

Expressions of Interest

Big Picture Fest Newcastle 2022

Friday 30 September - Sunday 2 October

For local and emerging artists

Be a part of the BPF Newcastle legacy

The Big Picture Fest is returning to Newcastle with 8 new sites!

Held on Awabakal and Worimi country, our 3 day large-scale street art festival will bring together world class artists to showcase their work alongside exceptional local talent. Spread across 20 prominent sites in the city, the festival will include a massive Opening Night party, exhibition, walking tours and more.

BPF Newcastle is now seeking Expressions of Interest from local emerging street/mural artists to feature in our 3 day festival.

Artists applying must be available to paint on

Friday 30 September, Saturday 1 October and Sunday 2 October 2022.

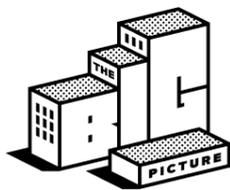
BPF History

BPF Newcastle is working with internationally recognised artist and curator **Vans the Omega** to produce Australia's premier street art festival, now set in 5 locations across 3 states.

Vans (Joel Van Moore) has been painting large-scale artworks on buildings since 1990 and started his own branded festival, The Big Picture Fest in 2018 to celebrate high-calibre street art, while still paying respect to its origins in graffiti art. As BPF's Creative Director, Vans has curated and developed inspiring AR works and projections, as seen in Adelaide's 2021 Illuminate festival.

As an artist-led festival, BPF aims to give artists a unique experience of mentoring and support, as they connect and work alongside like-minded artists.

The Big Picture Fest is proudly supported by the City of Newcastle, University of Newcastle, Art Thinking Australia and the Business Improvement Association (BIA City Branch).



Project Scope

The project includes artwork development, design, and installation. The painted artwork must not be political, commercial, or potentially offensive (racist / overtly nude, etc). Our festival supports the variety of mural / street art styles, and we aim to celebrate beautiful, contemporary work. Artists will be paid on a sliding scale according to their experience and the work required for the wall allocated to them by the Creative Director.

Site Locations and Specifications

The festival is aiming for 8 new sites within the CBD between Central Newcastle and Newcastle West. One of our sites will be the Newcastle Art School building, at TAFE NSW Hunter Street building on Hunter Street at Kuwumi Place, which means 'to collect and gather' in Awabakal language.

If selected, you will be allocated a wall space as soon as possible in consultation with the Creative Director. You will need to submit a concept of your artwork to The Big Picture Fest for approval by the City of Newcastle in July 2022.

Project Schedule

Expressions of Interest close	Sunday 29 May 2022 at midnight
Shortlisted candidate/s notified	Mon 13 June 2022
Artwork concepts due for approval	Mon 11 July 2022
Artwork Installation	Fri 30 September to Sun 2 October 2022

Application and Selection Process

Artists who reside in the Greater Newcastle Area (City of Newcastle, Cessnock City, Singleton, Lake Macquarie City, Maitland City and Port Stephens) are eligible to apply. We actively encourage applications from culturally and linguistically diverse artists, First Nations Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artists, LGBTIQ+ artists and artists with disability.*

Submit an Expression of Interest by midnight on Sunday 29 May via email to the Festival Director, Katerina Skoumbas, BigPictureFestNewcastle@gmail.com including the following Information:

- Completed Expressions of Interest Form
- Up to 5 images of relevant previous work (submitted as PDF or PowerPoint file, up to 5MB). No detailed concept drawings are required at this stage

Please note: Artists who submit an EOI for The Big Picture Fest Newcastle 2022 will be kept on file for a period of up to 24 months and may be considered for future festivals and associated public art opportunities that may arise.

*If you have physical access requirements please contact us before commencing your application to confirm that we can meet your access requirements.