

BIRR THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE OPEN SUBMISSION EXHIBITION



Common Ground 2014

"Organic"

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre are calling for submissions for the 7th Annual Common Ground – an exhibition of work by artists living in the Midlands to be held from December 2014 – January 2015.

This year the theme for **Common Ground** (*referring to a group of artists coming together to exhibit*) will be "**Organic**" (all mediums considered)

The exhibition will be curated by a guest selector and it is intended that the resulting exhibition will showcase the exceptional talent and diversity of Visual Artists in the Midlands today.

We would like to encourage you to make a submission. This process is not intended to place any artist over another, but to offer a professionally selected exhibition opportunity for all artists in the area.

Conditions of entry are as follows:

- Media: **All media considered.**
- Please deliver **two** (max.) items of work to Birr Theatre & Arts Centre on **Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 November between 1pm and 5pm.**
It is advised to submit two pieces to give the guest selector scope to include as many artists as possible.
- Pieces that have been exhibited in Birr town previously will not be selected.
- Artists must be living in the Midlands region or have immediate Midlands connections.
- All work must be professionally presented ready for exhibit. It is not necessary that works on canvas are framed, but the canvas must be approx 1 inch deep and not bowed or warped in any way. Thinner canvases will need to be framed. Works not presented appropriately will not be considered.
- Work that is not ready to hang (i.e. picture hooks etc in place with cord) will not be included.
- Artist must insure that their work is dry before submission. Wet work will not be accepted.

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- Sizes – sizes of work may vary, however artists are reminded to consider the size of the exhibition space at Birr Theatre & Arts Centre. Artists are welcome to visit the space in advance or contact the Theatre who will e-mail a photograph of the exhibition space.
- All items delivered must be clearly marked with **name, contact phone number, title, medium and price.**
- A completed Submission Form must be submitted from each artist. Forms are attached below. Work will not be accepted without a completed Submission Form.
- All artists must submit a Biography and Artist Statement with their submission. Please also supply this information by e-mail to: *emma.birrtheatre@gmail.com* (artist statement: max 50 words)
- The guest selectors decision is final.
- It is likely that no more than 50 pieces will be selected for exhibit, and due to the lack of storage facilities prompt collection of unselected works is expected on or before **Friday 21 November** between 1pm – 5pm.
- Artists will be notified if their works have been selected /unselected by email or phone.
- Birr Theatre & Arts Centre will handle any sales and a 15% commission charge will apply to all sales.
- Works will only be insured while they are in the building and up to the date artists have been asked to collect them.
- The show will be **officially opened on Friday 5th December, 7pm** and run until the end of January 2014.

**For further information please contact
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Submission Form ~ Two pieces **max** to be submitted

*Pieces **must** be accompanied by a completed Submission Form.*

- Name: _____
- Address: _____

- Tel: _____
- E-mail: _____

• Title of Piece(s)	1.	€
	2.	€

(retail price - which includes gallery commission of 15%)

Artist Statement

/ short bio

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