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## THE B&O RAILROAD MUSEUM OPENS SUBMISSIONS FOR STREET ART COMPETITION

Baltimore, MD– October 1, 2020 – The B&O Railroad Museum, in partnership with Creative Alliance, presents their first ever “Street Art Competition.” The Museum is seeking street art and graffiti art proposals that respond to the idea of **connectedness**, in our Baltimore community and as a nation. A committee will be selecting four artists to create a mural of their design on a train car at the Museum. Street art and graffiti have a deep connection with railroads, as works of art crisscross the nation via train cars. The B&O Railroad Museum is proud to present this competition that will connect local artists with a new community.

The submission deadline is January 3, 2020. Applicants must submit an original sketch of their design, their CV/resume, a letter of intent, examples of their work, and one professional reference. All materials should be sent to [jnapper@BORail.org](mailto:jnapper@BORail.org).

For more information regarding compensation, important dates, and a full a breakdown of required materials, please visit: [www.BORail.info/StreetArt](http://www.BORail.info/StreetArt)

### **Project Mission:**

As a community we share many things, starting with our geographical location. Filled with various idioms and intersections of humanity, our relation to one another is fortified by strong ties to the land and how we all arrived. We live here, we grow here, we establish connections with those from near and far through networks of communication and transportation. Our many footsteps continue to pave the way to our next juncture, just as the tracks of the railroad do for the travelers, wanderers, and future acquaintances. The B&O Railroad was the first public railroad in the United States, and right here in Baltimore it began a revolution in American society’s understanding of itself as an ever increasingly interconnected continent and people.

### **About the B&O Railroad Museum**

The B&O Railroad Museum, a full affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of American railroading and its impact on American society, culture and economy. The Museum is home to the oldest, most comprehensive collection of railroad artifacts in the Western Hemisphere including an unparalleled roster of 19th and 20th century railroad equipment. The 40-acre historic site is regarded as the birthplace of American Railroading and includes the 1851 Mt. Clare Station, the 1884 Baldwin Roundhouse and first mile of commercial railroad track in America. In 2019, the Museum welcomed guests from all 50 states and 40 countries. For further information on the B&O Railroad Museum, please call 410-752-2490 or visit [www.BORail.org](http://www.BORail.org)

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