



2023 Call for Submissions

Illuminate the Night Funded Projects

Budget: 5 opportunities @ \$2,000 each

DEADLINE: May 26th/23 BY 11:59 PM

Illuminate the Night is an open call that invites contemporary art submissions from artists and artist collectives residing in Manitoba to be exhibited at the 13th annual **Nuit Blanche Winnipeg** taking place from dusk until late on **Saturday, September 23rd, 2023**.

[Nuit Blanche Winnipeg](#) is a free evening exploration and celebration of contemporary art that kicks off Culture Days Manitoba's three weeks of events. For 2023 we are continuing with a one-night event for Nuit Blanche Winnipeg, with projects on display from 6 pm – midnight. Installations for our funded *Illuminate the Night* program will be set up in outdoor spaces in and adjacent to Winnipeg's Exchange District. Produced by [Culture Days Manitoba](#) in partnership with the [Winnipeg Arts Council](#), Nuit Blanche Winnipeg 2023's *Illuminate the Night* installations will encourage audiences to walk, roll, or bike by and engage with the pieces.

Artists are invited to submit new, pre-existing, or in-process projects which contemplate an exciting and engaging interpretation of the theme *Illuminate the Night* using **public interaction if possible, spectacle, and light/illumination**.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY

- You are an individual artist **or** you are submitting on behalf of an artists' collective.
- You currently reside in Manitoba.
- You agree to install your own work and attend to any matters concerning its continued functioning.
- You have a project that will work in an outdoor space in or close to the Exchange District. (Nuit Blanche Winnipeg staff will work with artists and venue managers to find the best location for each project selected.)
- You agree to allow images of you and your work to be used by and publicized as part of Nuit Blanche Winnipeg and Culture Days Manitoba.
- Incorporated organizations including galleries and artist-run centres are **NOT** eligible to submit.
- Applicants must accept the Nuit Blanche Winnipeg code of conduct in order submit their application

HOW TO SUBMIT

[Click here to access the online submission form.](#)

- Carefully review all sections of the online submission form before beginning. The form is a combination of fields that must be filled in online and images/audio/video you can upload. See "Required Application Materials" below.
- Attach up to eight supporting image attachments (jpeg files, 1MB each max).

- Attach up to two audio/video links (5 min max). If your audio/video submission is part of a longer file, indicate start and end times.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA & SELECTION

The Artistic Advisory Committee of Nuit Blanche Winnipeg will consider the following criteria and make recommendations for proposals to be featured through *Illuminate the Night* at Nuit Blanche Winnipeg 2022:

- Artistic merit of proposed project.
- Potential to enhance the programming and public experience of Nuit Blanche Winnipeg.
- Strength of supporting material and/or past projects.
- Feasibility of the project, given time, location, and budget restraints.
- Work is accessible to small groups of audiences as they view/interact with it outdoors.
- Proposals for new work will be considered, but pre-existing or in-process projects are encouraged due to budget restraints.
- All installations/exhibits must be in operation from 6pm to midnight on Saturday, September 24.
- A unique and engaging interpretation of the theme of “Illuminate the Night”. Projects that utilize audience interaction, light and/or illumination are preferred.

BUDGET

In 2023 a total of five projects will be funded with a \$2,000 contribution for each. Half of the honorarium will be paid once the project is chosen and an agreement is signed. The other half will be paid after the project is presented. Honorariums for *Illuminate the Night* are made possible through the operational funding of Culture Days Manitoba and are subject to receipt of said funding. Culture Days Manitoba reserves the right to award fewer projects based on the funding it receives to produce Nuit Blanche Winnipeg. If the \$2,000 honorarium is not enough to cover the cost of the project, applicants should indicate where the remainder of the funding will come from.

LOCATION

Illuminate the Night projects will combine with other NBW projects to create a pathway between the east and west sides of the Exchange District with Old Market Square as a hub. NBW encourages applicants to be creative while also considering the feasibility of their proposal prior to submission. Nuit Blanche Winnipeg staff will work with artists and venue managers to find the best fit for each project selected, but artists are encouraged to submit their own ideas regarding preferred location.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

In addition to answering all questions required in the online submission form, a complete submission includes the following:

- Project description (500 words max). A detailed physical description of the exhibit or event. Include program type, title of show, mediums, number of pieces, dimensions, optimal space and facilities requirements, technical requirements, necessary amount of time for install and dismantle, level of required technical and production support, etc. Include anything which will contribute to a clear and complete visualization of how the exhibit or event will be produced and be presented to the public.

- Detailed timeline including any advance preparation, installation details, and dismantle (500 words max).
- Artist bio(s).
- CVs for all artists.
- Project budget that includes all costs for the project *including fees for any artists involved*. If the \$2,000 honorarium is not enough to cover the cost of the project, applicants should indicate where the remainder of the funding will come from.
- Support materials (up to 8 digital images & 2 audio/video links; see online submission form for details).

NOTES

- Any costs over and above the honorarium are the responsibility of the artist/collective. Applicants requiring additional funds should demonstrate how they can carry out the project as proposed if such funds are not realized.
- Nuit Blanche Winnipeg will provide security around the projects in the Exchange District neighbourhood for the evening of September 23rd, 2023, but all other costs (including transportation, set up, insurance, etc.) must be covered by the artist(s).
- Alternative application formats (such as voice recordings, videos, telephone calls, etc.) may be arranged upon request (email projects@nuitblanchewinnipeg.ca or phone/text 204-942-8221).
- Projects must be free of charge; cover charges and entry fees are not permitted.
- The total audience for Nuit Blanche Winnipeg has been in the range of 30,000 people throughout the night in past years.
- Projects must be located the Exchange District. [See this 2019 map](#) for approximate locations.
- Late applications will not be accepted.
- By submitting an application, you agree that you have read and agree to all guidelines.
- Selected artists'/teams' information including bios, images, and event details will be included in Nuit Blanche Winnipeg promotional materials and distributed to media. Artists are expected to participate in press events and/or interviews.

NOTIFICATION

You will be notified of the jury's selections by email by June 22, 2022.

For more information or any questions, contact projects@nuitblanchewinnipeg.ca

Culture Days Manitoba recognizes the importance of equity and diversity in the presentation of Nuit Blanche Winnipeg. If you feel comfortable, we encourage you in your application to voluntarily self-declare if you identify as part of an underrepresented work equity group, including (but not limited to) women, persons with disabilities, Black, a Person of Colour, Indigenous, Métis or Inuit peoples, or in the LGBTQ2+ community.