

Open Call

Deadline 30th
of July



The
GAFF

Per Cent
for Art
Commission

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Per Cent for Art Commission at The GAFF, 29–30 Lord Edward Street, Limerick City
Deadline: Wednesday, July 30th 2026 5pm. No late submissions will be accepted.

1. Introduction

Limerick Arts Office, Limerick City and County Council in collaboration with The Limerick Theatre and Performance Hub Ltd., t/a The GAFF, invites expressions of interest from artists who wish to be considered for creating, fabricating and installing an artwork at the new entrance to The GAFF building at 29–30 Lord Edward Street, Limerick City. This project is being funded to align with Per Cent for Art requirements of the Phase 2 building project at The GAFF on Lord Edward Street. Total funding of €5,000 is being provided for this project, inclusive of all taxes, licences, royalties, travel and other costs related to the delivery of the project.

2. Artist's Brief

The GAFF is proud to occupy one of the buildings which once formed part of the famous Limerick Clothing Factory. To commemorate the historic factory and remember the people who worked there, The GAFF proposes to utilise the Per Cent for Art Scheme to commission a new work of art to be located at the centre's new entrance to give visitors a brief overview of the story of the building and its people. The new art work will, ideally, link the building's past history to its present use and will be a welcome addition to The GAFF's new development.

A site visit to The GAFF building, for interested artists, will take place on Tuesday, July 7th from 11am to 1pm, when artists may view the location for the new work.

Pre-registration for this open day is essential via email at theatreperformancehub@gmail.com before Monday, June 29th.



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3. Eligibility

The competition is open to artists resident in Ireland with a demonstrable interest in socially engaged and/or public art. Proposals from individual artists or collaborations involving more than one artist or other creative specialists will be accepted.

4. Requirements

Artists must submit the following documentation as part of the application process:

- a. A completed Expression of Interest Form (this form is attached as Appendix 1).
- b. A professional CV, or CVs in the case of a collaborative proposal.
- c. Samples of previous work, in PDF format, of up to a maximum of three past, completed art projects with a description of each project example delivered, including the name of the commissioner.
- d. A written outline of your response to the brief, demonstrating how the artwork will meet the objectives for the commission, max. 500 words.
- e. Outline sketches or drawings to assist the assessment panel to visualise your proposal. All submissions to be submitted online. There is no facility to include a 3D model or maquette.
- f. A general description of the materials to be used and process undertaken.
- g. A statement confirming that if awarded the commission, the applicant can undertake and complete the project within the budget and the timeframe set out in this brief.

Submission requirements: (a) to (g) must be submitted as one PDF document. The total file size must not be more than 10 MB in size. Any file over this size will not be accepted.



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5. Assessment of Applications

Assessment Criteria Maximum No. Marks /1000

Quality of the proposed idea and relevance to the project brief	500
Previous work and relevant experience in creating public artworks or socially engaged art projects	250
Feasibility of delivery within timeframe and budget	250
Total	1000

6. Key dates (subject to change)

Launch of open call competition	15 th June
Deadline for registration for site visit	29 th June
Site visit	7 th July
Total Closing date for receipt of submissions	30 th July
Notification of award of commission	14 th August
Artist contract and commencement of commission	Q3 2026
Estimated commission completion	Q4 2026

Assessment Panel Members:

- a. Representatives from The GAFF
- b. Independent artists / curators / arts professionals with a national profile



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7. Guidelines for Applicants

1. Those making a submission guarantee that it is for an original artwork.
2. Collaborative submissions will be considered.
3. Limerick City and County Council reserve the right, without prejudice to the outcome of the assessment process, to seek clarifications from artists who make submissions.
4. Late submissions will not be accepted.
5. Applicants are responsible for the cost of making submissions. No fees will be paid.
6. The award/contract shall be inclusive of VAT and all other taxes, duties and insurances.
7. The artist must satisfy the commissioner that the work can be completed for the contract price. The artist will be required to provide documentary evidence of their capacity to complete the contract within the contract price and within the stated budget and a time frame prior to the awarding of the contract.
8. Time extensions may be given only in exceptional circumstances.
9. The artist must satisfy Limerick City and County Council that the artwork can be completed and installed on site for the contract price.
10. The selection panel, whose decision is final, has the right to clarify any issue which may arise during the course of the selection.
11. Limerick City and County Council reserve the right not to award the commission if none of the proposals received are deemed to be suitable and, in this instance, reserve the right to pursue another commissioning process.
12. The successful artist will be issued with a contract.
13. The contracted artist will be asked to submit a report covering all aspects of the design, fabrication and installation or production and presentation details for their artwork.



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8. Terms and Conditions

Insurance

Following the selection process, adequate insurance must be in place prior to Limerick City and County Council signing a contract with the selected artist.

The artist will be responsible for insurance of the artwork until it is installed on site. The Commissioner shall be responsible for insurance of the artwork after installation is complete.

The artist will require Public Liability Insurance and Employers Liability Insurance for any subcontractors engaged by the artist and assisting with the installation of the work on site.

Tax Clearance

All applicants must be tax compliant. Limerick City and County Council can verify your tax clearance status through Revenue's online facility at <http://www.revenue.ie/en/online/taxclearance.html>.

Copyright

All applications must contain a statement that the proposed design is of the sole creation of the artist and that no other person has or will have any legal call on the work. Copyright for the work proposed will remain at all times with the artist.



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Health & Safety

All work shall be carried out in line with the requirements of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act (No. 10 of 2005), supporting regulations, codes of practice and any industry best practice associated with the works being undertaken.

All artworks submitted must be cognisant of safety requirements. If safety requirements cannot be met, Limerick City and County Council may cancel the contract. While every effort will be made to work with the artist in meeting safety requirements, the final responsibility lies with the artist in meeting the requirements of the Commissioner.

Contract

Prior to the commencement of work or payments, a contract must be agreed and signed by the artist and the commissioner. A contract will be drafted to include all timeline, payment schedule, copyright and insurance details.

The contracted artist and any contractors must comply with all current Irish Revenue and Health and Safety legislation and regulations and all Irish Employment legislation, as relevant. The contracted artist and any contractors must comply with all current and future Public Health Advice.



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Appendix A

Per Cent for Art Commission Application Form – Expression of Interest

Closing Date: Thursday 30th July, 5pm

No late submissions will be accepted.

Please print clearly:

Name _____

Address

Contact Nos. _____

Email _____

Remember the file size should not exceed 10 MB. This form, your CV, images and outline response to the brief (max. 500 words) must be in one document.

I have read and understood the competition rules and artist's brief.

Signed: _____

Send your Expression of Interest to: artsofficesubmissions@limerick.ie

With Subject Heading: The GAFF Per Cent for Art Award



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