

Palm Springs Public Arts Commission

Beautiful Shade: January 2025

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Sky Blooms
Jessica Bell

Art painted flower blooms.
Bench seating is optional.
Auto painted steel
10' T x 8' W



Proposal for the City of Palm Springs Public Arts Commission

Title: *Sky Blooms*

Overview: *Sky Blooms* is a captivating and functional public art installation designed to enrich the cityscape of Palm Springs. This 10-foot-tall sculpture features a stunning array of flower blooms, carefully crafted from auto-painted steel to achieve rich, lifelike colors. With an 8-foot-wide canopy, *Sky Blooms* offers both visual appeal and practical utility, making it an ideal addition to the city's public spaces.

Artistic and Functional Description: The vibrant blooms of *Sky Blooms* are suspended high in the sky, creating a dynamic visual experience. The use of auto-painted steel allows for a wide range of colors, each petal meticulously detailed to mimic the natural variations found in real flowers. This attention to detail ensures that the sculpture not only stands out as a work of art but also blends harmoniously with the surrounding environment.

Incorporating shades of blue and purple commercial acrylic into the petals adds depth and dimension to the sculpture. As sunlight filters through these acrylic elements, a mesmerizing spectrum of colors is cast onto the ground below, creating a dynamic play of light and shadow. This not only enhances the aesthetic experience but also provides functional shade, offering residents and visitors a cool, inviting space to gather.

Optional Features: For added comfort and functionality, optional benches can be included beneath the structure. These seating areas provide a place for people to relax, socialize, and take in the beauty of *Sky Blooms*. The combination of art and utility reflects the mission of the City of Palm Springs' inaugural Beautiful Shade program, which seeks to integrate art into public spaces in a way that enhances the daily lives of its residents.

Alignment with the Beautiful Shade Program: *Sky Blooms* is designed to embody the spirit of Palm Springs, blending artistic expression with practical benefits. The sculpture not only provides shade during the hottest parts of the day but also transforms public spaces into vibrant, welcoming environments. By casting cool, colorful shadows on the ground, *Sky Blooms* encourages residents and visitors to engage with their surroundings in new and creative ways.

This proposal aligns perfectly with the goals of the Beautiful Shade program, which seeks to create shade through art, rather than purely architectural solutions. The integration of organic and non-organic elements, such as the auto-painted steel and commercial acrylic, adds to the overall impact of the piece, making it both beautiful and functional.

Conclusion: *Sky Blooms* is more than just a sculpture; it is an experience. By providing shade and visual delight, it enhances the public space, making it a place where people can gather, relax, and enjoy the beauty of Palm Springs. This piece will not only stand as a testament to the city's commitment to public art but also serve as a lasting contribution to the community.



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Installations | Commissions

2024

- Zilker Point, Public Sculpture (Austin TX)
- Route 66, Public Sculpture (Tulsa OK)
- Generations Park, Public Sculpture (Bedford TX)
- New Mexico Art in Public Places, Interior Installation (Deming NM)
- Rotating Public Art Exhibition, Growth & Rest (Arlington TX)
- Rotating Public Art Exhibition, Bond (Keller TX)
- Rotating Public Art Exhibition, Bond 2 (Cleveland, MS)

2023

- Emory Hospital, Public Sculpture (Atlanta GA)
- Eastern New Mexico University, Installation (Roswell NM)

2022

- Almi Fountain Place, Public Sculpture (Dallas TX)
- Octopus Energy, Commission (London UK)

2021

- Glossed Installation, Octopus Energy, Galleria Dallas (Dallas TX)

2020

- 300 Balloons Installation, The Headington Group, Joule Hotel (Dallas TX)
- Weavings, UTSW Medical Center (Dallas TX)

2016

- Deep Ellum Muralist (Dallas TX)

Press

2023

- Dallas Morning News, article "A Safe Place for All"
- Paper City Magazine, article "Queen of the Scene"

2022

- Glasstire.com, article "Top 5 Art Events"
- Glasstire.com, article "South Dallas Cultural Center announces 2022 Juanita J. Craft Residency Recipients"
- Metro Texas News, article "Juanita Craft Artist Residency"

2021

- Good Morning Texas, artist interview about "Glossed"
- CW33 Morning After, artist interview about "Glossed"
- VisitDallas.com, feature of installation "Glossed"
- Papercity.com, The Dallas Arts News You Need to Know This April
- Fox4 News, Video feature of installation "Glossed"

2020

- Glasstire.com, 101 Black Artist Living and Working in Texas
- Dallas Morning News, Joule Installation with Gossy & Headington Company
- D Magazine, Joule Installation with Gossy & Headington Company
- Art & Seek, Joule Installation with Gossy & Headington Company

2018

- D Magazine, Catching A Glimpse of Art in Dallas, Listed black female artist ready for breakout show

2017

-Truth Net Media, Artist Interview, Some Shades of Black

Awards | Grants | Residencies

2024

- Highland Hills Community Artist Residency, Dallas TX
- City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture, Community Arts Program Artist
- Grant-City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture, Sustainable Art Artist Residency

2023

- Public Art Roster for Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona
- Public Art Roster for the City of Sarasota Public Art Program
- Grant-City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture, Culture of Value, Rest
- Grant-City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture, Arts Activate Grant, Art Expression
- City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture, Community Arts Program Artist
- Grant-City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture, Summer Artist Residency

2022

- Ft Worth Public Art Prequalified List of Established Artist
- Juanita J. Craft Artist Residency
- Grant-City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture, Arts Activate Grant, Calm + Art

2021

- San Antonio Ethnic Art Society awards 2021 Art Grant
- Pricilla Art Club Emerging Black Woman Artist Award
- Red Bull Micro Artist Grant

2020

- City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture, Arts Activate Grant, Art Anywhere
- City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture, CPP- Special Support Grant

2018

- City of Dallas Office of Arts and Cultural, CPP - Special Support Grant, Dipped in Art
- City of Dallas Office of Arts and Cultural, CPP - Special Support Grant, Art for Everyone

2017

- City of Dallas Office of Arts and Cultural, CPP - Special Support Grant, Project Hope

Solo Exhibitions

2024

- Museum of the Southwest (Midland TX)

2023

- 9th st Studio, Growth (Wichita Falls TX)

2022

- Janette Kennedy Gallery, Undefined (Dallas TX)

2016

- Deep Ellum Vertical Life, Solo Exhibition (Dallas TX)

2013

- Equal=Grounds, Abstract Expressions (Rochester NY)

Group Exhibitions

2024

- New Sundermann Gallery, Arts Invitational (Dallas TX)
- W. O. W. - Women's Outstanding Works (Morristown NJ)
- Perspective 6 Gallery, "The Preview" Art Exhibition (Dallas TX)

2023

- Daisha Board Gallery (Dallas TX)

- Cold Soda, the basement (Dallas TX)
- McKinney Black History Month Art show and Exhibit (McKinney TX)

2022

- Latino Cultural Center, Art214 (Dallas TX)
- 500x (Dallas TX)

2021

- Janette Kennedy Gallery, Small Works (Dallas TX)

2019

- Latino Cultural Center, Art214 (Dallas TX)

2018

- Oak Cliff Cultural Center, Virgin de Guadalupe (Dallas TX)
- Carneal Simmons Contemporary Art, Complicit (Dallas TX)
- Janette Kennedy Gallery, #MelaninPoppin (Dallas TX)
- Vignette Art Fair (Dallas TX)
- Latino Cultural Center, Art214 (Dallas TX)
- Dwell with Dignity (Dallas TX)
- South Dallas Cultural Center, Affirmations (Dallas TX)
- Bath House Cultural Center, El Corazon (Dallas TX)

2017

- Janette Kennedy Gallery, Modern Day Prostitution (Dallas TX)
- Lillian Bradshaw Gallery, Some -Shades of Black (Dallas TX)
- New Sundermann Gallery, Exhibit Project Hope (Dallas TX)

2016

- Bath House Cultural Center, Loss a Series... Creating through Grief (Dallas TX)
- Featured Artist, Dayl Charity Ball 2016 (Dallas TX)
- Art Bazaar (Dallas, TX)
- Deep Ellum Vertical Life, Minority Artist (Dallas TX)

2015

- Deep Ellum Floatomic, Minority Artist (Dallas TX)
- Deep Ellum Genius Den, Women Artist (Dallas TX)

2012

- Black & White Interrupted (Rochester NY)
- Accentric (Buffalo NY)

2009

- Ontario County Cultural Center, Interpretation of Shoe Art (Canandaigua NY)

2007

- International Pan-American Exposition Banner Exhibit (Buffalo NY and Slovakia)

2003-2005

- Dolce Valvo Art Center, Design Show (Sandborn NY)
- Dolce Valvo Art Center, Honor Show (Sandborn NY)

Education

- C.S. 2017 Southern Methodist University - Graphic Design
- C.A.S. 2012 SUNY Fredonia - TESOL
- C.S. 2011 Universitas Castellae - Spanish
- M.S.Ed 2009 SUNY New Paltz - Art Education
- B.S. 2007 Buffalo State College - Art Education
- A.S. 2003 Niagara County Community College - Fine Arts

ATTACHMENT B: QUOTE/PRICING SCHEDULE

1. Quote your best price, including freight, for each item. All blanks in the Quote/Pricing Schedule **MUST** be completed. In case of a discrepancy between the Unit Price and the Total, the Unit Price shall be considered correct. Contractor will be required to meet the City's Insurance Requirements prior to executing the work.
2. In submitting this quote, the vendor certifies that the prices in this quote have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other vendor or competitor, for the purpose of restricting competition with regard to prices.
3. If shipping is required shipping shall be quoted FOB Destination, Freight Included.
4. **DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE:** 40% of contract amount will be disbursed upon contract execution, 40% of contract amount will be disbursed after all required permits have been issued and the artwork is fifty percent complete (to be verified with photographs), 20% of contract amount will be disbursed upon completion, installation, and acceptance by City).

DESCRIPTION	ITEM	QTY	UNIT PRICE	PRICE TOTAL
Materials	steel, acrylic, welding consumables			\$10,000
Fabrication	Art is LLC			\$15,000
Exterior Finishes	Auto painting			\$4,500
Transportation	Art is LLC			\$3,000
Installation	Art is LLC			\$5,500
Structural Engineer	Will need to hire one for that state.			\$3,000
Insurance	Farmers Insurance			\$1,500
Artist Fee	15%			\$7,500
Total				\$50,000