

BIRR THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE OPEN SUBMISSION EXHIBITION



Common Ground 2020

Minimal

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre are calling for submissions for the 13th Annual Common Ground – an exhibition of work by artists living in the Midlands to be held from December 2020 – January 2021. We endeavour to host the exhibition either in the foyer or virtually, in line with current government guidelines.

This year the theme for **Common Ground** (*referring to a group of artists coming together to exhibit*) will be **"Minimal"** (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 year, Common Ground is inspired by the theme **"Minimal"**

Artists are encouraged to submit artwork that encapsulates the theme of **"Minimal"**.

It takes a certain level of skill and vision to dwell deeply upon simple things; to create something that seems obvious, but isn't, that's so perfectly unassuming it's also unpredictably provoking.

This gives artists an opportunity to interpret "Minimal" as the theme, inspiring order, simplicity and harmony, depicting it in their own individual way.

This selected show is open to all media including painting, drawing, print, photography, sculpture etc, though pieces must depict representations of Minimal 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

REGISTER YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

To assist with communication during these uncertain times, we ask that you register your [Expression of Interest](#) to submit, in advance. Advance registration is free. This is to assist us communicating directly with artists intending to submit as government guidelines change.

Registering your expression of interest is not a commitment to submit

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre
Oxmantown Hall, Birr, Co. Offaly
Box Office (057) 9122911
Admin: (057) 9122893
Email: info@birrtheatre.com
www.birrtheatre.com



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development



Chy No: 10478
Venue Manager: Emma Nee Haslam
Directors Birr Stage Guild CLG: Marcella Corcoran-Kennedy Maureen de Forge, George Manzor

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 30th November and Tuesday 1st December between 1pm and 5pm.**
Level 5 update: Please complete the 'Expression of Interest' Form on birrtheatre.com to be informed when and how to submit for exhibition.
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 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 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 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 4th December** between 1pm – 5pm. **This may change depending on how the exhibition can take place adhering to Level 5 protocol. Please complete an [Expression of Interest Form](http://birrtheatre.com) on birrtheatre.com.**
- 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 exhibition will be **open on Tues 8th December** and will run until the end of **January 2021**
(subject to Covid government guidelines)

**For further information please contact
Birr Theatre & Arts Centre email: info@birrtheatre.com**

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre
Oxmantown Hall, Birr, Co. Offaly
Box Office (057) 9122911
Admin: (057) 9122893
Email: info@birrtheatre.com
www.birrtheatre.com



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development



Common Ground 2020

Minimal

Submission Form ~ Two pieces max to be submitted +
€10 ENTRY FEE PER ARTIST.

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

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
No of works	
Title 1	
Title 2	

Short Biography

✂-----

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

Please label clearly and attach on back of each work.

✂-----

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

Please label clearly and attach on back of each work.

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre
Oxmantown Hall, Birr, Co. Offaly
 Box Office (057) 9122911
 Admin: (057) 9122893
 Email: info@birrtheatre.com
www.birrtheatre.com



An Roinn Forbartha
 Tuaithe agus Pobail
 Department of Rural and
 Community Development



Chy No: 10478
 Venue Manager: Emma Nee Haslam
 Directors Birr Stage Guild CLG: Marcella Corcoran-Kennedy Maureen de Forge, George Manzor