

## OPEN CALL: Millwork Commons Shipping Container Mural Project

**Omaha, NE (7/15/2019) -- Amplify Arts is proud to be partnering with the Millwork Commons neighborhood on an innovative public art project.** The neighborhood, located at 13th and Nicholas Street, is becoming a hub for tech, art, design, community growth, and collaboration. It is being designed to meet the needs of today's workers and residents while also embracing the neighborhood's gritty, industrial roots. This neighborhood has been known for innovation since the first bricks were laid, and it will continue as artists help build a place where innovators and creators collaborate and grow. A long-term vision for Millwork Commons is to strengthen Omaha's urban core and help define our city as a culturally vibrant and inclusive place. Artists are essential in helping to accomplish this goal.

**We are currently seeking artists to submit applications.** Three artists will be chosen to collaborate on a large mural project on shipping containers (500 sf each). Each artist will be responsible for painting one shipping container which, when stacked, will create one cohesive piece. The selected artists will be given one month to meet, collaborate, and develop a concept to present to the jury for approval. **Selected artists will each receive a \$6,000 stipend.** Artists should be aware that this will be an annual competition, so the collaborative mural created will only be kept in place for one year.

Applications will open on Monday, July 15th, and will close on Monday, August 5th. Three artists will be selected by a panel of local arts professionals, community members, and Millwork Commons Staff by August 16th.

**The application can be found at this link: [bit.ly/millworkmural](http://bit.ly/millworkmural).** For any questions related to eligibility or the expectations of the project please contact Amplify Arts staff at [info@amplifyarts.org](mailto:info@amplifyarts.org).

**About Amplify Arts:** Amplify Arts (formerly Omaha Creative Institute) is a 501c3 nonprofit whose mission is to promote unity, innovation, and progress in the arts to build strong and vibrant communities. We support artists with the resources and opportunities they need to build a career through our professional development, education, and grant programs. We also work to connect artists, arts organizations, and arts industry leaders to identify common goals and advocate for positive change. To learn more about Amplify Arts please visit [www.amplifyarts.org](http://www.amplifyarts.org).

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