

# BIRR THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE

## OPEN SUBMISSION EXHIBITION



# Common Ground 2019

# Climate Change

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre are calling for submissions for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Common Ground – an exhibition of work by artists living in the Midlands to be held from December 2019 – January 2020.

This year the theme for **Common Ground** (*referring to a group of artists coming together to exhibit*) will be “**Climate Change**” (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.

## This years Common Ground is inspired by “Climate Change”

Artists are encouraged to submit artwork that encapsulates the theme of “**Climate Change**”.

**Climate Change** dwells on the deep entanglements of our species with not only animals, but also plants, minerals, organic matter and the bio-geo-physical systems (including climate) that govern the Earth. The exhibit will focus on the issues relating to Climate Change, sustainability, ecology, pollution, and the environment.

This selected show is open to all media including painting, drawing, print, photography, sculpture etc, though pieces must depict representations of Climate Change in any way shape or form.

With this in mind we ask artists to submit a max of 2 pieces for consideration.

Any work that is determined not to meet the spirit of the exhibit will not be accepted.

**€10 ENTRY FEE PER ARTIST**

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## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR BIRR THEATRE AND ARTS CENTRE'S ANNUAL COMMON GROUND EXHIBITION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Media: **All media considered.**
- Please deliver **two** (max.) items of work to Birr Theatre & Arts Centre on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Please submit original work only. No copied works will be accepted!
- NOTE: Any work that is determined not to meet the spirit of the exhibit will not be accepted.
- 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.
- 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 details of the exhibition space.
- All items delivered must be clearly marked with **name, contact phone number, title, medium and price.**
- A completed Submission Form, with artist submission fee, must be submitted for each artist. Forms are attached below. Work will not be accepted without a completed Submission Form.
- All artists must submit a short biography with their submission.
- 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 **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 promptly.
- The show will be **officially opened on Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm** and runs until the end of January 2020.

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

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Office use: Please tick

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

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
No of works	
Title 1	
Title 2	

#### Short Biography


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Entry 1	Artist Name	
	Title of Artwork	
	Medium	
	Price	(incl 15% commission) €

*Please label clearly and attach on back of each work.*

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Entry 2	Artist Name	
	Title of Artwork	
	Medium	
	Price	(incl 15% commission) €

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