



OPEN CALL: New Digital Artwork Commission

Introduction:

Homotopia Festival is the UK's longest running LGBT+ arts and cultural festival. Every November Homotopia brings the biggest names in LGBT+ arts, alongside emerging new talent, to Liverpool for our 10-day festival. The festival encompasses theatre, music, visual arts, dance, film, discussions and more.

This ambitious new commission will respond to this year's festival theme: Resist! Resist!

There is a project budget of £5,000 to cover fee, production and display.

The Commission:

We are looking for an established digital artist or artists collective to create and deliver this new project as part of our 2019 festival. The artist/s must identify as LGBTQ+ or the work must be closely inspired by queer themes and concerns.

The art work could involve elements of new film, archive footage, light design, audio and/or new digital technologies. The artwork will be displayed either as a single performance or a week-long installation (as befitting of the finished artwork) during Homotopia Festival, November 2019. We will also consider opportunities for site specific presentation in Liverpool or Wirral.

The artist is expected to document and promote the development and creation of the work, participating in talks, blogs/vlogs, social media and press activities.

This project is supported by Arts Council England.

Budget and payment:

This commission is for the value of £5,000 (inclusive of VAT). This amount is to cover artists' fees; research, development and expenses; all digital and physical production costs, services, hardware and software; transport and installation, and all performance costs.

Payment will be made in 4 equal instalments:

- i) On the award of the commission
- ii) Developed design
- iii) Production
- iv) Delivery of the work

Selection Criteria:

Our panel will assess all applications and score on the following:

- Well-conceived proposal with a clear defined message
- Quality, feasibility and value for money
- Accessible, inclusive design
- Evidence of relevant skills and experience
- The proposal has followed our application guidelines and all supporting documents are present.

Homotopia is an equal opportunities organisation and would particularly welcome proposals from artists who are underrepresented in the LGBT+ arts sector, including those who identify as D/deaf, disabled and BAME artists.

Make an Application:

Applications should be sent via email to Homotopia Interim Director Char Binns at char@homotopia.net.

Please include the following:

1. Artist details
 - a. Contact details including any relevant website links
 - b. Bio or CV (**maximum 2 pages of A4**)
 - c. Up to 4 images and brief descriptions (**up to 150 words**) of recent and related work.
2. Artists proposal for work that meets the remit of the commission (**up to 500 words**) and a maximum of 6 accompanying images or sketches.
3. Draft budget including breakdown of fee, research, production, installation and expenses.

Applications should be submitted **as a single PDF** by 5pm on Wednesday 1 May 2019.

Any applications which exceed the word limit will not be considered.

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Timeline:

- Deadline for submissions: 5pm, 1 May 2019
- Shortlisting complete: 10 May 2019
- Shortlisted applicants' interviews (Skype will be accepted): w/c 20 May 2019
- Appointment of successful applicant: 22 May 2019
- Developed design: 15 July – 31 August 2019
- Production: 1 September – 30 October 2019
- Delivery of the work: 31 October 2019