



Ennis Street Arts Festival

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Co. Clare

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ESAF Commission Opportunity Open Submission 2018

The Ennis Street Arts Festival in collaboration with Clare County Council Arts Office offers two individual commissions for visual artists of €1000 for the production and presentation of a Street Arts Project during the ESAF 2017.

Open date: 15/12/17

Closing date (final extension): 09/02/2018 At: 5pm

Introduction

The Ennis Street Arts Festival is an annual festival of arts and culture, which creates a platform for local, national and international artists with the aim of offering a unique experience to the community with original innovative ideas. This festival offers the chance of developing stronger relationships between artists and the local community, in terms of culture, social engagement and participation in Ennis and Co. Clare.

Brief

Our motivation for offering this 'Artist Commission Opportunity' for the second year running, comes from the positive outcomes that commissioned artists achieved, by obtaining all the support needed to well-develop and showcase a professional street art project, to a wide varied audience gaining recognition for the said artists work

Festival Theme

The theme for 2018 ESAF is 'Urban Wildlife', bringing to mind the hidden life that surrounds us at all times, such as foxes, bats, bees; but Urban Wildlife also pertains to the wild and creative human stories that are hidden in plain site within the town of Ennis and surrounding areas. With this theme we hope to offer artists and visitors alike the chance to explore and engage with the town from a new perspective; as an urban setting teeming with life, both big and small, but all ultimately connected by our shared habitat. This theme will create a common thread connecting the range of work produced for and during the festival.

Applicants are requested to read the full content of this document carefully as it contains important information in regards to the application process of the commission.

The Commissioning Process:

This opportunity is open to all interested professional artists at any stage of their career or experience, who is currently working solo or with a group or organization.

The final decision will be taken by the selection panel, which will be comprised of at the minimum: ESAF production team members, professional artist(s), and local authority representative(s)

Selection will be based on:

- The quality of information supplied in the proposal to establish the competence of the artist to carry out this commission. Previous work samples, feasibility, clear goals & timeframe will be also part of the deciding criteria.
- The benefit to the ongoing development of individual, group or organisation. The potential impact of the Street Art Project in terms of social engagement and participation.

Applicants will be shortlisted on the basis of their submissions and shortlisted candidates may be called for interview ahead of finalising selection depending on the recommendation of the selection panel.

Successful candidates will be notified in about 4 weeks after the submission deadline.

Guidelines:

1. All artists are required to submit:
 - A completed application form
 - A current CV
 - Previous work samples or relevant visuals in PDF format including links to website and/or videos if necessary.
2. The format of the application will be through a proposal form that can be downloaded from our website: www.ennisstreetartsfestival.com
3. All submitted files should be merged in one single document.
4. To be eligible you must be: (a) over 18 years of age, (b) an Irish resident, (c) Child protection awareness certificate (where applicable) and (d) Chosen artist may be subject to garda vetting depending on the nature of the project (e) chosen artist will be asked to provide Public Liability Insurance for the duration of the project.
5. Deadline for application (email only, no hard copies please) is Friday, 26th of January, 2018, at 5pm. All artist will be notified whether they were successful or not by Friday 23rd of Febuary 2018. Artists may apply by email for feedback on unsuccessful applications.
6. Submissions to be sent by email to ennisstreetfestival@gmail.com for the attention of Lisa O'Brien with subject: **ESAF Commission Proposal**. (Keep a copy of your application for reference purposes).

Queries:

Applicants may make enquiries regarding this commission to Lisa O'Brien.

Email: ennisstreetfestival@gmail.com (please state in subject: Att: Lisa O'Brien ESAF Commission Enquiry)