

GLOW Winter Lights

Call for Submissions

Application Deadline: May 3rd, 2018



*How do we sense things differently when they are illuminated by light?
How do we experience the characteristics of night at the limits of light's edges?
What different perceptions of our city do we hold in light and in darkness?
How does light shape our movements and experiences?
How does it make us use, navigate or gather together in urban spaces?*

GLOW Winter Lights invites Calgarians to consider how light interrupts, enters and shapes our understanding of urban contexts. It asks how we can reimagine spaces, our movement through them and interactions within them by experiencing the edges of light. At GLOW, memories and expectations of our downtown can be reformulated and made anew through artists' ideas and provocations about light.

GLOW Winter Lights will take place November 16 – 24th 2018 in downtown Calgary. Hub spaces will anchor the installations, and will have family programming, information stations, and other activities. Additional programming will take place with community partners throughout the downtown over the course of GLOW.

GLOW Winter Lights had its inaugural year in 2017. It brought over a dozen installations to the downtown core for thousands of Calgarians to enjoy and explore their city at night. As one of the only events of its kind in Calgary, GLOW brings new interactions and perspectives to the city's downtown public spaces by bringing art and design into our everyday experiences.

Click here to read about GLOW's 2017 event: calgarydowntown.com/glow

Artwork Considerations

GLOW Winter Lights invites submissions for temporary artwork that uses light. All mediums are welcome, including performance and durational works. At this stage, only concepts, and technical and material considerations are required. Shortlisted artists will be required to submit detailed fabrication (where applicable) and installation plans for final selection.

Proposals must consider the public context and the large audience that will be experiencing the work. Public safety and the longevity of the work given GLOW's ten day duration, are key considerations. The majority of work will be displayed outdoors in unprotected areas that may encounter snow, rain, chinooks, variable and sub-zero temperatures. Limited indoor, public locations may also be available, but planning for an outdoor location is advisable. Sites are not finalized at this time, but works will be centred around Stephen Avenue and immediate surrounding areas.

Installation & Budget

Artists should propose project concepts within a budgetary range of \$4000 - \$8000. The budget includes all artists' fees, materials, transportation, accommodation and fabrication (where required), etc. Artists create, install and deinstall their work, and will be provided with some installation and technical support from the technical team working directly with Downtown Calgary. Downtown Calgary will cover the costs associated with City permitting, engineering reviews, site security, and general event insurance. Artists will need their own liability insurance.

Timeline & Schedule

May 9th : Shortlisted artists notified

May 23rd : Shortlisted artists submit detailed plans

May 25th : Final artists selected and notified

End of May – Mid-June: Artists contracts finalized

Mid-June – August: Project development

September – October: Artists work with technical team for site and installation planning, and all logistical coordination

November 15th : Artists' installation

November 16th – 24th 2018: Event

November 15th : Artists' strike installations

Downtown Calgary reserves the right to adjust timelines and number of selected projects.

Submission Requirements

Proposals will be peer-reviewed and selected for artistic excellence, feasibility, and appropriateness of project concept. Artists will be required to sign a contract with Downtown Calgary.

Submissions must be sent via email to: glow@downtowncalgary.com

PDF or Word documents should be submitted as one full document rather than as separate files, and should be under 10 MB. Email subject line should read – *GLOW 2018 submission*. Email notification will be sent to confirm receipt of submission. If this is not received in 3 days, please contact at the email address provided below. Additional materials not requested will not be reviewed.

Submissions should include the following:

- A recent CV (max 2 pages)
- Project examples and previous work: up to 10 images that include information about commissioner, location, materials, date, and any other relevant project information. Links to video/moving image artworks and sound files are accepted if they can be opened on both MAC and PC
- Project concept and written description (max 1 page)
- Written material, technical and installation outline (max 2 pages). Be as specific and considered as possible given GLOW's particular location, context, audience and environmental conditions.

Questions & Information

Inquiries should be sent to glow@downtowncalgary.com

Projects and artists will be properly credited and acknowledged, and artists will retain their Intellectual Property rights. Downtown Calgary will use images of the projects, with proper accreditation, for non-commercial purposes to promote the artists, work and event.