

# **SOUTHERN CHIEFS' ORGANIZATION INC.**



## **Call for Visual Artists**

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**Submission Deadline:** [April 29, 2024 \(4:30 pm CST\)](#)

Request to: [Southern First Nation Visual Artists](#)

## **The Project**

The Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO) is partnering with Synonym Art Consultation to design a mural which will be showcased in downtown Winnipeg. SCO is seeking a southern First Nation Visual Artist to honour Survivors and those who are impacted by the residential and day school systems (IRS/IDS), Sixties Scoop, and the national emergency of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse (MMIWG2S+) individuals in Manitoba. The successful artist will be commissioned to finalize the conceptual design submitted through this call with the support of SCO and a Mural Advisory Committee.

The "Remembering Together" mural will serve as a visible commemoration of the impacts of residential schools, day schools, the Sixties Scoop, and MMIWG2S+ while also recognizing and honouring resilience in spite of the devastating and ongoing impacts of colonization. This mural will serve as a focal point on one of the most highly travelled thoroughfares in the heart of downtown Winnipeg, promoting education, understanding, and awareness to the broader community. The public display will demonstrate how Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Canada, can support our collective Truth and Reconciliation journey.

The mural space will have three distinct panels – one panel dedicated to IRS/IDS Survivors and the children who did not return home, one dedicated to Sixties Scoop Survivors, and one dedicated to MMIWG2S+ and Survivors.

## **Conceptual Design Parameters**

- Artists with ties to an SCO member First Nation are eligible to apply.
- Experience with creating murals is an asset but not necessary.
- Applications will be reviewed by SCO and an advisory committee of Survivors and family members.
- Southern First Nation Artists are asked to provide a conceptual design that will visually represent:
  - Truth of current and historical impacts of residential schools, day schools, and the Sixties Scoop, and MMIWG2S+;
  - A positive portrayal of resilience, prevailing against harmful systems (IRS/IDS, Sixties Scoop, MMIWG2S+);
  - A positive portrayal of integrity and pride.
- The mural space will have three distinct panels – one panel dedicated to IRS/IDS Survivors and the children who did not return home, one dedicated to Sixties Scoop Survivors, and one dedicated to MMIWG2S+ and Survivors. While each panel will have a specific focus, the three panel concepts will work together collectively as a whole.
- The estimated total size of the mural location is 140' x 16' – this is inclusive of the three distinct yet cohesive panels.

- Along with the design concept and application form, applicants must submit a minimum of three previous samples of artwork, which can be sent to: [pathwayshealing@scoinc.mb.ca](mailto:pathwayshealing@scoinc.mb.ca)
- The Artist selected will be provided with an honourarium of \$5000 and the opportunity to have their artwork displayed publicly in a prominent location in downtown Winnipeg.
- Submissions must be made electronically and the deadline for submissions is April 29, 4:30 pm Central Standard Time (CST). Submissions must be made to: [pathwayshealing@scoinc.mb.ca](mailto:pathwayshealing@scoinc.mb.ca)

The selected Artist will be required to grant SCO, with proper attribution, a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, sub-licensable and transferable license to use, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works of, and/or display the submission in any media formats and through any media channels in perpetuity in connection with the activities and operations of the contest.

SCO reserves the right to accept or reject the design based on whether it is representative of the Survivors' stories from the Advisory Committee, with final approval from SCO.

### **Timeline**

Conceptual design submission deadline April 29, 2024.

The selected Artist will be contacted in early May 2024.

The selected Artist will meet with SCO, the Advisory Committee, and Synonym 2-4 times for finalization of design concept for production from May – July 2024.

Mural painting August 2024.

Mural unveiling September 2024.

### **About Southern Chiefs' Organization**

SCO was established in 1999 to represent the 34 Anishinaabe and Dakota Nations in what is now southern Manitoba and to protect, preserve, promote, and enhance inherent rights, languages, customs, and traditions through the spirit and intent of the Treaty-making process.

### **About Synonym Art Consultation**

Through unique, inclusive, community-minded projects, Synonym cultivates a grassroots contemporary street art movement in Manitoba and activates hyperlocal and international dialogues around important issues, such as social responsibility, and innovative economic development, rooted in the arts.

## Application Form

### Southern Chiefs' Organization CALL FOR VISUAL ARTISTS

Please send completed applications and artwork to: [pathwayshealing@scoinc.mb.ca](mailto:pathwayshealing@scoinc.mb.ca)

\* Required information

**Name\*:**

**Stage/Artist Name\*:**

**First Nation\*:**

**Do you identify as\*:**

Anishinaabe  Dakota  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Pronoun (optional)**

She/Her  He/Him  They/Them  Prefer not to answer

**Address\*:**

**Community / City\*:**

**Province\*:**

**Postal Code\*:**

**Phone Number\*:**

**Email\*:**

**Website:**

**Social Media:**

**Have you designed murals before?\***

Yes  No  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you read Synonym's Policy? You will be required to agree to this policy before being booked to participate.\*** <https://www.synonymartconsultation.com/About/Policies>

Yes  No

**Tell us about your work/practice!\***

**Application checklist: A complete application includes:**

- 3 photos (jpeg) samples of previous work;
- Completed application form; and
- Submission of conceptual design to [pathwayshealing@scoinc.mb.ca](mailto:pathwayshealing@scoinc.mb.ca). \*