

Call to Artists: 2026 Black History Month Exhibition

February 20 – March 26, 2026

Richmond Cultural Centre - Upper Rotunda Gallery

Artists are invited to submit proposals for a visual art exhibition at the Richmond Cultural Centre's Upper Rotunda Gallery as part of Black History Month. Organized annually each February since 2016, the exhibition recognizes and honours the legacy, culture and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities. This program is presented by the City of Richmond in partnership with Richmond Black History Month.

Eligibility: Artists who identify as Black, artists of African descent or who are part of the African diaspora with priority to artists living and/or working in Richmond, BC.

Opportunity: Located in the Richmond Cultural Centre, the Upper Rotunda Gallery is a long, curved wall overlooking the main lobby of the building. The exhibition wall space is approximately 24 m (80 ft) and includes a hanging system mounted 1.8 m (6 ft) above the floor level. Submissions may include but are not limited to drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, media arts, textile arts and other 2D disciplines. Due to spatial and accessibility requirements, only small 3D artworks of 38x38x38 cm (15x15x15 in) may be considered for one vitrine/plinth. The exhibition is open to the public during the Richmond Cultural Centre's hours of operation.

The selected artist will receive an artist fee of \$594 based on 2026 CARFAC rates. The artist is not required to produce new artworks for the exhibition. Artwork should be prepared and ready to be installed by City staff. Additional public program opportunities such as an artist talk or workshop may be considered separately.

Submission Requirements: Please email submissions to culture@richmond.ca with the subject line *2026 Black History Month Exhibition*. Please submit one document (PDF or Word) including:

- Artist Name and Contact Information
- Artist Bio (100 words max)
- Artist Statement (1 page max)
- Proposal Statement (1 page max)
- 5–7 high-resolution images of recent artwork or proposed artworks (JPEG/PDF, 1 MB)

Alternatively, USB flash drives or print copies can be delivered or submitted by mail:

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7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC V6Y 1R9

Deadline for Submissions: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Artists requiring assistance or accommodations are encouraged to contact staff at culture@richmond.ca or 604-247-8300 in advance of the deadline. The selected artist will be contacted directly. Submissions will be kept on file for a period of one year for consideration.

