

Press Release

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Mural Residency Call for LGBTQ2S+ Artists

Nelson, BC (August 30, 2021): Touchstones Nelson: Museum of Art and History is hosting the third instalment of a mural residency program which kicks off this September. *New Echoes in the Staircase* invites a local (Nelson and Area) LGBTQ2S+ artist into one of the building's heritage staircases that was once used daily in earlier days but is now a liminal space no longer seen by the public.

To invoke conversations about access, behind-the-scenes work, the potential history and power contained in a building, (mis)representation of queer voice in historical buildings/ organizations, and many other important topics, the LGBTQ2S+ artist-in-residence will have access to a section of wall along the staircase to add to this critical conversation.

The project will include a virtual studio tour and discussion, made available to the public via video, a workshop component, and a site-specific mural in the staircase. It will also support the work of local LGBTQ2S+ artists through an artist-in-residency program—connecting professional artists with the community at large in a unique environment. We will be able to increase our audience by developing a new exhibition space within a formally hidden heritage stairwell and ensure that all people feel invite and welcomed into the museum.

Touchstones Nelson Museum will be following the Work Safe BC guidelines for safe working environments as well as Interior Health COVID-19 health and safety protocols for the artist, staff, and volunteers.

To apply, please send a proposal, 5-10 portfolio images, and artist statement or a curator statement, biography and current CV to programs@touchstonesnelson.ca. The deadline to apply is Friday, September 17th, 2021. Full submission guidelines can be found at touchstonesnelson.ca/submissions.