

Bealtaine Touring Award 2022

Deadline Extended - 5pm, Friday 3 December 2021

Information for applicants

Age & Opportunity's Arts Programme invites applications from performing artists and producers for an award for work which will tour, during May 2022, as part of the Bealtaine Festival. **The award is open to applications from any performing arts tour, which resonates with the Bealtaine Festival. The award is €5,000 and is intended to further support a tour already being undertaken in 2022. The tour must take place, in part at least, in May. Read on for full details and requirements.**

About the Bealtaine Festival

Bealtaine is Ireland's national festival which uniquely celebrates the arts and creativity as we age. The festival is run by Age & Opportunity, the leading national development organisation working to enable the best possible quality of life for all of us as we age. Bealtaine is at the centre of Age & Opportunity's Arts programme and celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2020. In 2021, we began a new 3 year theme of **In(ter)dependence** –

inspired by our upcoming centenary as a sovereign nation, but also in recognition of our interdependence with each other and the natural world. Covid-19 and in particular its impact on older people, has underlined the natural and human ecosystem of dependence and connection.

Bealtaine Touring Award

The call for performing arts tours in 2022 invites artists and producers to submit proposals for consideration by Age & Opportunity. Age & Opportunity will provide a platform for presenting the tour during the Bealtaine Festival in the month of May along with some financial support (see below). The producer/artist will be responsible for all aspects of the production and tour, with Age & Opportunity as a co-producer. The tour must happen during the month of May 2022, but may have additional dates outside of this period.

It is hoped through this process that Age & Opportunity can get a broad sense of what work is currently being developed or in production which somehow relates to Bealtaine. There is also the potential for the Festival to work with applicants at a later date and so while this award will be given for 2022, we are eager to broaden our network of artists and producers who are interested in making work that supports the aims of Age & Opportunity's organisational strategy and chimes with the objectives and goals of our Bealtaine Festival. We are eager to engage with artists in a new way by making them aware that the festival is open to new collaborations.

We are also eager to receive applications for work that is radical, challenging, humorous or offbeat. We especially invite artists from marginalised or underrepresented communities to apply.

Call for Applications

Age & Opportunity invites applications from producers of performing arts work for a touring award, whereby the following parameters will apply:

The artist/producer will:

- Produce all aspects of the production and tour
- Credit Age & Opportunity and the Bealtaine Festival as a co-producer on the tour on all promotional materials and funding applications
- Commit to the timeframe of May 2022 for the tour
- Provide key assets to the Age & Opportunity Bealtaine Festival team within an agreed timeline, e.g.: publicity materials, production shots, as well as making key personnel available for PR opportunities

Age & Opportunity will:

- Provide a platform for the tour through the Bealtaine Festival
- Provide PR support through the Bealtaine Festival, (the tour will need to also have its own PR plan)
- Issue 2 payments totalling €5000: 1 payment on award of contract and 1 on completion

****Health & Safety Information:**

All potential health and safety risks must be fully considered and addressed for all Bealtaine events. Events must take place in accordance with current government health guidelines as well as Age & Opportunity's own Health & Safety policies. The Bealtaine Tour artists and producer must adhere to these policies and work with the Bealtaine team in relation to health and safety needs for the event.

Application Process:

Those wishing to apply for the tour award should submit their application in one PDF document, saved as the producer's name. Please submit supporting documents separately using the producer's name i.e. JohnSmith.pdf.

- A description of the project (500 words max)
- A description of why this project is suited to tour for Bealtaine 2022 bearing in mind our aims and objectives (500 words max).
- Budget for the project, including other potential and/or confirmed funders, partners and in kind contributions
- Covid-19 contingency plan*
- A PR and marketing plan
- A list of proposed venues with letters of support/expressions of interest.
- A current CV (max 2 pages) for all those involved in the project – (artists and crew), including links to images of previous work/showreels/reviews etc.
- Any other relevant, supporting documentation.

Priority will be given to applications which demonstrate the following:

- Clear track record of relevant personnel
- New work / work which has not toured previously, (remounted work may be considered in some circumstances).
- Work which clearly resonates with Bealtaine's mission and/or target audience.
- High artistic merit

- Clearly achievable in the timeframe outlined

Applications should be submitted to the Arts Administrator, Eva Griffin arts@ageandopportunity.ie no later than **5pm, Friday 3 December, 2021.**

More Information

Age & Opportunity

Age & Opportunity is the national organisation that provides a range of opportunities for older people who want to get more involved in arts and culture, sport and physical activity, civic engagement and personal development.

Our aim is to inspire people aged 50+ to live a dynamic life where they are more active, more visible, more creative and more connected.

We work with local communities and organisations across the country to run a range of programmes and activities in three key areas:

- **Age & Opportunity Arts** provides opportunities for us to engage more in arts and cultural events and initiatives
- **Age & Opportunity Active** is designed to get us more active and participate in recreational sport and physical activity
- **Age & Opportunity Engage** offers a range of workshops and learning initiatives for our own personal development as well as opportunities for us to play an active role in our community.

Age & Opportunity **Arts** is our dedicated arts and culture programme running throughout the year in local communities all over Ireland. We host a range of different creative initiatives including the annual Bealtaine Festival which takes place throughout the month of May, and is delivered in partnership with

Bealtaine Festival

An Age & Opportunity **arts** initiative



communities and organisations nationwide and year round resource and development initiatives designed to support artists, arts participants and arts organisations. Bealtaine is Ireland's national festival which uniquely celebrates the arts and creativity as we age.

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