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CALL FOR ENTRY OPEN FOR COMMISSIONERS' CHOICE EXHIBIT AT THE LONE TREE ARTS CENTER FOCUSING ON PETS: THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THE PANDEMIC

LONE TREE, CO – The Lone Tree Arts Center (LTAC) has a call open for pieces of artwork for the latest Commissioners' Choice exhibit, *Pets: The Unsung Heroes of the Pandemic*. The call for artwork will be open until **November 4, 2021**, and the show will run from **January 12 – March 27, 2022**.

Pets: The Unsung Heroes of the Pandemic will focus on how pets served as an important connection point throughout the height of the pandemic. Human connection is as fundamental as our need for food and water, and while the pandemic raged on, many turned to their pets to help fill the void. They provided a safe zone for physical touch that so many were craving, the ability to cope better with the chaos that was surrounding us and the inspiration to find routine when we felt like there was none. For many the benefits they provided were truly lifesaving.

The Lone Tree Arts Commission is seeking conceptual works in any medium of these unsung heroes. Each submission needs to be accompanied by a story/narrative about how the subject impacted you or someone else during the pandemic. Artists must be local to Colorado or within driving distance, no submissions will be accepted by mail. Prizes will be awarded for the following: Best of Show, Runner-Up, and Best Young Artist (ages 13-18). More information and how to apply can be found on the LTAC website: <https://www.lonetreeartscenter.org/commissionerschoice>.

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Exhibit Information

The exhibit runs from January 12 – March 27, 2022. The exhibit will be available for viewing during regular Box Office hours, Monday through Friday, 10am to 4pm, as well as two hours before performances at the Arts Center.

About the Lone Tree Arts Commission

The Lone Tree Arts Commission provides access to a diversity of art forms and promotes a climate of artful living in the City of Lone Tree. Formally incorporated by the Lone Tree City Council in 1999, the Lone Tree Arts Commission is made up of seven civic and culturally minded residents. Since its incorporation, the Arts Commission has developed, supported and assisted various cultural activities and interest groups in the City and acted in an advisory capacity to the Lone Tree City Council through recommendations on acquisition of public art and suggestion on other cultural avenues that may be of interest to the community.

About LTAC

The Lone Tree Arts Center is a professional, innovative and environmentally friendly LEED Certified venue. Owned and operated by the City of Lone Tree, LTAC has created a dynamic model for the performing arts by collaborating with premier Colorado performing arts companies to present their productions in Lone Tree while also presenting international and national touring artists. LTAC has quickly discovered its place as a new provider of arts education programs for children and seniors and is an important meeting and event rental site for corporate, civic, private, and community arts groups.

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