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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE

1. The undersigned hereby applies to the Cambridge Historical Commission for a Certificate of (check one box): Appropriateness, Nonapplicability, or Hardship, in accordance with Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws and/or Chapter 2.78 of the Municipal Code.

2. Address of property: , Cambridge, Massachusetts

3. Describe the proposed alteration(s), construction or demolition in the space provided below:
(An additional page can be attached, if necessary).

Temporary art installation on front lawn.
See attached for additional details.

I certify that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. **The undersigned also attests that he/she has read the statements printed on the reverse.**

Name of Property Owner of Record: <input type="text" value="History Cambridge"/>	
Mailing Address: <input type="text" value="159 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA 02138"/>	
Telephone/Fax: <input type="text" value="617-547-4252"/>	E-mail: <input type="text" value="mvandamme@historycambridge.org"/>
Signature of Property Owner of Record: <u>M Van Damme</u> (Required field; application will not be considered complete without property owner's signature)	
Name of proponent, if not record owner: <input type="text"/>	
Mailing Address: <input type="text"/>	
Telephone/Fax: <input type="text"/>	E-mail: <input type="text"/>

(for office use only):			
Date Application Received: <u>4/12/22</u>	Case Number: <u>4777</u>	Hearing Date: <u>5/5/22</u>	
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**Application to Cambridge Historical Commission
for Certificate of Appropriateness**

April 2022

**Proposal for Temporary Installation Art
on the Front Lawn of the Hooper-Lee-Nichols House**

Project	"Forgotten Souls of Tory Row" Art Installation
Property Owner	History Cambridge, 159 Brattle Street
Artist	Black Coral, Inc (Lead artists Pamela Goncalves and Gail Bos)
Duration	May 13-October 7, 2022
Concept	Two circles of "trees" — exterior circle with a smaller interior circle. Eight trees in the exterior circle and eighteen "saplings" in the interior circle. Blue glass bottles will be attached with wax to the end of the branches to form bottle trees. Trees will be lit with solar lights. Interpretation will be offered through a postcard (stored in a waterproof acrylic postcard holder attached to the fence temporarily with zip ties) and four lawn signs (18" x 24") arranged 2-3 feet from the inside of the Brattle Street fence in front of the trees.
Historical Context	The trees are representative of multi-generational knowledge and symbolic of the eternal nature of life. The root represents the strength of our ancestors, to the fruit representing the passing of each generation. The leaves represent the changeable multicolored and stored information of each transitory soul. The bottle trees will be decorated with blue bottles as representing the forgotten history and spirit of the neighborhood. Less than a mile away from Tory Row lies a community where black descendants of the Caribbean enslaved resided. This community encompassed the spirit of a variety of cultures seeking the American dream. Freed slaves to earliest immigrants all

aspired to rise above their stations. This installation will invite its viewers to learn about and reflect on this aspect of Tory Row's hidden history.

Dimensions

Exterior circle trees — 6 ft high
Interior circle trees — 3 ft high
Circumference — 30 ft

Materials

Iron tree frames; glass bottles sealed with wax; acrylic postcard holder; plastic lawn signs

Installation

Trees secured by cables and stakes to the ground

Location

Southwest corner of HLN House lawn

Partners

Cambridge Arts (funder), Cambridge Plant & Garden Club (landscaping)

Artist Rendering of Tree Installation



Location of trees on HLN house property





Letters of Support (enclosed)

- Jim & Kim Quagliaroli, abutters, 157 Brattle St.
- Pete Bell, abutter, 8 Kennedy Road
- Daniele Thomas, abutter, 161 Brattle St.
- Dr. Tom Randall, 205 Brattle St.



Marieke Van Damme <mvandamme@historycambridge.org>

Temporary Art Installation Project by History Cambridge

Jim Quagliaroli <jim@silversmith.com>

Mon, Apr 11, 2022 at 11:32 AM

To: Marieke Van Damme <mvandamme@historycambridge.org>

Cc: Jim Quagliaroli <jim@silversmith.com>, "Kim (henryquags@comcast.net)" <henryquags@comcast.net>

Hi Marieke –

Kim and I were excited to hear about the art installation coming to Brattle Street. As neighbors, we support this upcoming temporary art installation project by History Cambridge. We look forward to viewing the piece throughout the summer & learning more about the history of our street.

Regards,

Jim

Jim Quagliaroli

[157 Brattle Street](#)

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Marieke Van Damme <mvandamme@historycambridge.org>

Quick note of support for public art on our lawn this summer?

Peter Bell <pgusbell@me.com>

Thu, Apr 7, 2022 at 7:30 PM

To: Marieke Van Damme <mvandamme@historycambridge.org>

Hi Marieke,

Yes, of course. Something like this? Happy to adjust if you'd like.

We'd like to give our unqualified support of the art installation History Cambridge proposes to educate the community about the enslaved people who once lived on Brattle Street. As next door neighbors, we've been fortunate to benefit from the clever and thoughtful programming run by Marieke Van Damme and her team, and have always appreciated her consideration of the relationship between the organization and its residential neighbors.

Pete Bell

8 Kennedy Rd

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Marieke Van Damme <mvandamme@historycambridge.org>

Quick note of support for public art on our lawn this summer?

Daniele Thomas <dcthomas5@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 12:32 PM

To: Marieke Van Damme <mvandamme@historycambridge.org>

Hi! It sounds exciting. I am looking forward to seeing it every day this Summer. Best
Daniele Thomas

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 9, 2022, at 12:27 PM, Daniele Thomas <dcthomas5@gmail.com> wrote:

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Marieke Van Damme <mvandamme@historycambridge.org>

Bottle tree display

Randall, Thomas C.,M.D. <TRANDALL@mgh.harvard.edu>

Thu, Apr 7, 2022 at 11:20 AM

To: "Sullivan, Charles M." <csullivan@cambridgema.gov>

Cc: "mvandamme@cambridgehistory.org" <mvandamme@cambridgehistory.org>

Dear Mr. Sullivan

I am writing as a Brattle street resident in support of the proposal for a decorative traditional 'bottle tree' display at the History Cambridge/aka Cambridge Historical Society headquarters at Brattle and Kennedy streets. Previous displays at the headquarters, such as the recent informational signage about enslaved people who used to live and work at that location, have been both tasteful and thought provoking and overall contributed to civic life along Brattle street.

Thanks very much for your consideration

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