

# PEARKES PAINTED PIANO PROJECT: CALL FOR ARTIST



PARKS, RECREATION  
& COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Project Overview

Saanich Parks, Recreation and Community Services is calling on artists based in Greater Victoria to submit proposals to paint the new Pearkes Community Piano – a musical and visual installation! The selected artist will paint an upright piano and bench that will be placed outside the front of the G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre daily for people to play, listen to, and enjoy visually as weather and schedule permits. It will be painted using exterior-appropriate acrylic paint (provided by Saanich or the artist if preferred).

## Eligibility

- Artists must reside in Greater Victoria and be 19 years or older. Artists must submit an application including a design concept by the deadline to be considered. Late proposals will not be accepted.

## Schedule

- Deadline for Submission: Submissions must be received by **August 16, 2021**. As we wish to paint the piano as soon as possible after its launch in late July, the timeline to apply is short.
- The selected artist will be notified on **August 20, 2021**.
- Piano artwork must be completed by **September 3, 2021** or preferably earlier.
- The selected artist must be available and flexible to be able to complete the piano painting during arranged hours when Centre staff can oversee and support the project as needed. The painting should be undertaken over consecutive days to minimize the time it is unavailable for use.

## Guidelines for proposals

- The artist will create artwork on visible surfaces of the upright piano and bench. Note that the piano will often be situated against a wall and the back of the piano may not often be seen. Therefore, the proposed design on the back of the piano, we recommend artists not to paint on the back of the piano.
- Working elements of the piano: keys, hinges, pedals, locks, etc. must be left unpainted and functional.
- A \$500 honorarium will be provided in appreciation of their contribution upon completion of the work. Paint will be provided by Saanich; staff will work with the artist to select and purchase materials.
- Artwork must be suitable for a welcoming and diverse family and community environment. Saanich Parks, Recreation and Community Services may refuse or request revision of a design if there is a concern. Artwork must be the artist's original artwork.
- The theme for the Painted Piano Project is "Community" – a theme that leaves lots of room for artistic creativity and expression!
- Piano must be painted **ON SITE** outside the entrance of Pearkes Recreation Centre, where the piano will be located daily. Artists may wish to use an overhead tent (they may provide their own or request from Saanich) for the duration of painting.
- Applicants must provide a completed application/proposal form, including a written concept description, images of their work and/or links to online artist's website/social media, and draft sketches of proposed artwork for piano. They may also include an artist's c.v. if they wish, but it is not required.

## General Information

After artwork is complete, signage may be added to the piano describing the project, acknowledging the artist and providing instructions for use of piano. Other signage, equipment or modifications may be required.

The piano and artwork will be the property Saanich upon completion and displayed/made available for use regularly in the public realm. In future, the piano maybe be repainted by a new artist with their own design.

The piano project and its artwork through development and completion will be promoted on social media, other promotional media, and on the Saanich website. The artist will be asked to complete a permission form granting approval to share their artwork and (if they consent) any photos or videos of themselves and the project.

## Selection

- Submitted proposals will be reviewed by a team comprised of Pearkes Recreation Centre and Community Services' Community Arts staff.
- Proposals submitted after deadline will not be accepted.

## Checklist

### Proposals must include:

- Completed and signed Application Form, which includes:
- link** to artist website, artist social media, and/or up to 4 example images of artwork
- Brief (200 words or less) **concept description** for proposed piano artwork
- Sketches of proposed artwork for piano. Given the short turnaround for this project your sketches may be very preliminary – to give a sense of your plan and design. You may use the included **piano design template** (NOTE: template is not a replica of the Pearkes piano and dimensions/shape vary). Photos of the Pearkes Piano are included on p. 4.
- Optional: artist's C.V. or resume** (may include artist background, qualifications, experience and similar art projects – including pianos! they have undertaken).

### SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO:

Brenda Weatherston, Community Arts Programmer, Community Services  
Email: [brenda.weatherston@saanich.ca](mailto:brenda.weatherston@saanich.ca) Fax: (250) 475-5411 Address: Recreation Administration Annex, 780 Vernon Ave. Victoria, BC V8X 2W7 (adjacent to Saanich Municipal Hall)

**Deadline for Submissions is August 16, 2021.**

**Artists selected will be notified on or before August 20, 2021.**

# ARTIST APPLICATION

## PEARKES PAINTED PIANO PROJECT



**Name:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Brief artist's bio:** (e.g. describe your artistic experience, including recent projects, exhibits, publications, etc.)  
You may attach an artist's c.v. or resume.

**Website or social media links to your work:**

**Proposed Concept Design Description:** (describe briefly (max. 200 words) what you would like to do.  
Note the theme of the Pearkes Painted Piano is "community" – a theme that invites creative interpretation!

**Design Sketch:** Use the piano template provided on pages 5 and 6 to sketch your design or create your own.

**Samples of your work related to your proposal:** Send up to 4 electronic images of examples of your work you feel best reflect your work in terms of this project, or include links to websites/social media that provide examples of work you feel best reflect your work.

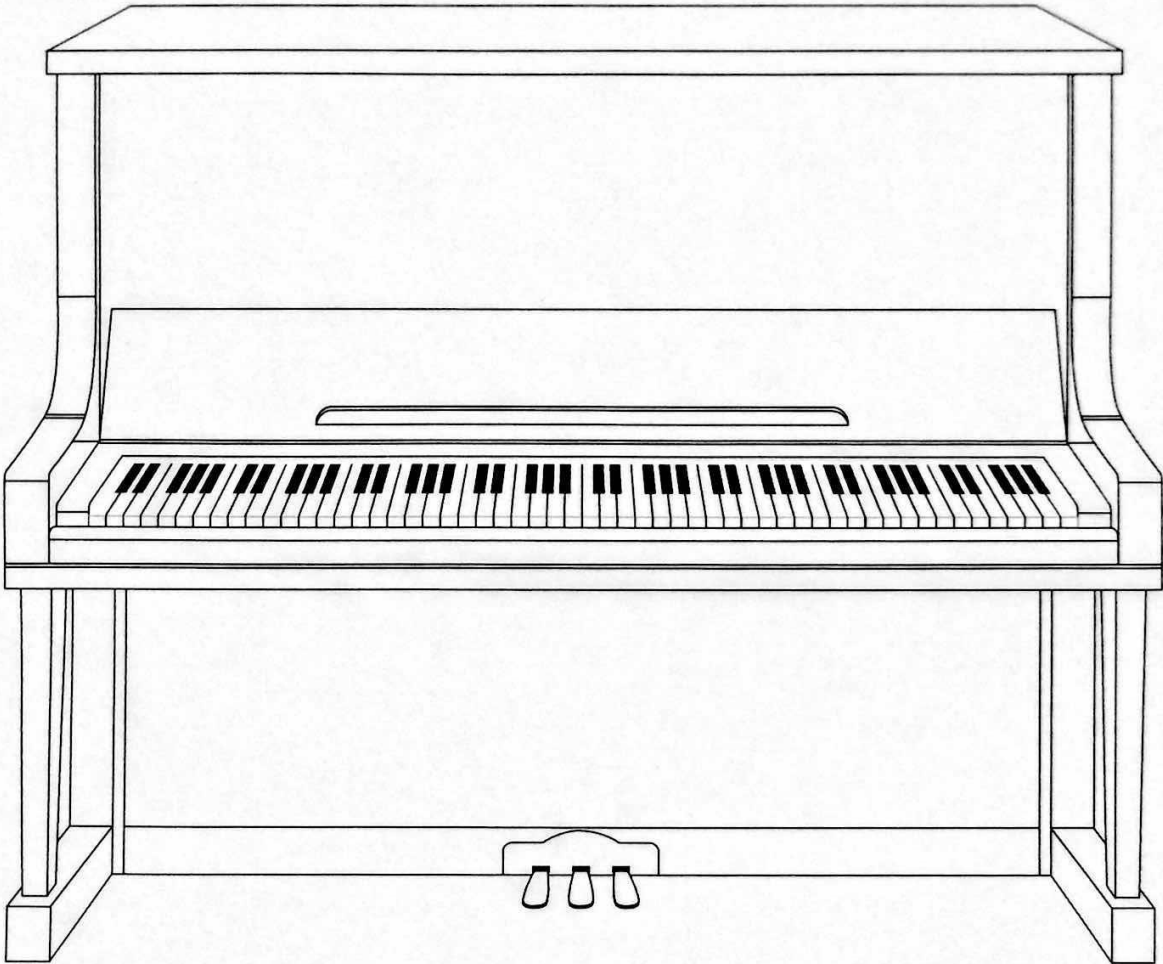
What dates in late August/early  
September are you available?

Submit your completed application to Brenda Weatherston at [brenda.weatherston@saanich.ca](mailto:brenda.weatherston@saanich.ca)

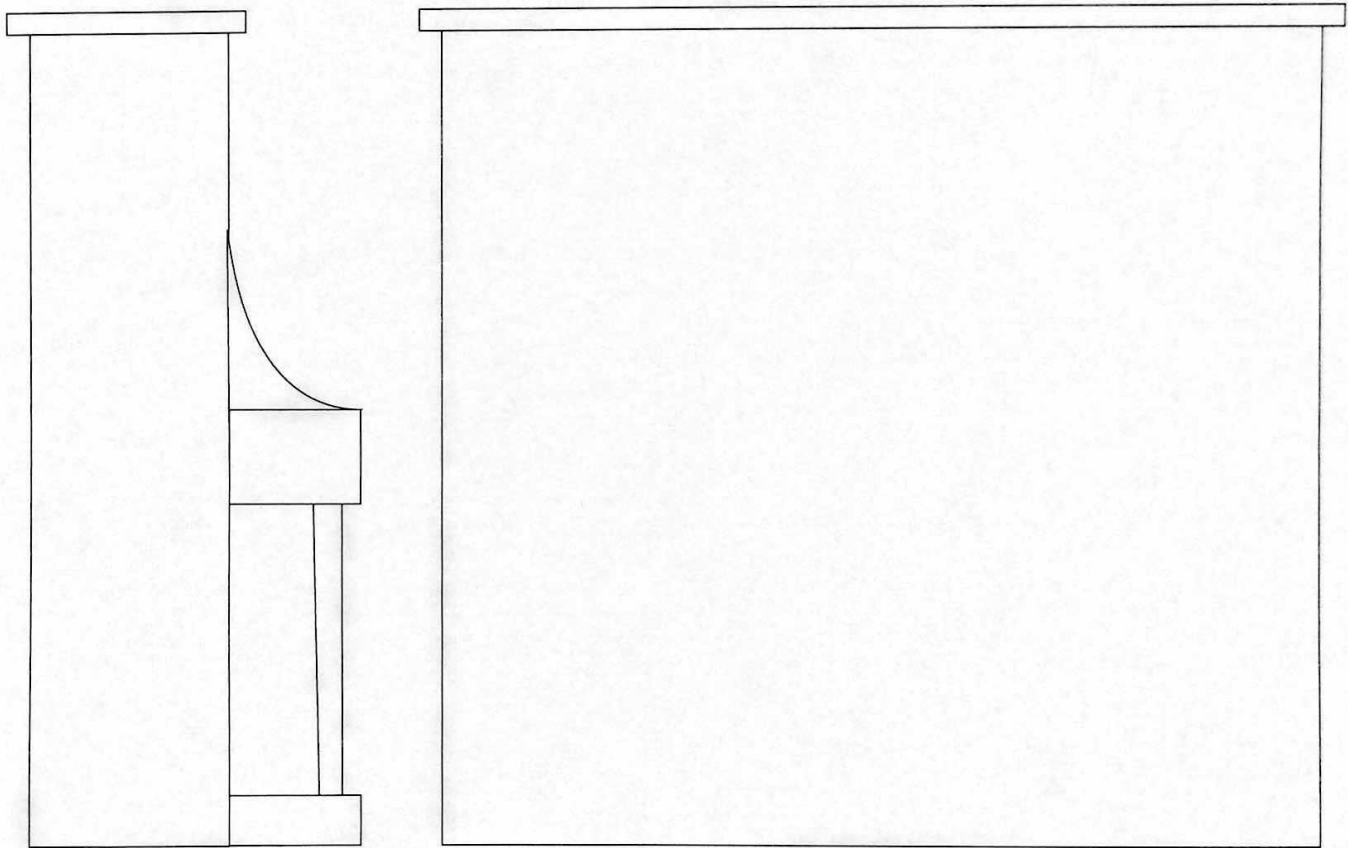
PHOTOGRAPHS OF PEARKES COMMUNITY PIANO



PIANO DESIGN TEMPLATE: FRONT



## PIANO DESIGN TEMPLATE: SIDE AND BACK



**Note:** Piano will often be displayed in public for use against a wall and the rear (back) of piano may not be visible. Your design concept should not require that the rear of the piano be visible and as such, you may not wish to focus your design emphasis and major effort the back of the piano.