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ANNOUNCING TWO ARTS CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS: POET LAUREATE AND TINY LIBRARIES ON STATE STREET

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture, in partnership with the city of Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara Public Library, is pleased to announce two Calls for Submission that celebrate Santa Barbara’s unique creative spirit and literary heritage.

2019 Poet Laureate Search

The city of Santa Barbara is seeking nominations or applications for the position of Santa Barbara Poet Laureate. The person selected shall seek to advance awareness of and appreciation for poetry, spoken word, and the literary arts within the greater community. As both a local resident and a distinguished poet, the Poet Laureate shall represent and celebrate the diversity and history of the area. The Santa Barbara Public Library serves as the office of the Poet Laureate and a major partner in the stewardship of the program.

The city’s Poet Laureate is an honorary position established in 2005. The individual selected will serve a two-year term commencing in April 2019 for which they will receive a \$3,000 stipend. As a spokesperson for the city’s literary community, the Poet Laureate shall endeavor to promote the artistic achievements of the city and actively participate in ceremonial, educational and cultural activities in the community at various times throughout their term of service.

Applications and nominations will be accepted online at www.sbac.ca.gov until Monday, March 5.

Call for Proposals for Tiny Libraries

The city of Santa Barbara has partnered with the Santa Barbara Office of Arts and Culture, Santa Barbara Public Library, Santa Barbara Beautiful, and Downtown Santa Barbara to commission and install public art “tiny libraries” along the State Street Corridor from June through September 2019.

The cohort is seeking proposals for a single commission for the design and fabrication of six “libraries” along State Street. The books in the libraries will be free for the public to take and keep or return. Community members may also leave books in the libraries to donate to other readers. As a primary partner of this project, the Santa Barbara Public Library will help stock the tiny libraries with books and contribute corresponding programming on the State Street Corridor, such as pop-up readings and book talks.

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Jessica Cadiente, Director of the Santa Barbara Public Library, expressed excitement for the project, saying, “The Library team excels at taking library programs into the community and we are thrilled to host pop-up library programming at the Tiny Libraries on State Street. Talking about books and celebrating the joys of reading is what the library does best.”

This opportunity is open to artists and designers from various disciplines living or working in Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties. There is no entry fee. Artists may choose to work with a fabricator, design and submit as a team, or fabricate their own libraries. Each library should be a dynamic piece of public art, while maintaining functionality. Applicants are encouraged to create a design that reflects the history, culture and future of Santa Barbara.

Interested applicants can learn more about the project and submit proposals online at www.sbac.ca.gov until Friday, March 1, 2019, or attend an optional free workshop about the application process at 4 p.m., Tuesday, February 12 at the Santa Barbara Public Library Faulkner Gallery, 40 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, 93101.

Submissions will be reviewed for artistic merit by a selection panel including representatives from the Santa Barbara Museum of Art; Museum of Contemporary Art-Santa Barbara; University of California, Santa Barbara; Santa Barbara County Arts Commission; Santa Barbara Public Library; Santa Barbara City College; Moxi; and the city’s Arts Advisory Committee. The final selection will be subject to the review and approval of the City Arts Advisory Committee.

The selected artist or team will be awarded a commission of \$10,000. Additional sponsors for Tiny Libraries include Santa Barbara Beautiful, the Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation and Downtown Santa Barbara. The community is encouraged to visit www.sbac.ca.gov to learn more.

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About the Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture

The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture is a Division of the County’s Community Services Department, serving as the local governmental umbrella for arts and culture projects and programs within the County. The Office represents a longstanding partnership between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Santa Barbara. For more than 30 years, both governments have shared resources and staff to maximize support for Santa Barbara arts and culture institutions, programs, initiatives and projects. For information, visit www.sbac.ca.gov.

About the Santa Barbara Public Library

The Santa Barbara Public Library is a department of the City of Santa Barbara and is dedicated to supporting education for all ages through classes and events, building a community of readers, empowering individuals with free access to information, and connecting people to community resources.