



Call to Artists

Homage to Cielito Lindo

Historic Miami-Dade County Courthouse

Brief

Project Name

Homage to Cielito Lindo

Overview

Through Miami-Dade County's Department of Cultural Affairs, Art in Public Places program, 1.5% of the cost of construction on public land is dedicated to the commissioning of public art. This request for qualifications is for professional artists to commission public art. The selected artist(s) will design unique artwork(s) that will contribute to the identity of this facility and engage employees, visitors and passers-by in unexpected and delightful ways.

Owner

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs,
Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department

Partners

The Developer is Plenary Justice of Miami. The Architectural Team is HOK / AI Interior Designers, Kimley Horn, Civil Engineers, WSP Mechanical & Plumbing Engineers and DeSimone Structural Engineers. AECOM is acting as the Owner's Representative for the project. Tutor Perini is the General Contractor.

Budget

\$30,000.00

Location

Civil and Probate Courthouse (new)
20 NW 1ST Avenue, Miami, FL 33130
13th floor Ceremonial Courtroom

Eligibility

Open to professional visual artists or artist-led teams based in south Florida. Artist based in south Florida live and create works of art in the region for a sustained period of time on a regular basis.

How to Apply

Deadline: Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 11:59PM

- Up to 10 samples of completed work
- CV - Resume
- Artist Statement
- Paragraph describing approach to project

Apply on Submittable:

<https://artinpublicplaces.submittable.com/submit>

Visit Art in Public Places at

www.miamidadepublicart.org

Detailed Description

The Miami-Dade County Courthouse, known as “Cielito Lindo”, or “beautiful sky”, is a historic courthouse located at 73 West Flagler Street in Miami, Florida. It was constructed over four years (1925–28) and was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1989. The facility will be functionally replaced by the Civil and Probate Courthouse, located adjacent to the historic courthouse. There, operations will take place for the Miami-Dade County Civil and Probate Divisions of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, the Clerk of Courts and other related Court Partner, administrative services, court related programs, court support functions and facility management services.

The new Civil and Probate Courthouse, estimated to be completed in early 2025, includes twenty-four (24) floors, forty-six (46) finished jury courtrooms and one (1) additional shell space for an additional four (4) jury courtrooms including fifty-nine (59) secure parking spaces. The courthouse shall be a significant landmark. Its architectural form shall balance expression of the authority and power of the law with a concern for the needs of the people who enter seeking justice. Its articulation shall balance tradition with a progressive spirit to uplift and inspire all those who enter.



A courthouse is one of the most important and symbolic of public buildings. Courthouses represent the government of the people and the ideals of the Florida judicial system: the rule of law, equal justice and the peaceful resolution of disputes. Courthouses give tangible form to the community's respect for law and order. Courthouses also have great significance as a place of public service. Here disputes are resolved, and justice is pursued. It is here that important records are kept and made available for public use. It is here that elected judges and responsible citizens consider together the difficult questions of responsibility and equity. **References:** Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miami-Dade_County_Courthouse

Opportunity for Public Art

For the project Homage to Cielito Lindo, it is envisioned that an artist will create an original work of art that commemorates and responds to the design features, architecture, history, aesthetics, community associations and historical narratives of the Miami-Dade County Courthouse, widely known as Cielito Lindo.

The artwork will be located on the 13th floor Ceremonial Courtroom of the new Civil and Probate Courthouse, an area of great significance, and will be installed on a wall with dimensions of approximately 30 feet in width by 10 feet in height. The original work of art is envisioned as a site-specific installation and / or mixed-media collage that draws inspiration from the historical context, community narratives and key events that transpired in and around the historic facility since the 1920's, incorporating elements including but not limited to:

- Historic and contemporary photographs, archival materials and depictions of Cielito Lindo and its interiors and context
- References to design features and architectural elements from Cielito Lindo
- References to related events and historical narratives

The selected artist will:

- Engage with a local historian to identify critical moments of historical significance and community narratives
- Maintain a high level of flexibility in the final design, content, and material execution of the artwork in response to multiple rounds of detailed feedback from the client team
- Be available to engage in the design process, complete and install the artwork on site by **January 30, 2025**

Additionally, is envisioned that artists shall respond to the design principles of dignity, durability and accessibility. The selected artist shall consider not only physical durability, in terms of performance and maintenance, but also symbolic value, cultural associations, and local significance. This public artwork shall reinforce the image of the courts as an enduring, fundamental institution of our society.

Estimated Schedule

**This schedule is subject to change.*

August 2024	Call to Artists Released
Wednesday, September 4, 2024	Deadline to Submit Qualifications
September 5, 2024	Professional Advisory Committee meeting – shortlist
After September 10, 2024	Shortlist Artist notifications
Mid -September 2024	Artist Orientation
Late September 2024	Artist Interviews with Professional Advisory Committee Finalist Recommendation
October 8, 2024	Finalist Notified
October 2024 - January 2025	Design Development, Fabrication
January 30, 2025	Artwork Installation Completed Estimated completion of facility

Process

Pursuant to the processes of the Miami-Dade County Art in Public Places Program, a three-member group of art and architectural professionals drawn from the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) will recommend a shortlist of artists for consideration of the project. This shortlist will be presented to the Art in Public Places Trust for approval.

Shortlisted artists will be invited to engage in an orientation and verbal interviews regarding their proposed project direction and refer to their body of completed past work as a reference. Based on this interview, the PAC will recommend a finalist to pursue the commission. The finalist will be presented for consideration for approval by the Art in Public Places Trust.

The finalist will receive detailed information regarding the opportunity for public art, and will develop their final design in conjunction with the client team, including the design & construction teams, and Art in Public Places staff.

For more information about Art in Public Places: <http://www.miamidadepublicart.org/>

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ABOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

Art in Public Places is a program of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs responsible for the commission and purchase of artworks by contemporary artists in all media. One of the first public art programs in the country, Miami-Dade Art in Public Places was established in 1973 with the passage of an ordinance allocating 1.5% of construction cost of new county buildings for the purchase or commission of artworks, educational programs and collection maintenance. The Art Trust Fund is administered by a County Commission-appointed citizens' board, the Art in Public Places Trust, in consultation with its Professional Advisory Committee. For more information about the Art in Public Places Program and the Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs, please visit www.miamidadepublicart.org and www.miamidadearts.org

The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council develop cultural excellence, diversity, access and participation throughout Miami-Dade County by strategically creating and promoting equitable opportunities for artists and cultural organizations, and our residents and visitors who are their audiences. Through staff, board and programmatic resources, the Department, the Council and the Trust promote, coordinate and support Miami-Dade County's more than 1,000 not-for-profit cultural organizations as well as thousands of resident artists through grants, technical assistance, public information and interactive community planning. The Department directs the Art in Public Places program and serves its board, the Art in Public Places Trust, commissioning, curating, maintaining and promoting the County's art collection. The Department receives funding through the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, The Children's Trust, the National Endowment for the Arts, the State of Florida through the Florida Department of State, Florida Division of Arts and Culture and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the Peacock Foundation, Inc., The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation, and the Taft Foundation. Other support and services are provided by

TicketWeb for the Culture Shock Miami program, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, the South Florida Cultural Consortium and the Tourist Development Council.

It is the policy of Miami-Dade County to comply with all the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. To request materials in accessible format, sign language interpreters, CART, and/or any accommodation to participate in any Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs program or meeting, please contact Francine Andersen at 305-375-4634 culture@miamidade.gov at least five days in advance to initiate your request. TTY users may also call 711 (Florida Relay Service).