

## 2023 Midwest Regional Sustainability Summit: Call for Artist Submissions



# IMAGINE WHAT'S POSSIBLE

## FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

CINCINNATI OHIO  
DUKE ENERGY CONVENTION CENTER



Local artists of all ages are invited to submit proposals for artworks, as well as pre-made original artworks to be featured at the [2023 Midwest Regional Sustainability Summit](#) with the intention of displaying the deeply intrinsic intersections between art, the environment, and social justice.

### [Fill Out This Form To Submit](#)

**About the Summit:** The Midwest Regional Sustainability Summit brings together hundreds of passionate and visionary leaders to share inspiring, forward-thinking, and solution-oriented ideas that propel us toward a healthier, more resilient, sustainable, and equitable future. Join Fortune 500 powerhouses, innovative entrepreneurs, government officials, sustainability directors, academic, non-profit and community leaders, and passionate residents committed to solving some of the region's toughest environmental problems while creating a positive economic impact.

Our 10th Sustainability Summit will be held on May 12, 2023, at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, where we will continue to deepen dialogue and build community around solutions.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSIONS

#### Thematic Topics

"Imagine What's Possible"

With the mounting pressure to move forward with environmental solutions more rapidly, it is natural to feel climate anxiety and grief. How can we acknowledge the challenges we face and move beyond perceived limitations to find optimism and active hope? Taking a moment to slow down can help us to imagine visionary and inspiring possibilities that inform, empower, and motivate our actions to create a

more vibrant, equitable and thriving region. We hope this conference can be a spark for connecting, learning together, deepening our resolve, and joyously finding our places in the mighty “we” rising to secure a just and livable future.

This year’s theme of “Imagine What’s Possible” invites us to come together in collective hope and renewed resilience in the midst of the climate crisis. We invite visual or performance art proposals that open our minds and hearts to envision what is possible in a variety of climate-related issue areas:

- Healthy & Resilient Communities
- Business & Green, Circular economy
- Government & Policy
- Healthy, High-Performing Infrastructure
- Active Transportation, Public Transit & Micromobility
- Resilient Local Food Systems
- Climate Justice, Equity and Inclusion
- Green Workforce Development
- Emergency Preparedness

### **Types of Artwork Accepted**

#### *Spoken Word*

- Poetry

#### *Performance Arts*

- Interpretive
- Dance
- Theater

#### *Visual Arts*

- 2D
  - Drawing
  - Painting
- 3D
  - Sculpture
  - Mixed Media

### **Artwork Details**

Displays will be made without any sort of advanced modes or methods of installation, therefore works must be able to be displayed considerably easily.

#### *Spoken Word*

- Poetry
  - No longer than 2 to 5 minutes

#### *Performance Arts*

- Interpretive, Dance, Theater
  - No longer than 5 to 10 minutes

#### *Visual Arts*

- 2D; Drawing, Painting
  - No larger than 4’ x 6’ x 4’
  - Must be able to stand on an easel or on its own, no wall hangings
- 3D; Sculpture, Mixed Media
  - No larger than 4’ x 6’ x 4’
  - Must be able to stand on its own or on a small table, no wall hangings

### **Premade Works and Proposals Submissions**

Choose one of the following options of approach in order to submit your work.

#### *Premade Work Submissions (Up to 5 images)*

- Premade works that are submitted must be made within the past 4 years
- Premade works must be submitted with thorough description of work(s)
- Premade works, if accepted and dropped off, must meet the previously submitted representation of the piece

#### *Artwork Proposal Submissions (Up to 5 images)*

- Proposal submissions must be sufficiently created over the course of the submission period which is three months, (January 1 to March 31, 2023)
- Proposal submissions must be made with a thorough description of proposed work

- Proposal submissions must be followed up with sufficiently considered proper representative evidence of the artwork being in fruition prior to the submission deadline in order to be considered for acceptance

### **County Location of Artists**

Artists must be based within a 150 mile radius of Cincinnati.

### **Timeline**

- *Submission Opening:* December 9, 2023
- *Submission Deadline:* January 31, 2023
- *Artist Selections Notified:* March 1, 2023
- *Drop-Off Date:* May 11, 2023
- *Pick-Up Date:* End of day, May 12, 2023

### **Words on Displaying Work at the Summit**

Artists that sign their name to display their work at the summit will agree to the following statements.

#### *Statements*

- Green Umbrella and other partners of the Summit will not be held responsible for potential damages that could occur upon the works displayed.
- No insurance will be offered for the works displayed at the Summit.
- Drop-off and pick-up are at the responsibility of the owner of each artwork to fulfill on time on their own volition.

### **Additional Details**

#### *Artist Demographic*

- No set age requirement, all ages
- Inclusive of all demographics
- Diverse groups encouraged to apply
- No experience required (art, work, education)

#### *Summit Attendance*

- Artists are not required to attend the summit, but it is encouraged
- Discounted tickets available for artists that desire to attend
- Artist may attend the closing reception for free even if they did purchase Summit tickets
- Attendance is only required for drop-off and pick-up of pieces

### **Any Questions?**

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