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A Collaborative and supportive partnership initiative.

In October 2021 GOMA Gallery will celebrate its fifth birthday, having provided studios for professional artists in Waterford since 2016.

To mark this special milestone the organisation will be strengthening and building relationships locally, nationally & internationally, adopting a collaborative approach to developing our programme of events and projects. Funded by The Arts Council and Waterford County Council.

GOMA is in partnership with other organisations to develop a pilot scheme of exhibition exchanges that provides a platform where artists can create work and participate in a peer-led exchange process.



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The aim of this collaborative partnership and award is to support our studio artists in what has been such a demanding year. Highlighting and expanding a working collaboration that is inclusive, supportive, and engaging, allowing opportunity and giving resident artists of each organisation involved a platform in Cork, Galway, Limerick, Dublin and Waterford.



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Stages

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The open call deadline is on the thirty first of July 2021, the trail of exhibitions will take place in January 2022.

Once the selection process is complete in August each of the 5 selected artists will receive a bursary of €1,000 from GOMA to assist with developing their practice.

All artists will be encouraged to engage and keep a dialogue with artists involved throughout the process. This will be supported by partnering organisations. Awarded artists are invited to develop or expand a body of work for exhibition at selected organisation. The idea of this is that the artists work would then take the form of a touring, growing exhibition in a cycle with the five organisations and would have five phases to it—one phase for each venue. For example but not in this order the selected emerging artist from GOMA will be exhibiting in Sample Studios. The selected Sample Studios artist will exhibit with GOMA Artist at Engage Art Studios. The selected Engage art studios artists will exhibit with GOMA and Sample studio artists in phase three in Wickham Street Studios. The selected artists from Wickham Street Studios would then exhibit with GOMA, Sample, Engage awarded artists at BKB. It would finalise by all five artists including BKB artist exhibiting at GOMA.



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Each organisation will have different supports at exhibition stages in their own organisation. In 2022 at the exhibition stage, GOMA will provide artist fees of €400 each for five artists for their exhibition fee at GOMA

GOMA will also provide transport and collection of work between all venues where needed. An exhibition policy will be available to awarded artists from each organisation.

Organisation involved will support their own selected artist in the process. Organisations will also market each exhibition held at their own venue and share partners marketing with the aim of promoting awarded artists. All marketing material for all exhibitions is to mention all five artists that were selected along with organisations involved in all five stages. At least one talk or workshop as part of inclusion, outreach and engagement will be organised by each venue as part of the exhibition.



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Submission Details

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Please submit the below to your studio manager by 31st July 2021 in one PDF document titled with your name.

- Artist Statement and/or Artist Biography (no more than 200 words each)
- Artist CV,
- (up to) 8 jpegs. Images.

Very Important!

Your Document must have your name on the file and organisations name, e.g. First Name, Second name, GOMA Gallery or it will cause confusion. This will make work easier for everybody (most especially those evaluating applications), so please do this.

Images within the document should state - Artist name, title, medium, dimension, year (be aware of being consistent).

Applicants will be notified of their award on Monday the sixth of August.

Please note that for transparency and equality reasons your organisations management will not be on the selection panel as part of the selection process for the same organisation.

Any questions do contact your studio manager and will be happy to assist.

Best of luck to all.