**KETCHUM ARTS COMMISSION PERFORMANCE ART**

**CALL FOR ARTISTS**

INTRODUCTION

The City of Ketchum, Idaho invites professional dance artists to apply for a one-day event at an outdoor site: Ketchum Town Square. The selected dance group’s performance and music will be appropriate for an audience of all ages. The dance performance will occur on Saturday, August 3, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. Total budget for the event, including artist fees and performance, is three thousand dollars ($3,000), plus lodging for one (1) night and a one-hundred, twenty-five dollar ($125) per diem. The event will be advertised in the local newspaper, city website ([www.ketchumidaho.org](http://www.ketchumidaho.org)) and in various social media forums.

CITY BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Ketchum is a diverse mountain resort community adjacent to the Sun Valley Resort. Sun Valley Resort is known as one of the country’s premier ski resorts and is noted for its European style terrain. Ketchum’s early roots were in mining and sheep herding. Today it is known for its outdoor recreational opportunities and its sophisticated arts and cultural offerings. In 2018, Ketchum was awarded designation by the International Dark-Sky Association as a Dark Sky Community and is included in the Nation’s first International Dark Sky Reserve, one of only 13 in the world.

OVERVIEW

The City of Ketchum has approved a free public performance art event for the summer of 2019. The event will take place at Ketchum Town Square in Ketchum, Idaho.

The city plans to invite local food trucks to park near the site, creating a festive atmosphere.

One dance group will be selected for a forty-minute performance. Music for the event is the choice of the dance artists and must be appropriate for all ages.

PROGRAM GOALS

* Integrate performing art into public space and stimulate audiences to see art in a new way.
* Provide residents and visitors the opportunity to see professional dance in an outdoor space.
* Promote public participation and interaction with art.
* Preserve and enrich the cultural environment and livability of Ketchum.

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

This call is open to all professional dance artists. Artists are encouraged to notify with intent to participate as soon as possible via email to Lisa Enourato at lenourato@ketchumidaho.org.

BENEFITS

* Three thousand dollars ($3,000) for performance; includes artist fees, pre-choreography and execution on day of event.
* Lodging for one night
* Per diem of $125

ARTWORK SPECIFICATIONS AND SITE

* Performance will begin at 6:30 p.m.
* Dancers are expected to dance on concrete pavers. A marley floor covering can be provided.
* Sound system will be provided. Dancers will select music appropriate for all ages.

RESPONSIBILITIES

* The selected group will enter into a contract with the City of Ketchum.
* The selected group will personally design and be present for the dance performance on Saturday, August 3, 2019 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All groups must meet the specifications outlined above, the standards and mission of the Ketchum Arts Commission, be in good taste for all ages and in furtherance of the mission of the KAC.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

* Dance resumes
* Brief description of proposed project for the event day (max. 350 words)
* Up to 4 images of existing group to be used in publicity

APPLY

Email the above required materials to:

Lisa Enourato, Assistant City Administrator

City of Ketchum

lenourato@ketchumidaho.org

by **Friday, February 1, 2019**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The City of Ketchum and the Ketchum Arts Commission reserve the right to use images of selected artwork and/or exhibitions for publicity.