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**City seeking artistic proposals for 2023 *Brightening Barriers* exhibition**

(Barrie, ON) – Following successful exhibitions in 2021 and 2022, the award-winning *Brightening Barriers* project will return for the 2023 summer season. The City of Barrie, along with the Barrie Public Art Committee, are inviting proposals from local and regionally based professional artists to participate.

The *Brightening Barriers* project pairs artists with downtown Barrie businesses to turn patio fencing from “barrier” to “canvas”. In 2023, the exhibition will feature six new commissioned works of art that will be on display from May 19 to September 29, 2023.

*Brightening Barriers* supports local and regional artists by featuring original works of art, creating an opportunity for a free and accessible cultural experience that draws both residents and visitors to the downtown.

Submissions will be accepted until 5 p.m. on March 13, 2023. Selected artists will be compensated for their work.

For additional details on submission eligibility and requirements, to apply and for more information on the exhibition, visit [Brightening Barriers](#) via [barrie.ca/PublicArt](http://barrie.ca/PublicArt).

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