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**Muni Art 2020 Call For Artists Open for Submissions**

*All Bay Area Artists Invited to Apply*

**San Francisco**—San Francisco Beautiful proudly announces that the call for artists to apply for Muni Art 2020 is open! This will be the fifth year that the contest will feature the work of local artists and poets on Muni buses throughout San Francisco. The five winning artists will have their newly created work presented along with five poems selected by the Poetry Society of America displayed on 100 Muni buses that will be transformed into rolling art galleries beginning in January 2020.

The theme this year, “**Hidden Gems in San Francisco**” is a collaboration with The Poetry Society of America (sponsors of Poetry in Motion®) who will pre-select five poems that each Muni artist will creatively interpret. The five winners will be chosen by an appointed jury and announced August 30, 2019.

In addition to the five poetry panels, each artist has three panels to freely use that reflect the 2020 theme for a total of eight original works. The finished work will line both interior display sides of the buses. Readings by the poets at local libraries are scheduled for Spring 2020.

“It is always so thrilling to see the proposals each year,” said Darcy Brown, executive director of San Francisco Beautiful. “This project is such an important addition to the local arts scene because it highlights the amazing talented artists and poets we have in San Francisco and introduces them to over 100,000 Muni riders every day for four months. What artist doesn’t dream of an opportunity like that?”

In addition to each artist having 20 Muni buses to use as a canvas, each artist will be awarded \$1,000 at a press conference held on the steps of City Hall in January. The artists have until **Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** to submit their proposals.

For details on sponsorship opportunities, please contact Darcy Brown at [darcy@sfbeautiful.org](mailto:darcy@sfbeautiful.org), 415-307-7707.

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