Fingal County Council announces Artists’ Support Scheme 2019

Fingal County Council is delighted to announce the 2019 Artists’ Support Scheme. This strand of funding allows professional artists to avail of an award up to €4,000 that can be used for travel, professional development opportunities, residency opportunities and the development of work.

The objective of the Artists’ Support Scheme is to support individual professional artists from Fingal to develop their artistic practice. The award is open to practising artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, literature and dance. To be eligible to apply, applicants must...
have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area.

Speaking about the award, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid said “I am pleased to announce the 2019 funding scheme which enables Fingal based artists to develop their professional arts practice. 150 bursaries have been awarded to artists working across all artforms since the initiation of the scheme in 2014 and Fingal County Council continues its commitment to supporting and nurturing the Arts in Fingal.”

The funding is for projects/initiatives which will take place from 1 May - 31 December, 2019. Closing date for receipt of applications is 29 February, 2019 at 4pm. For further information and an application form please see www.fingalarts.ie. Contact: artsoffice@fingal.ie  t: 01 890 5014

Aoibheann Greenan, a native of Swords, was awarded through the Artists’ Support Scheme last year. Funding was used towards the production of a new performance, The Life of Riley, for the opening of Tulca Festival of Visual Arts, 2018, syntonic state, curated by Linda Shevlin. Greenan's work combines visual art and performance and often draws upon elements of theatre, live role playing, street performance and political protest.

The Life of Riley was inspired during a residency in Mexico and explores commemoration and the cross cultural history of the San Patricios, or St. Patrick's Battalion, a group of Irish soldiers who deserted the US army to fight alongside Mexico during the War of American Intervention in 1847. Captain John Riley from Clifden, Co Galway, formed the battalion and each year on 12 September a Mexican flag is raised in Clifden and, on the same date, in Mexico City an Irish Flag is raised.

Though little is known of the San Patricios in Ireland, they are lauded as heroes in Mexico, with schools, streets and churches named after them, along with a plaque in the Mexican Parliament honouring their contribution. For the opening of Tulca, Aoibheann Greenan invited members of the St. Patrick's Battalion Pipe and Drum Band from Mexico City to lead a commemorative procession through the streets of Galway.

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Photo caption: Aoibheann Greenan The Life of Riley, 2018.
Editors notes:

To see more of Aoibheann Greenan’s work, visit:

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