

An Grianán Theatre

25th Anniversary Exhibition Brief

Introduction

An Grianán Theatre will be marking its 25th anniversary in Autumn 2024. The first performance in the theatre was Magic of the Musicals on 16 October 1999 and the official launch was Trasnú on 12 November 1999.

Project

As part of our 25th anniversary celebrations we plan to host a retrospective exhibition of theatre memorabilia. We would like to show the genesis of the theatre from fundraising, planning and construction to its official launch as well as showcasing the very special highlights of the programme through the years. We would like to focus on the high-profile artists who have played the theatre as well as placing a special focus on the vital contribution of the local amateur societies to the theatre's programme.

We aim to gather the memorabilia from the theatre's own archives, the Donegal County Archives and from doing a call out to the public for contributions from members of the local community. In the exhibition we aim to include the following items:

- Official documents
- Posters and Flyers
- Newspaper cuttings
- Photographs
- Programmes
- Props and other ephemera
- Video and digital content

This list is not exhaustive and other items may be considered for inclusion. Any contributions from the public which are not used in the exhibition will be registered in the Donegal County Archives or Donegal County Museum, unless the owner expressly wishes to have the materials returned to them.

We are looking to engage a professional curator to coordinate this project and design the exhibition.

Schedule

We aim to launch the exhibition officially on Saturday 2 November 2024 and it will run for the duration of the anniversary year. The exhibition will be located in the theatre's upper and lower foyers.

Project Steering Committee

The steering committee for the project consists of Rachel Akkoç, (An Grianán Theatre's Board member), Niamh Brennan (Donegal County Archive) Patricia McBride (An Grianán Theatre's Director) and Judith McCarthy (Donegal Museum)

Submission Deadline

Submission of Proposal deadline - Monday 29 April 2024

Completion of project – Friday 25 October 2024

Formal Launch of Exhibition – Saturday 2 November 2024.

Budget

Fixed Price Contract €5,000

Scope of Works

We are seeking a professional Curator to coordinate and design our 25th anniversary exhibition. The successful person will deliver the following:

- Liaise with the Donegal County Archives to borrow material for the exhibition
- Assess the material in the theatre's own archives for use in the exhibition
- Organise a call out to the public for contributions and host events to gather these contributions.
- Ensure that all items on loan are properly documented
- Choose the material to be displayed
- Design and install the exhibition

Response To Brief

Proposals in response to this brief should include:

- details of relevant experience including examples of previous relevant work.
- the range of the professional skills which would be brought to bear on the project.
- an indicative schedule indicating delivery dates and deliverables.
- a breakdown of the person hours and estimated cost of carrying out the work.
- there will be display units and stands available for loan from the Donegal County Archives and Donegal County Museum for use in this exhibition. Proposals should outline the estimated costs of other materials to be used in the exhibition including but not limited to photocopying, framing, hanging and fixing materials.

Evaluation of Proposals & Selection of Candidate

Evaluation of proposals will be based on the ability of the candidate to deliver the skills and outputs detailed above within the specified timeframe. Interviews may be held with selected candidates prior to the final evaluation. We are not obliged to accept any proposal or the proposal with the lowest bid, and no person making a submission will be remunerated for any expense incurred in preparing a submission. It is envisaged that the successful candidate will demonstrate:

- (i) good knowledge of curation of exhibitions and experience of similar work, preferably with a qualification in curation (40%)
- (ii) a clear methodology to achieve the aims of the project (40%)
- (iii) quality of cost structure, person hours and competitive price (20%).

The decision of the evaluation panel will be final.

Please send your proposal to Patrica McBride, Director An Grianán Theatre by email at pmcbride@angrianan.com by 12 PM on the submission deadline, Monday 29th April.