



## **Newton Artful Pianos 2026 – Call for Artists**

**Transform a Piano. Inspire the Community.**

Newton Community Events & Programs invites artists to take part in the 2026 Newton Artful Pianos. Through this public art initiative, donated pianos are turned into artistic masterpieces that are placed in outdoor spaces throughout the city for all to admire and/or play. Whether you're an experienced or emerging artist, share your creativity through this community-wide celebration of art and music.

### **Project Details**

- **Painting Location:** Lakeside Studio at the Crystal Lake Bathhouse
- **Painting Period:** April 13 – May 8, 2026 (*exact times TBD*)
- **Display Period:** Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend
- **Compensation:** \$500 stipend (to include the cost of materials)

### **Project Timeline**

- **Application Opens:** February 9
- **Deadline to Apply:** February 27
- **Selected Artists Notified:** March 9
- **Concept Sketches Due:** March 27  
*(sketches will be reviewed upon receipt so can be submitted prior to this date)*
- **Sketch Review & Final Approval:** March 9-April 10
- **Painting Period:** April 13-May 8
- **Artist Reception:** Tuesday May 12 (to be confirmed)
- **Installation & Tuning:** May 13-22

## Eligibility

- Artists of all levels are encouraged to apply. Special consideration will be given to artists who have prior experience with public art. Artists may apply as individuals or teams (the stipend will be divided equally among team members). High school student artists are encouraged to apply.

## Selection Criteria

Submissions will be reviewed by the Newton Community Events & Programs team based on provided artist samples. Artists will be selected based on:

- demonstrated ability
- creativity
- relevant experience and/or understanding of public art.

## Why Apply to this Call?

- Create a unique, hands-on piece of public art
- Build your portfolio with a high-visibility project
- Share your vision in a joyful citywide celebration of music and art
- Connect with fellow public artists in our shared artist workspace

## How to Apply

- Complete and submit [this application form](#).

## Questions?

Contact us at [events@newtonma.gov](mailto:events@newtonma.gov) or 617-796-1540