010	Display of sculptures at Tacoma Art Museum
May 20, 2010	Artist participation in Third Thursday public demonstration

## Help

For questions regarding the Zeit-Bike competition, contact Diane Wiatr at [dwiatr@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:dwiatr@cityoftacoma.org) or 253.591.5380

For questions regarding the submission of materials, contact Naomi Strom-Avila at [nstrom-avila@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:nstrom-avila@cityoftacoma.org) or 253.591.5191

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