



**ARTS COUNCIL**  
WOOD BUFFALO

## **The *Art* of Conversation Series**

(Seniors, Elders & The Arts)

### **CALL FOR ARTISTS**

#### **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

“The Art of Conversation” is a collaborative project by Arts Council Wood Buffalo and St. Aidan’s Society for artists, seniors and Elders in the Wood Buffalo community. Arts Council will commission artists of various disciplines in the local community to engage in phone conversations with Wood Buffalo’s isolated seniors and Elders. The artists, seniors and Elders will then create new art inspired by the stories that are shared. (Optionally, the senior or Elder may create and share an art piece, as well). The phone call and artists’ creation process will be documented to be shared through Arts Council communications, and the artist’s completed art piece (e.g. song, short story, paintings, craft, animation) will be shared with the senior or Elder with whom the piece was created.

#### **ABOUT THE COMMISSION**

- Artists will self-lead phone conversations with seniors or Elders in the community
- Artists will self-document the conversations and art creation process (using a process that is agreed upon with ACWB), and send them to ACWB.
- Artists will then create a new piece of art with the goal of it being shared with the seniors or Elders digitally (and potentially in person, once the quarantine is over).
- The artwork may be photographed, and/or used in advertising and promotions. The original artwork becomes property of ACWB.

#### **ELIGIBILITIES**

- Artists must be Wood Buffalo residents for the duration of the project.
- Artists must be able to document the phone calls and art creation process.

#### **WORK MEDIA**

Arts Council Wood Buffalo has placed no limits on the type of media accepted for this artist call. We encourage local artists to think outside the box, and let us know how they envision the artform of their preference complementing the project.

These may include, but are not limited to:

- Original Music/Song Compositions
- Video & Interactive Art
- Short stories or poems
- 2D or 3D artwork / fine craft
- Comics
- Digital artists



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### **FEE**

All inclusive fee of \$400 per commission, (including GST) covering all prep-time, conversations, creation of artwork, materials and supplies.

### **SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

ACWB will begin hiring artists based on accepted applications starting April 30, 2020, until all opportunities are filled.

### **FINISHED ART PIECES**

Completed art pieces and recorded videos need to be delivered to ACWB **within 8 weeks** from the first conversation between the Senior or Elder and Artist. This may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

### **TO SUBMIT**

Email your submissions to Programs Manager Luay Eljamal at [luay@artscouncilwb.ca](mailto:luay@artscouncilwb.ca), with the following information:

1. Your Name and Contact Phone Number
2. Description of your preferred art form and how you believe it will support the project (200 words max)
3. Description of how you will choose to present your artform, and how it will be shared with ACWB (e.g. a poem printed and framed; a song performed on video or a music file, etc.)
4. A List of Accomplishments or CV
5. Exactly three (3) digital samples of previous work

### **QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION**

For questions or more information, please contact Programs Manager Luay Eljamal at [luay@artscouncilwb.ca](mailto:luay@artscouncilwb.ca) or 587-674-1625 x.102