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Letter of interest

I work with my wife Lina as a team, we are deeply excited by this opportunity because this is what we do, what we love, and what we think about in every public space we enter. Creating an artwork to be displayed in this community is a great opportunity to engage the visitors, welcome them, and connect them with their visit to the Alachua County Tax Collector's Office.

In December 2018 we installed a 20 ft height sculpture "Reaching for Knowledge" commissioned by the City of Clearwater for the St. Petersburg College Library (image #1). During Spring of 2013 we were invited by the City of New York to exhibit three of our 12ft sculptures specially designed to be placed along the East River Park Promenade in Manhattan(image #2). and have installed monumental sculptures in cities such as: Chicago, New York, Atlanta, Miami among others, which has given us huge experience working with public art.

We kept in mind while designing art project the interest of the committee for it to be iconic and that energetically and dynamically serve to identify its mission, always keeping in mind their goal and input to develop the final concept of the artwork.

Since the artworks will be people accessible we think the best media to use to fabricate it is aluminum sheet, it is strong enough to withstand wear and tear (it will not rust), constructed with safety in mind for display in public settings.

We have been awarded different art projects where we worked with the community, city representatives, private entities, always keeping in mind their goal and input to develop the final concept of the artwork. We are extremely steady performer who can meet deadlines with high-quality work, and who continually seek to improve. The organization we have worked with can tell how professional and responsible we are with the public artworks they commissioned where we put 100% of our artistic capabilities always being on time for delivery and installation.

<u>References</u>

Sculpture "Reaching for Knowledge" 2018: Artwork: Sold Madai Favaro Special Events & Public Art Specialist 706 N Missouri Ave Clearwater, FL 33755 T 727-336-2949 Madai.Favaro@MyClearwater.com

Sculpture: "Wings" - "Reaching to the sky"- "Without Limits" - "Butterflies": Artwork: Sold Doris Meltzer DM Art Enterprises, Inc. 555 NE 34 Street/Suite 2111 Miami, Florida 33137-4058 Phone: 305-576-2500 Email: DMartenterprises@bellsouth.net

Sculpture "Without Limits" : Artwork: Sold Barbara Guttmann BG Advisors, Inc. Chicago, IL 312.208.9591 Barb@BGAdvisors.com

Sketch - Proposal: Title: "Unveiling Gainesville" 3D Mural



The license plates will be attached to an aluminum sheet, the whole artwork will be bolted to the wall. Parts of the aluminum sheet will be rolled inwards; It will look like the license plates are peeling off the wall uncovering the history of Gainesville represented by old pictures; and the Mission and goals of Alachua County Tax Collector's Office will be represented by the words (Respect, Compassion, Teamwork, Service, Excellence, Professionalism, Enjoyment, Respect) printed over the pictures. The images and words will be printed on Aluminum sheets. The historical pictures used will be from the Gainesville archives. The exposed rolled aluminum will add a beautiful three dimensional effect to the artwork. The finish of the rolled aluminum will be grind textured.



Budget: \$10.000

Life expectancy: 100 years.

Timeframe to complete installation: Once the agreement is signed and first payment received, it will take us six to ten weeks to install the artwork.

Materials: Aluminum sheet, license plates, photography on aluminum.

Size/Weight: As seen in the rendering. Exact dimensions to be determined. 200 pounds approximately.

Maintenance: The artwork will not be exposed to the elements. It will require little to no maintenance, clean dust with a soft cloth.

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"Reaching for Knowledge"



"Dancers of the Wind"



"Without Limits"



"Orchid"



"Blooming"



"Chicago"



"Wings"



"Dolphins Game"



"Nest"