

INFORMATION SHEET

Mayo County Council & Liam Walsh Artists Award 2006

The purpose of this award is to support practising artists in their professional work. The award is open to practitioners of all art forms: visual artists, musicians, composers, photographers, film-makers, writers, choreographers, theatre directors. The award is intended to assist in the making of new work, or the completion of a body of work. This award is not intended to fund training, further study or educational development.

- Applications are invited from practising professional artists or arts-workers, who were born in Mayo or who are now resident in Mayo (minimum of 6 months)
- Applications will be assessed by a panel of external experts (minimum three) with the requisite artistic knowledge and experience.
- The value of the Mayo County Council & Liam Walsh Artist Award is €15,000. This is payable in two instalments over a twelve-month period. Due to the amount involved, *the artist receiving the award must provide a tax-clearance certificate.*

Criteria for assessment:

Artistic:

- Quality of artist's work
- The excellence and track record of the applicant or the potential/ promise of a younger/ less experienced artist.
- Evidence that the award will have a significant effect on your artistic development.

Other:

- Quality and clarity of application
- Sufficient relevant support materials
- Evidence that you are currently a practising artist/evidence of current work.

How to apply:

Send

- a completed application form (available from Mayo County Council Arts Office)
- Current Curriculum Vitae
- Artist's statement (what your work is about/ what motivates you)
- Examples of previous and current work:
 - Visual Artists/ photographers: a minimum of twelve slides/ colour copies of images
 - Musicians: CDs, tape recording, sheet music
 - Writers: Samples of work including published materials
 - Film-makers/ Theatre-directors / Choreographers; DVD / video of previous work

Note: You cannot assume that the assessment panel will be familiar with your work or history as an artist. It is your responsibility to include all relevant documentation and to make the best case possible for you to receive this award.

CLOSING DATE:

The closing date for receipt of applications (including ALL) supporting documentation is: **Wednesday November, 2005.** Applications received after this date will not be eligible.

