Call to Artists – City of Auburn
2015 Pianos on Parade

Pianos on Parade is a City of Auburn program that showcases local artists' transformation of pianos that are placed in outdoor locations for all to play and enjoy.

Five pianos will be placed throughout Auburn's downtown from July 10 through August 10, 2015. Artists/artist teams are offered $500 for the transformation of a piano. Selected artists will be provided a key for open access to the storage location in which the pianos can be worked on from May – mid July 2015. The storage location is a large open facility with concrete floors, no power nor water, but does include a rolling freight door with access to the outside parking lot. All pianos are upright. Alterations to the piano do not have to be permanent, but must be able to withstand unseasonable outdoor weather including rain, wind, hail etc. for three weeks. The applied artwork is intended as temporary and will be removed/covered the following year. This is not a fundraiser, and pianos will not be sold following the display. Artists will be acknowledged in all media and signage associated with this program.

The installation can go beyond surface treatment of the piano, but the overall design must allow 5' of passage around the piano in its public space, and must not be sharp nor potentially dangerous to public. Added items must be secure in their placement so please choose materials carefully i.e. no non-waterproof fabrics or adhesives etc. Each piano must also remain playable, and will be tuned once placed in their outside location.

To apply, email the following by May 4th, 2015, 5pm to calltoartists@auburnwa.gov. Inquiries can be directed to Maija McKnight, Arts Coordinator, 253-804-5043.

- Description of proposed technique/idea for piano transformation or sketch
- If you have previous work that demonstrates ability/method please attach images
- If you seek to paint the surface, images of 3 examples of previous artwork is required
- Optional: Resume

images for ideas and inspiration