FIRST LIGHT FESTIVAL

Art in the huts
OPEN CALL

Midday 20 of June → Midday 21 of June → Lowestoft
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Introduction

We are seeking expressions of interest from artists for Art in the Huts installations at First Light Festival which is taking place on the 20th/21st June 2020 in Lowestoft, Suffolk. Art in the Huts will take place in the colourful beach huts of South Beach, Lowestoft.

Context and Background

First Light Festival is a free, 24 hour multi-arts festival, taking place across the summer solstice weekend, from midday on Saturday the 20th June, through to midday on Sunday 21st in Lowestoft, the UK’s most easterly town, where the first sunrise reaches the horizon every morning. Extending across the promenade and gardens, First Light Festival offers a unique shared experience through changing tides, light and darkness, sun and stars, with music, dance, art, science, film, talks, walks and workshops.

The Festival celebrates a sense of place – Lowestoft’s unique location, its relationship with the sea including its fishing heritage, its future in the renewable energy sector and its role as the home of the headquarters of Cefas, the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science. The festival is also inspired by the sun, moon, stars and tides and the 24 hour concept and by the planetary emergency and the need to nurture the planet.

Lowestoft’s beach huts are a colourful and familiar part of the sea front. The Art in the Huts aims to respond to them in an original and inventive way. The Art in the Huts open call aims to support up to 8 artists in responding to the First Light Festival concept by creating in situ artwork within a beach hut. This could encompass the following:

→ 3D / 2D artwork
→ Audio/ multi-media
→ Other

Terms of Residency

Facilities

A beach hut measures 2m x 1.7m, 1.6m high with a fully boarded door. Power will be available.

Budget

There is a stipend of £150 to support the installation.
Art in the Huts Schedule

March 2020: Artists selected
April 2020: Recce of beach huts
May 2020: Technical meeting
June 2020: Installation – set up and install from 18th June, de-rig 22nd June

Experience

We are preferably looking for local/regional artists.

How to apply

Applications can either be sent via email to info@firstlightlowestoft.com or a hard-copy can be posted or delivered to First Light Festival, East Point Pavilion, Royal Plain, Lowestoft, NR33 0AP. The application should consist of the following:

→ An artist statement that includes a clear description of your proposed installation outlining materials and process (no more than 750 words)
→ Up to 5 images of your concept for the installation
→ Up to 5 images of examples of your artists portfolio to date
→ A CV

The deadline for receipt of submissions via email is midday on Friday 20th of March 2020 or must be delivered to First Light Festival (address above) by midday on Monday 16th of March 2020.

Please note First Light Festival cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage to any hardcopies and understands that the hardcopies cannot be posted back. The applicant must make their own arrangements to collect any hard copy application back from First Light Festival by the 31st March 2020.

Any questions please contact us via email to info@firstlightlowestoft.com

Selection Process

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

→ The quality of the artistic concept
→ How the proposal addresses the aims of the brief

Applications will be assessed by the Panel, which is made up of First Light Festival Directors and Calvin Winner, Head of Collections and Curator at the Sainsbury Centre. Successful applicants will announced week commencing 13th April. First Light Festival will acknowledge receipt of applications but will only contact those artists who are selected.