



The Junior League of Buffalo, in partnership with the Burchfield Penney Art Center at SUNY Buffalo State, are excited to announce a call for proposals for a sculpture in recognition of the one-hundredth anniversary of the Junior League of Buffalo. The selected public artwork will be sited on the grounds of the Burchfield Penney Art Center as a part of the museum collection.

Background

Founded in 1919, the Junior League of Buffalo (JLB) reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to voluntarism. It is one of 291 Junior Leagues in four countries comprising the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. Junior League of Buffalo members will observe the 100th anniversary in the 2018–2019 League year by celebrating the remarkable impact the organization has made in Western New York through the development of women as leaders and support to the community.

The proposed initiative will demonstrate to women and girls in the Western New York (WNY) community that they have the capacity to achieve. The statue will help to clarify our actions, our accomplishments, and hopes for the future. The statue will capture our memory, the long history of women's impact in our community and long-term potential. Women and girls in our community will continue to lead and create positive lasting change in the region.

The Burchfield Penney Art Center is a museum dedicated to the art and artists of Western New York. It is located at 1300 Elmwood Avenue, situated in a neighborhood of modern and classic architecture. The museum, designed by Gwathmey Siegel and Associates Architects, presents a counterpoint to the surrounding architecture while continuing the story of architectural development into the 21st century. The Center was the first “green” art museum in New York State when it opened in 2008. The significant location of the Burchfield Penney and the site for the selected artwork is enhanced by their proximity to Buffalo State College, the Albright Knox Art Gallery, and is part of Buffalo's Olmsted Park System. This is a visible, high-traffic location.

Theme

The artwork must be of substantial size and presence and may be a work of various media. The purpose is to be a symbol celebrating the important centennial of, “an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.”

The sculpture will capture the essence of the power of women and allow all to experience it. The artwork will be installed on the grounds of the Burchfield Penney. This will allow visitors to the Center and members of the WNY community to take in the image and its message. As *Fearless Girl* in New York City demonstrated, the statue will provide an opportunity for discourse around

the contributions of women in our community. In addition, it will afford our community an educational opportunity, as the JLB will work with *Explore Buffalo* to highlight this structure in their Leading Ladies of Buffalo Tour. This tour celebrates the critical role that women have played in shaping the Buffalo community since the City's earliest days.

Requirements

Durable in outdoor climate conditions
Ensure public safety given the high pedestrian traffic areas in the immediate vicinity.

The Competition

The competition will be held in two phases. Artists will be expected to submit qualifications, sketches, and a selection of images of their past artistic activities. Semi-finalists will be selected to present in phase II.

Eligibility

Artist(s) must be women and have demonstrated ties having lived or worked in Western New York. If it is a collaboration the lead artist must be a woman.

Selection Committee

A committee representing the Junior League of Buffalo, the Burchfield Penney Art Center, the Western New York Community, and Buffalo State College will review all submissions for the competition and will make recommendations.

Purchase Awards/Honoraria

The competition will result in an award of up to **\$100,000** for artist fees, design, fabrication and installation of the artwork.

Selection Process/Entry Guidelines

Phase I:

- 1) Resume including applicant's relationship to Western New York
- 2) Up to 8 digital images (TIFF or jpeg) of artworks that communicate the quality and characteristics of the sculpture if commissioned. (These images can include past work as reference.)
- 3) Sketches indicating the general characteristics of the possible commissioned artwork.
- 4) A maximum of two pages of text describing the intent, characteristics, material, scale.
- 5) A preliminary budget outlining estimated fabrication and design costs, artist fee, shipping and installation and self-insurance costs.
- 6) **DUE DATE DECEMBER 1, 2018.**
- 7) For more information and to apply visit the Burchfield Penney website at:
<https://burchfieldpenney.slideroom.com/#/permalink/program/46078>

[NO maquettes or models will be considered in this phase.]

Phase II

Two selected artists will receive a stipend of \$1,500 to complete the phase II application process. All submissions will be retained by the Junior League of Buffalo. For phase II the artist will submit:

- 1) Up to two maquettes that may be contained in 2' x 2' x 2' display cases.
- 2) A maximum of three additional drawings.
- 3) Detailed budget including estimated fabrication and design costs, artist fee, shipping, installation, and self-insurance costs.
- 4) A production schedule including installation time.
- 5) Statement of intention that should the artwork be selected and paid for, that copyright will be transferred to the Junior League of Buffalo and the Burchfield Penney Art Center.
- 6) **DUE DATE JANUARY 15, 2019.**

Time Line

- a. October 19, 2018 Distribute RFP
- b. December 1, 2018 Proposals due
- c. December 10, 2018 Finalists announced
- d. February 1, 2019 Final proposals due
- e. March 10, 2019 Finalist Notified
- f. March 30, 2019 Announce finalist at the JLB Centennial Gala
- g. Fall 2019 – Sculpture installed at the Burchfield Penney

*If no acceptable submission is identified, we reserve the right to re-open the commission.

For any questions regarding the sculpture please contact Scott Propeack, interim director, Burchfield Penney Art Center at propeasf@buffalostate.edu or Rachel Stenclik, Junior League of Buffalo, at rcstenclik@me.com.