

CALL TO ARTISTS

PERFORMANCE ART

Name of Event: *Passion Alive – Live Painting Performance On The Square* - Hickory, NC

Selected area visual artists (4) will be paid to paint a subject of their choosing during a live music performance of the Sails Original Music Series in downtown Hickory, NC in September 2026. This music series is very well attended with 1000+/- at each show. If you are a local artist and are comfortable and capable of painting live with hundreds of people watching you work, you should apply for a chance to be selected for one of the performances.

Performance/Art Dates during the Sails Original Music Series event:

5-9pm Friday Sept 4th on the Square in Downtown Hickory, NC

5-9pm Friday Sept 11th on the Square in Downtown Hickory, NC

5-9pm Friday Sept 18th on the Square in Downtown Hickory, NC

4-8pm Saturday Sept 26th at Samuel Davis Field during Ridgeview Festival – Hickory, NC

Artist will provide all materials needed to produce the work – including, canvas, easel, paints and a tarp or something similar to cover the space where they will work so as to not unintentionally apply any paint to city owned decking, landscape, etc. Artist should be set up and ready to paint no later than 5pm (4pm on Sept 26) on their performance date. Artist will complete the art piece that evening and deliver to Bob Sinclair by 4pm the following day. Once the piece is completed, dried, ready to hang with hardware attached and delivered, the Artist will receive payment for the work. The original art piece will be owned by Bob Sinclair until the art is silently auctioned at NoCo ARTS at the First Friday Art Hop on Oct 2nd, 2026 in Newton, NC. Artist will retain the rights to replicate the original for prints, etc. The proceeds of the auction will be used by Bob Sinclair or other artistic events.

Application Deadline: 5pm on July 24th, 2026 (send to bobsinclairmusic@gmail.com)

To enter attach a pdf with the following:

- Cover letter describing your ideas for what you will create and supplies you will use to perform your work (easel, rotating table for larger works, etc) and possible subject ideas.
- Artist Resume including biography, exhibition record (CV)
- Links to Work Samples, (ex. IG, FB, website) and/or Video Samples of live art painting. Please no individual image files!

Selection Process: Committee Selection

Selection Notification to Artist: August 15th, 2026

Payment: Artist will be paid \$800 for their piece of art once it has been completed and delivered to Bob Sinclair.

Publicity: Sails Original Music Series Social Media campaigns; Bob Sinclair Music social media posts; NoCo ARTS media and email campaigns; Artist's social media and email campaign.

Work Media: Paint on canvas or panel - acrylic, watercolor, oil, gouache, ink or other common or workable media

Work Size: No smaller than 18" x 24". No larger than 3' x 4'.

Timeline: Artist will complete a painting in public during a Sails Original Music Series event. The painting must be completed and delivered within 24 hours of the event.

Performance dates: Artist shall state ALL of the following dates they are available to perform; September 4, 11, 18, 26. Bob Sinclair will determine which date Artist will "perform".

Reception: Art will be on exhibit and auctioned at NoCo ARTS at 118 N. College Avenue in Newton, NC on Oct 2, 2026. Artist should plan to be on-site during the auction.

Contact: Bob Sinclair – bobsinclairmusic@gmail.com

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