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## ***Public art exhibit planned for vacant 'Downtown Storefronts'***

Public Art San Antonio (PASA) announces a new downtown collaborative public art exhibit, ***Downtown Storefronts***, that is designed to invigorate vacant storefront properties with a variety of temporary public art installations created by local artists. The rotating series leverages the imagination of artists with the resources of both public and private partners, including downtown property owners, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Centro San Antonio, Downtown Alliance, Downtown Operations Department, Center City Development Office and the Office of Historic Preservation. After recently completing a pilot series of demonstration storefront installations along Houston and Commerce streets downtown, PASA is set to begin identifying potential properties for upcoming installations, as well as seek out local artists' ideas to be compiled through **an online application form set to launch Thursday, September 22, 2011.**

To be considered, applicants must complete an application, upload images of past artworks, and provide a brief description of a proposed concept for an installation, including a cost estimate. Awards of up to \$2,500 may be considered; however, funding will be based upon both the size and complexity of the proposal, as well as the specific needs of each storefront space. Potential installation ideas will be reviewed and given consideration as storefront locations are established. Selected artists will be announced along with a schedule for completion that correlates with the requirements of each project. Therefore, **while there is no application deadline, artists must complete the submittal process to be considered for this selection.** Submitted concepts will be evaluated in order to match an installation idea with the most appropriate storefront venue. Artists' concepts should factor in a 24-hour exhibit viewing period, whether electricity will be needed to install or display, and durability and maintenance of the installation. **For complete details about the exhibit and application process, please visit [www.publicartsa.com](http://www.publicartsa.com).**

**The City's Office of Historic Preservation is co-sponsoring a reception at PASA Studio (400 North Saint Mary's Street, suite 101) on September 29, 2011, beginning at 5:30 pm with a walking tour at 6:30 pm.** The six local artists participating in the pilot installation series will be leading the tour to the following locations: 314 West Houston (Jessica Ramirez), 124 East Houston (Cathy Cunningham-Little), 132 East Houston (Thomas Cummins), 135 East Commerce (Mat Kubo), 311 East Houston (Kyle Olson), and 311 East Houston (Clay McClure).

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