

CALL FOR ENTRY

Request for Qualifications: Outdoor Public Art

Submission Deadline: April 6, 2025
Installation Deadline: August 24, 2025
Project Budget: \$37,500
Type: Public Art/ Placemaking
Eligibility: National Call
Category: Sculpture
Location: Roswell, Georgia



OVERVIEW

The Chattahoochee Nature Center in partnership with the Roswell Arts Fund invite you to submit artist qualifications to be considered for an outdoor sculptural project that will be installed at the Chattahoochee Nature Center's Wildlife Walk, featuring Georgia Raptors. The purpose of this project is to provide a sitting area that invites visitors to rest and linger as they explore the center's 127 acres of trails through forest, wetland, and river habitats.

SCOPE

An outdoor installation of functional artwork is desired for the Chattahoochee Nature Center's grounds to create a sense of place where visitors can rest comfortably. This may be some type of seating, whether it's benches, stools, hammock and so on. Material choice should be carefully considered for safety for all ages and abilities, durability under the outdoor elements year-round, aesthetics, and theme. Recycled and nature friendly materials are welcome.

SITE

The project's specific site sits by the water, under the shade of two giant Magnolia trees, and next to the Aviary, which features two adult Bald Eagles. This area measures approximately 27 feet by 17 feet. Ground conditions: unlevelled, compiled of dirt, roots from the Magnolia trees, rocks and red Georgia clay.

THEME

The theme of this project should speak to the birds and eagles themselves, the natural habitat and/or general wildlife, or the Cherokee and Muscogee peoples, the original stewards of the lands surrounding the Chattahoochee River.

BUDGET

\$37,500 all inclusive, design, manufacturing and installation. Award distributed in three installments.

TIMELINE

Request for Qualifications Deadline: Midnight, April 6, 2025

Finalists will be notified: Week of April 14, 2025

Artist Contracted: Week of April 28, 2025

Project Installation Deadline: August 24th, 2025

HOW TO APPLY

Email all material and questions to: brianaxcamelo@outlook.com

- Attach 1 -2 images of 5 different work samples in jpg format with description of each artwork. Include material used, date completed, and title.
- Artist statement and/or biography.
- Résumé

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

All individual artists, designers, and teams are invited to apply. All applicants, regardless of race, sex, religion, nationality, origin or disability will be considered. This project is contingent upon your ability to provide proof of eligibility and right to work in the United States.

FINAL SELECTION CRITERIA

Artwork will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Artist Merit
- Demonstrates successful, innovative and effective approach to design, and manufacturing.
- Ability to successfully execute project considering; theme, budget, timeline and materials.

SITE



INSPIRATION



ABOUT: Chattahoochee Nature Center

At the Chattahoochee Nature Center (CNC), we believe that art serves as a powerful bridge between people and the natural world. Our vision is to inspire a deeper connection to local native flora, fauna, and ecosystems through diverse artistic expressions—whether painting, photography, music, theater, film... By engaging with art as creators, observers, or participants, visitors discover new perspectives and emotional ties to the environment, fostering a greater appreciation and stewardship of the natural world.

The Chattahoochee River itself is a profound source of inspiration for our work. The name Chattahoochee, derived from the Muscogee word meaning "river of painted rock," reflects the deep connection between the natural landscape and artistic expression. The river's flowing waters, vibrant ecosystems, and historical significance provide endless opportunities to explore the interplay between creativity and nature. At CNC, we honor this legacy by embracing the arts as a means to interpret and celebrate the beauty, history, and cultural significance of the native lands on which the center sits today.

For almost 50 years, CNC has been an environmental, cultural, and educational leader in our community. Our partnerships with local arts organizations—including Fulton County Arts and Culture, the Roswell Fine Arts Alliance, Georgia Nature Photographers, Roswell Arts Fund, and others—enhance our ability to offer high-quality, nature-focused artistic experiences. These collaborations have resulted in permanent art installations, quarterly juried exhibitions, joint photography and fine art showcases, and participation in citywide initiatives such as Atlanta Celebrates Photography. CNC has curated a unique platform where arts and the environment converge.

As a cornerstone of our mission, CNC is committed to integrating art into our programming to highlight the intrinsic connection between creativity and nature. Our numerous programs, such as Sunset Sips concert series, Art & Nature summer camp, Butterfly Encounter exhibit, as well as many other art and photography programs, serve as opportunities for audiences to experience nature in an innovative way. By combining the beauty of art with the serenity of nature, we attract visitors who may not otherwise seek out the natural world, expanding our reach and impact.

CNC's focus on art as a vehicle for education and connection allows us to serve a diverse audience of stakeholders—nature enthusiasts, artists, educators, and environmentalists alike. Through exhibitions, performances, workshops, and films, we celebrate the intersection of creativity and the natural world. This approach fosters a shared appreciation for the environment, enriching lives and building a community that values both cultural and ecological health.

At Chattahoochee Nature Center, we believe the natural environment should be preserved and protected for future generations by connecting people with nature.

As a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, we rely on the tax-deductible donations of our members and the community at large to help us continue our mission to connect people with nature.

<https://www.chattnaturecenter.org/>

ABOUT: Roswell Arts Fund

Roswell Arts Fund is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the designated arts agency for the city of Roswell, GA. The Fund was established in September 2014 and was designated as the arts agency for the city in December 2015. It was created as a direct outcome of the Imagine Roswell Arts and Culture 2030 Study.

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