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Irish Traditional Music Archive
Taisce Cheol Dúchais Éireann

**The Irish Traditional Music Archive and Clare Arts Office are
delighted to welcome applications for**

Duala

Creator-in-Residence Scheme 2021

The Irish Traditional Music Archive (ITMA) and the Arts Office of Clare County Council, through the Duala Creator-in-Residence Scheme, aim to provide an exciting opportunity for an emerging or established artist from any artistic genre.

Artists (musicians, visual artists, dancers, writers, performers etc.) are invited to reflect /respond creatively to the collections and materials that are of relevance or reference County Clare, which are held in ITMA.

This is a unique opportunity for the recipient to create/develop new work through the exploration, discovery and creative re-use of archival materials held in ITMA.

ITMA holds the largest multimedia collection in existence dedicated to historical and contemporary Irish traditional song, instrumental music and dance. Clare County Council is one of the leading local authorities in the country promoting and developing traditional arts through the County Arts Office. Initiatives such as the annual Riches of Clare Concert Series and the Traditional Singers in Residence Programme are created to provide artists with opportunities to develop innovative and creative programmes, projects and performances.

The potential outcomes of the Duala Creator in Residence Scheme are open ended but it is envisaged that the Residency will provide opportunities to formulate, develop and showcase new work i.e. to create a new work/body of material and/or to develop a new artistic collaboration. Through this Residency, it is envisaged that the cultural environment of County Clare will be enriched and that ITMA collections will be used creatively to reach new audiences. ITMA and Clare Arts Office are committed to working with the successful applicant to further develop/ source funding to realise proposed outcomes, as may be necessary.

The inaugural residency was awarded to Jack Talty and Maurice Gunning who launched their film 'Duala' on Culture Night 2020. The film can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/TJTXQDj08EQ>

The Duala Residency is co-sponsored by Clare Arts Office & ITMA and provides:

- Special access to ITMA research facilities and collections;
- Dedicated research work space in ITMA and Clare Arts Office studio space, if required;
- Access to ITMA's sound recording studio if required;
- Dedicated ITMA mentor, Alan Woods;
- Opportunity to engage with ITMA & Clare Arts Office communities through blogs, social media, events;
- Opportunity to showcase new work;
- €8,000 for travel support, accommodation, artist fees and project expenses (maximum available budget)

The successful artist(s) will work together with ITMA and Clare County Council to promote this specific project, ITMA and Clare Arts Office and to provide PR materials, as required:

- biographical material;
- high resolution colour photographs in digital format;
- Residency programme information

Further details, including duration of the Residency, payment schedules etc., will be agreed in consultation with ITMA and Clare Arts Office. The Residency will take place over a non-consecutive period of dates from 1 March 2021. The Residency will require attendance at the ITMA in Dublin.

Who can apply?

- Emerging or established individual Artists
- Artists working in any genre / artform. Applicants from outside traditional music are welcome.
- Applications involving more than 2 artists will not be considered
- Applicants must be over 18

Application procedure:

Applicants must submit their application to Clare Arts Office by **email to arts@clarecoco.ie** with the title DUALA Application in the subject line.

Hard copy applications will not be accepted. Late applications will not be accepted. Closing date for applications is January 22nd 2021.

All queries relating to DUALA should be submitted by **email ONLY to arts@clarecoco.ie**

Applications in Irish are welcome.

To be eligible for consideration, please email **ALL** of the following:

- Project Proposal (maximum 3 A4 pages);
- Links to 3 samples of existing work (can include work in progress) or attachments (jpgs in the case of visual artists). Total file size not to exceed 5MB;
- Current CV (maximum 3 A4 pages);
- Proposed budget (Please note the maximum award is €8,000 inclusive of VAT for travel support, accommodation artist fees and project expenses);
- Proposed timeline for Residency¹

Assessment Procedure:

A panel will consider all applications received based on the selection criteria outlined below. Shortlisting may apply in selecting candidates for interview.

Selection criteria:

- artist experience / potential (20%);
- artistic quality of the proposal to include
 - a) clarity of project vision (20%);
 - b) and proposed outcome (20%);
- relevance to County Clare (20%);
- project management, budget planning and general management to include consideration of legal requirements e.g. child protection, GDPR, health and safety, COVID, timelines, etc if applicable (20%)

Notification of funding decisions:

ITMA/Clare Arts Office aim to inform applicants about decisions by February 26th, 2021. All notifications will be sent by email. Please note that ITMA/Clare Arts Office reserves the right not to appoint if none of the applications received are deemed suitable. In this instance ITMA/Clare Arts Office reserves the right to pursue a different selection process.

¹ We will be flexible around this due to COVID 19 restrictions.