Applying for a music residency at Sirius Arts Centre 2018

In 2017 Sirius Arts Centre launched a new international residency programme specifically for composers and musicians. Sirius has been developing its Artist in Residence programme since 1994. The programme receives some funding from the Arts Council and Cork County Council and is well recognised internationally. The residency programme is designed to offer artists the opportunity to write, research and develop their practices and to engage in dialogue with Sirius, other organisations in Cork and the surrounding community.

Residents stay in a beautiful, two/three-bedroomed basement apartment in the Sirius Arts Centre’s building, located on the waterfront in the centre of Cobh, twenty minutes by train from Cork City. The residency will provide a residential and work area to artists, either as individuals or groups. Please note - Sirius does not provide recording facilities or sound equipment. An upright piano is available. Applicants from outside of Ireland are strongly encouraged.

Please read the following information before you apply:

• Applications are considered for both individual artists or groups of artists who wish to share the residency.
• The term of residence at Sirius ranges from one to three weeks. Longer residencies can be considered in specific circumstances.
• If awarded a residency, Sirius will provide accommodation in the artists’ apartment for a time agreed on by the artist and the organisation. Currently Sirius does not offer a stipend for the duration of a residency. Given the changes in funding streams for the arts in Ireland, it is recommended that, if accepted into the programme - artists apply to their own Arts Councils and local authorities to source funding for travel and expenses.
• Artists will be invited and encouraged to perform or host a talk, workshop or event during their stay.
• There is no cost to apply to the residency programme.
• Applications will be accepted via email only.
Please include in your application:

- An up-to-date CV (no more than one page).
- A maximum of six MP3s / audio/video links to relevant work. Large files should be send by Dropbox or WeTransfer.
- A written proposal for residency applications (no more than 500 words), which clearly states the following:

  1. What you hope to achieve during your residency.
  2. The length of residency you’re interested in and preferred time of year. (This can not be guaranteed)
  3. Details of any performance or public engagement activity proposed during your stay.
  4. Any interest you may have in linking with the local community or other groups / organisations during your stay.

All applications will be assessed by the curatorial panel and the applicant will be notified as soon as possible after the deadline. Please send applications via email only by Friday June 23rd 2017 at 5pm to:

info@siriusartscentre.ie (with subject heading ‘Music Residencies 2018’)

Please note, applications that exceed the required documentation will not be accepted. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline.