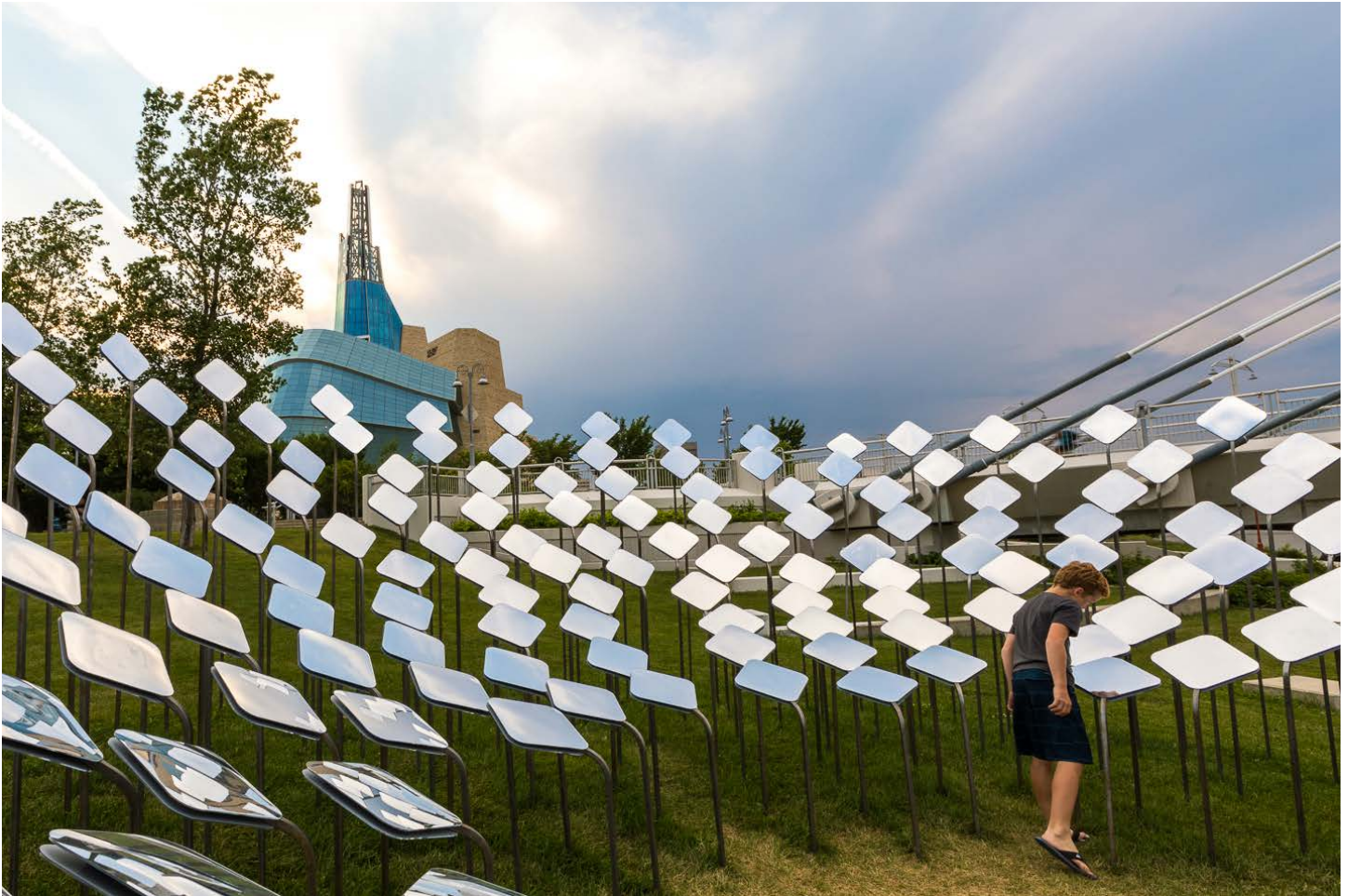


# COOL GARDENS

**CALL FOR CURATORS - 2025 EDITION**



## **ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS**

StorefrontMB was established in 2011 to celebrate design in Manitoba. Since its inception, StorefrontMB has coordinated a host of events, including: forums, film series, the annual Winnipeg Design Festival, Winnipeg Commerce Design Competition, the Architecture Fringe Festival, Table for 1200, as well as publishing numerous books on design in Manitoba. The organization is overseen by a board of directors that draws from all spatial disciplines: Landscape, Architecture, Interiors, and Planners.

# MISSION STATEMENT & MANDATE

## Mission Statement

Cool Gardens promotes contemporary garden design and the local landscape with an experimental, creative and innovative platform. Cool Gardens creates a biennial design competition and invitational platform to engage local and international designers with garden design in Manitoba. In addition, Cool Gardens engages the public through educational programming and community engagement, including workshops, garden tours, exhibitions, and forums.

## Mandate

In an effort to disseminate garden and landscape design, the program is open to traditional and new ideas, inviting both creative exploration and innovation. Cool Gardens aims to reach a larger audience with updated programming and initiatives focussed around garden design and landscape.



# CANDIDATE

The ideal candidate(s) for this position of Cool Gardens Curator will be passionate about design, self-motivated and enthusiastic with exceptional written and graphic communication skills, and proven experience in managing budgets and schedules. Strong interpersonal and organizational skills are key qualities.

Storefront is committed to representing the diversity of people living in Winnipeg. We actively encourage applications and self-declaration from underrepresented groups including Indigenous Peoples, Women, Racialized Peoples, Persons with Disabilities, 2SLGBTQQIA+ Peoples, and Newcomers.

The event curator(s) reports to the Storefront Manitoba Executive Director and the Cool Gardens Subcommittee.

# CURATORIAL DUTIES

The past ten years of the Cool Gardens program have built a successful foundation and model from which the next curator(s) will work. Event curator(s) will work with the Cool Gardens Subcommittee to fulfill the following tasks:

- Provide overall creative direction, including general festival theme
- Administer international design competition
- Manage project budget and schedule
- Secure additional funding through grant applications and sponsorship requests
- Liaise with designers, partners, and contractors to ensure successful installation of projects
- Develop and deliver programming engaging in critical discussion, exploration, and celebration of design





## COMPENSATION:

Chief Curator: \$10 000 CAD (to be negotiated depending on number of grants received and number of gardens installed)

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINE

Email size must not exceed 7.5MB and should include 1 combined PDF document.

### Content of Application:

1. CV (1 page per applicant)
2. Cover letter (2 pages)
3. Portfolio / examples of previous work (2 pages)
4. 3 References (1 page)

Submit Applications to: [info@storefrontmb.ca](mailto:info@storefrontmb.ca) with subject **“Cool Gardens Curator 2025”**

## PROPOSALS WILL BE EVALUATED ON:

- prior experience/credentials with project management and curation
- strength and creativity of proposed activities
- graphic quality as a testament to applicant’s graphic ability/vision

**Deadline: December 15th 2024**

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