As part of its mission to honor Bob Dylan on being awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature, The Hibbing Dylan Project in partnership with The Hibbing Arts Council and Lees Rental, announce an open call for artists interested in creating original murals to be temporarily displayed in various locations in downtown Hibbing. We welcome artists and designers of all forms to apply, but specifically encourage those who work in murals.

This project is designed to bring art to the forefront in our community. As such, artwork submissions are encouraged to show respect and honor to the literary works of Bob Dylan and/or the rich mining heritage of Hibbing, Minnesota. This is our first call for artists in what we hope will help grow the downtown corridor and bring talent—specifically local talent—to the forefront.

Initial applications are due at or before 5:00PM on Friday, March 31, 2017, and should be emailed to hibbingdylanproject@gmail.com

These applications should include:

• Artist’s resume (highlighting any public art projects)
• 2 letters of recommendation (please have them speak to the timeliness of your work)
• 5 representative digital images of your work
• AND a written proposal with initial imagery to demonstrate your concept at one of the three spaces available

The selection committee will judge proposals on the following criteria:

• Quality, originality, and appeal of the concept
• Concept’s capacity to capture the spirit of Bob Dylan’s work
• Concept’s appropriateness for a public setting
• Artist’s proven capacity for timely completion of the project
Artists, designers, studios, and teams may submit multiple concepts for this project, and artists from any location are encouraged to apply. However, preference will be given first to local and then to regional or Minnesota artists.

The selection committee will choose finalists during the week of April 3 – 7, 2017, and will provide a small stipend for materials to complete the work of art.

Artists must be available to complete this project by May 1, 2017.

Art will be installed in the locations in early May and will remain there until September or until the property has been rented, whatever comes first. The selected artwork and its likeness will become the property of the Hibbing Dylan Project, which reserves the right to use the image for promotional and retail purposes.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful submissions. We are eager to find the right partners for this project.