



**Per Cent for Art Scheme:**

**Music Commission Project for Scoil San Phroinsias, Tirellan National School, Galway.**



## **BRIEFING FOR ARTISTS**

**Deadline for submissions: Monday 19th of August 2019 at 5.30pm**

**Budget: €27123**

## **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The Board of Management of Tirellan National School, (Scoil San Phroinsias), in association with Music Generation Galway City, wishes to commission a musical artist to deliver a project of learning and creation under the Per Cent for Art Scheme, funded by the Department of Education and Skills. The extension and refurbishment to Scoil San Phroinsais was built by PJ McLoughlin & Sons Ltd, Dublin Road, Longford and designed by Healy Partner Architects, The Mill, Glenworth Street, Limerick.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Scoil San Phroinsias is a co-educational, Catholic primary school in Galway, with classes from Junior Infants to Sixth class. It is a DEIS urban band 2 school. The school is situated in the Tirellan Heights area and serves the local communities of Tirellan, Ballinfoile, Castlilawn, Sandy Vale, Baile an Choiste, Skelig Ard, Cluain Fada and Lus Leana. There are also pupils from many areas around the city and environs. Currently there are 420 pupils, 35 teaching staff and 7 SNAs in the school.

It is a multinational, multi-linguistic school comprising many nationalities and ethnic groups, a “a slice of life” of the Ireland of today. Our school motto is “*mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí*”. We focus on encouraging the children to be their very best person academically, socially and emotionally. We foster a spirit of kindness and respect towards each other.

As well as pursuing a full academic curriculum we have a variety of extra-curricular activities in the school. These change from year to year depending on the needs of the children and the availability of good quality programmes. Some examples of the programmes this school year are yoga, soccer, art therapy, “smartmoves” and play therapy. Our school has a rich history of music involvement. Our children start playing tin whistle from First class and going forward have the opportunity to learn, bell-lyra, accordion, ukulele and percussion. We have a school band that takes part in the Galway city St. Patrick’s Day parade as well as playing for various local occasions throughout the school year. Our school choir has participated in the Cross Border Orchestra and the Peace Proms. Our band and choir are inclusive, all participate.

We are undergoing a period of transition in music in the school due to teacher retirements and this could be a wonderful opportunity to evaluate our current practice and explore other options.

### **THE COMMISSION**

- The commission is open to an artist working in a broad musical context who will readily embrace a process of engagement, learning and creativity with the students, staff and, where applicable, parents, of the school to realise a project(s) which leads to the creation and performance of an original musical work(s) that expresses the core cultural and social identity of the school and its community.
- The commission is open to a single- practitioner or a collaborative application that retains a high standard of musical creativity and outcomes as its core focus. Regular group facilitations/workshops in the school, to be delivered by the artist(s) or a pre-designated artist associate(s), are essential to the delivery of this project.
- The project/work must reflect the ethos and spirit of the school and be cognisant and reflective of its location, setting and cultural wealth. Music literacy among participants should not be a pre-requisite of the feasibility of the project and required facilitations/workshops.
- The potential for this commission to have a lasting outcome of some nature in the school and the community should be considered while also making a strong artistic statement of the artists' own developmental practice that resonates in Galway city.
- Project is to be complete by June 2020, subject to agreement between Artist(s) and school board of management.

A Provisional Date for the public realisation of this project is **Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> 2020.**

Working title for this project is ***Fête de le cheoil***

### **SITE LOCATION**

The new school building is at Tirellan Heights, Headford Road, Galway.

Site visits, if required, can be organised as follows:

- During the school week up until Wednesday 26th of June 2019.
- On the 8,9,10th of July 2019.

Applicants must contact Mary Dillon (school principal) to arrange a time for a site visit,

Phone: 091763844 or 0876184057

Email [principaltirellan@gmail.com](mailto:principaltirellan@gmail.com)

Site visits will be made at the artist's expense.

## **THE COMMISSIONING PROCESS**

The selection process for this project will be by direct invitation to appropriate composers. Selection will be made by a panel, based on the proposal supplied by the applicant. Candidates may be invited to discuss their proposal in person with the selection panel.

### **Applicants must submit:**

- An outline of their proposal and concept in detail, including proposed process of creative engagement with students and staff (Please limit your response to 2000 words)
- The proposal will include a detailed breakdown of **all** costs, e.g. artists' bought time, all printing, insurance, fees of associated tuition/facilitation, score realisation costs, if applicable, production costs.
- An up-to-date C.V; please outline relevant experience working with schools/children.
- Selection of examples of recent work- a maximum of 3 audio files/links and 3 score excerpts (PDFs only; Sibelius/Finale files will be discounted)
- Examples of previous commissions with two supporting references
- Submissions to be made to: [submissions@cmc.ie](mailto:submissions@cmc.ie)
- All submissions will be assessed and a shortlist will be formed.
- The commissioners shall not be liable for any costs or expenses in respect of applications

Please note that the commissioners reserve the right not to commission from entries received and to re- invite, directly commission or to select more than one submission for commission and to divide the budget accordingly.

## **SELECTION PANEL**

The Selection Panel will consist of two members of the steering committee, the Galway City Council Arts Officer, the Music Development Officer of Music Generation Galway City and an external music expert.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Artistic merit
- Quality of concept
- Potential of the concept to offer opportunities of participation, learning and engagement to all school students, staff and, where applicable, parents.
- Relevance to the spirit, ethos, history and cultural context of the school
- Clarity and practicality of proposal
- Value for money
- Demonstrated ability to carry out the project as per the below timeline
- Potential for long term value and impact to the school and the community

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ARTIST**

All artists must comply with the necessary Health and Safety Legislation in the design, manufacture, supply, delivery and installation of the work paying particular attention to the challenges created by a primary school setting. It is the responsibility of the artist(s) to deliver the work on time and in budget. The successful artist(s) will be required to be Garda vetted.

## **BUDGET**

The budget is €27123 this is to cover the process of researching, engagement and participation, creating and realising the project/work, inclusive of all associated costs including VAT.

## **INSURANCE**

Artists will be required to have Public Liability insurance cover for work they have to undertake on site

## **TAX CLEARANCE**

The successful artist(s) must provide the school with a tax clearance certificate. Full details of the proposed artwork as well as the artist's name and the value of the commission must be furnished by the school to the building unit of the Department of Education and Skills.

## **PROJECT TIMELINE**

August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for Applications
Sept 6th	Artists will be notified of the results
Sept 2019, week 2 or 3	It is envisioned that the process will begin in Sept 2019, a number of committed dates of site visits/engagement sessions in the school will be agreed between the successful artist and the school staff for the school year.
Sept 2019-June 2020	Development phase, regular visits to/engagement with school by artist(s), artistic associates
June 2020	Final realisation of the concept, be it

	performance, installation etc
July 2020	Review and evaluation of the project in consultation with the commissioning body

#### **SUBMISSIONS DELIVERED TO:**

By email to: [submissions@cmc.ie](mailto:submissions@cmc.ie)

Please put the following in the subject heading of your email submission: **Tirellan Public Art Commission**

Please make sure all submitted material is clearly marked with artist name and contact details.

Submissions will only be accepted by email.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2019 at 5.30pm**

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Contemporary Music Centre (CMC) is managing the submission process on behalf of the Board of Management of Tirellan National School, in association with Music Generation Galway City.

Applicants may contact Evonne Ferguson, Director, Contemporary Music Centre for further information on this Public Art Commission project as follows:

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