

WHAT IS POP UP TOP?

POP UP TOP seeks to breathe new life into vacant storefronts of Downtown Topeka. Vacant storefronts that have long sat empty are transformed into public art spaces and exhibits- that in turn foster a collective creativity to all who pass by. Through a partnership with Chords & Oil and downtown property owners; artists, creators, thinkers, and organizations have gallery space opportunities available to them at no cost in highly visible locations throughout downtown. All properties remain actively available for sale or lease.

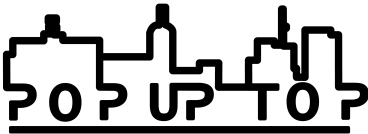
GALLERY SPACE

The gallery spaces available through POP UP TOP are not traditional gallery spaces. Through an agreement with involved property owners, Chords and Oil secures various “gallery” spaces in vacant buildings that are then made available to interested artists and organizations. The spaces vary in amenities and sizes. Many of the spaces are merely storefront displays and do not allow any access into the space. Nor do they offer utilities such as heat, a/c, water, or electricity.

Installations will run for generally 3 to 4 months. Exact durations will be agreed upon in the Artist’s Proposal. Artists are responsible for installation and take down of their exhibits. While many of the spaces are rough, the Artist is asked to leave the space in like or better condition as it was found. The Artist should also assume initial window cleaning and clean up of the space as necessary. All spaces are actively available for sale or lease. Should a space be leased or purchased, the Artist would be required to remove their installation within 10 days of such notice.

A Chords and Oil representative will act as the primary point of contact between the property owner and the Artist. They will facilitate move in and move out times as well as limited access to the space for the artist during the course of the installation. Chords and Oil will provide general publicity to the POP UP TOP exhibits through social media, www.chordsandoil.org, and other avenues as they become available. Exhibiting artists will be listed on www.chordsandoil.org and may also include a link to the artist’s website. Additional PR is strongly encouraged but is up to the Artist’s discretion. Chords and Oil will provide signage with the POP UP TOP logo and a general statement of the installation on the window of the space. Chords and Oil will not facilitate the sale of any work. Sales are solely the responsibility of the artist.

Chords and Oil will not censor any Artist’s work, but it is sensitive to the community viewing the art. Art that is visible from the sidewalk should abide by content restrictions that apply to public art. Anything that is deemed vulgar, hateful or malicious will be asked to be removed. Property owners, and Chords and Oil reserve the right to remove such installations. Remember, one of the goals of POP UP TOP is to inspire a collective creativity within our community.



APPLICATION

Requests for POP UP TOP spaces will be granted through an application process. Chords and Oil will strive to accommodate all applications as time and space permit.

Return complete Application Form to info@chordsandoil.org.

Questions may also be address to the same address.

Initial below:

_____ I have read and agree to adhere to the responsibilities state above.

_____ I agree to hold harmless; Chords and Oil, property owners, and all others involved with POP UP TOP with regards to damage, theft, vandalism, and any other acts that may be deemed damaging to Artist’s work.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Artist: Organization: Business: Other: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City-State- Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Website: _____

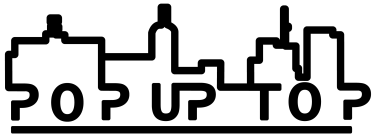
Social Media Name: _____

Name of Project: _____

Type of Project: 2D: Sculpture: Video: Installation:
 Informational: Other: _____

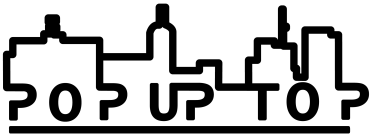
How long would you like this Project to run: _____

Statement of Purpose/Artist Bio (250 words or less):



Detailed description of the proposed exhibit and how you propose to use a POP UP TOP space:
(may include images work, installation diagrams, videos, etc to assist in explanation)

How does your exhibit inspire a collective creativity in the community (250 words or less):



Technical requirements needed (space size, electrical, temperature, etc):

(Although most spaces do not have utilities, should your installation require such, we will strive to make it available)