



Open Call Guidelines

Piano Sessions

A Clonmel Junction Festival performance opportunity for all musicians. We are looking for Clonmel musicians for our music venue, for both short lunchtime and longer evening shows. If you're a singer/songwriter, a group of musicians, a sound creator – we want to hear your original ideas of how you'd perform in the STAC Chapel Piano Sessions.

The only two conditions are that you be a Clonmel resident – and that you involve a piano in your piece!

Overview

The Clonmel Junction Arts festival is seeking applications from local musicians for short lunchtime, as well as longer evening performances at the Chapel on Kickham Plaza. The chosen artists will have the opportunity to perform during this year's festival from the 1st until the 9th of July 2023.

We are looking for considered, innovative and engaging approaches to creating memorable and enjoyable performances that must in some way include a piano.

Each proposal submitted should provide a short description of the proposed piece.

The themes, focus and style of the performances are open as we wish for the artists to have the freedom to explore different ideas and challenge themselves, since we strive to have a creative and musically diverse lineup.

It is our intention to give local and regional artists a chance to showcase their work and create a positive impact on our regional arts ecology.

Key dates on which the artists must be available are stated below.

Key dates:

Information Session for interested artists via Zoom: **Tuesday 6th June 2023 @ 7pm**

Email projects@junctionfestival.com to receive your link

Closing Date for Applications: **Monday 12th June 2023**

Selected artists informed: **Saturday 17th June 2023**

Performance Dates: from 1st – 9th July (time and day TBC)

FAQs

What kind of artists are we looking for?

We are looking for Clonmel based artists, no matter if singer/songwriter, sound creator or group of musicians. All kinds of performers can be accepted, as long as they are Clonmel residents and involve a piano in their performance.

What information should I include in my application?

We are keen to learn about your and/or your ensemble's experience to date as professional artist(s). We would also like to hear why this project appeals to you, as well as your interest in the scope for your development as an artist offered by the opportunity. We'd love to see examples of your work (film clips, audio samples, reviews etc.) so please include them in your application via web links and/or file transfer links (e.g. Dropbox or WeTransfer).

How will the applications be assessed?

A panel featuring local and national musicians and producers will work as a group to assess the applications across artistic merit and feasibility, and to see how they fit within the overall festival programme (e.g. there may be a similar concert already programmed)

How many places are there?

Between 3 and 6, depending on the strength of the applications.

Can I apply with more than one idea or project?

We're asking artists to submit one application as main artist, but you might be part of another group's application.

What will each performance involve?

You can organize a site visit in advance of the festival. On the day, the onsite sound engineer will help you set up and with your soundcheck.

What kind of technical set-up is available for the performances?

Full technical specifications will be provided to successful applicants. STAC Chapel is a new venue with basic lighting and sound equipment. The Venue seats about 80 people.

How accessible is the STAC Chapel?

The STAC Chapel is wheelchair accessible and we will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

Please contact us on projects@junctionfestival.com if you would like to discuss your access needs.

To apply:

To apply, simply complete our online application form [here](#).

Applications must be received by Monday 12th June at noon (12pm).

All applicants will be contacted during the week following Saturday 17th June.

We aim to be open to all Clonmel musicians, and we particularly encourage applications from different under-represented demographics. We're not making our decision based on your writing ability, so feel free to express yourself in your own words.

We aim to ensure the application and selection process is fair. If you have any questions about the process, or the opportunity in general, please email us on projects@junctionfestival.com

About Clonmel Junction Arts Festival

Clonmel Junction Festival is a multidisciplinary arts festival, held every July since 2001 in the largest town in County Tipperary. The festival has grown to be the most significant arts and culture event in Clonmel and its environs, transitioning from a founder-led event to a festival taking on new shape and vision under fulltime Artistic Director, Cliona Maher. The Festival provides cutting edge creative experiences about, by and for the people of Clonmel, hosting artistic residencies, commissions and co-productions with key partners.

With theatre at the heart of the festival, 2023 sees the festival's iconic Junction Dome at the centre of the new Civic Plaza in Clonmel, featuring a range of theatre, poetry and spoken word. The Plaza's STAC @ The Chapel will be a Piano Venue with a host of concerts in all genres around this iconic instrument.

