GO NORTH KC

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Call for Artists Announced for 20-Foot Inflatable Soccer Ball Public Art Installation

Five finalists to receive honoraria; selected artist awarded $2,000 contract for final full-surface design.

Go North KC is now accepting applications for a Call for Artists to design original artwork for a 20-foot diameter inflatable soccer ball that will be featured at community events and public gatherings in the region.

Bold in scale and designed to be experienced from every angle, the inflatable soccer ball will serve as a highly visible, photo-friendly centerpiece—inviting residents and visitors to engage with art in a fun, accessible format inspired by the global spirit of the game.

This project is an opportunity to spotlight creative talent and bring something truly eye-catching to our community events. We're excited to see artists' styles and ideas come to life on a unique three-dimensional canvas.

A Unique Surface for Large-Scale Artwork

The selected artist will create a full-surface design for the inflatable soccer ball. Like a traditional soccer ball, the piece is constructed from stitched pentagonal and hexagonal panels, allowing the classic soccer aesthetic to remain visible while still offering artists an expansive spherical surface to design. Artists may choose to reference the panel structure—or design as if the ball were a continuous, uninterrupted surface.

Two-Phase Selection Process & Artist Compensation

This Call for Artists will be conducted in two phases:

- Phase One (Initial Application): Artists submit references of existing work and a brief statement of interest. No original concept is required at this stage.
- Phase Two (Finalist Concepts): Five (5) finalists will be invited to create and submit design concepts for the inflatable soccer ball. Each finalist will receive a $100 honorarium.

From the finalists, **one artist** will be selected and awarded a **$2,000** contract to complete the final artwork for production.

How to Apply

Artists will be asked to submit:

- 3–5 examples of existing work
- A brief statement of interest
- A current résumé or artist bio

Full details, submission instructions, and the application link are available at:
https://gonorthkc.com/callforartists/

Submissions are due: January 4th, 2026 at 11:59pm

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