



Submission Guidelines, Terms and Conditions

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Spectrum concentrates on the individual to provide a range of services from residential care, education and training for children and young people, adults, family and carers. It has a unique position nationally, internationally, and in Cornwall where it is based. The Spectrum Art Award was launched to continue the charity's long-standing relation to visual arts.

Selection will be undertaken by a panel of celebrated artists and experts in the summer of 2021 and will be followed by visits to the shortlisted artists during the autumn and winter of 2021. A public announcement of the five selected finalists will be made in the winter of 2021.

The five finalists will each win a cash award of £5,000 and an opportunity to have their work publicly exhibited and advanced in its most suitable form. They will also receive invaluable professional mentoring, curatorial and PR support.

Overview

Spectrum Art Award 2022 is open to all UK autistic artists or collaborative groups over the age of 18, whether they have an official diagnosis or not.

The selection process is organised in two stages.

The panel look first at the artists' CVs and virtual documentation of artwork or excerpts of moving image work.

A number of artists will then be shortlisted for interview.

Time Frame and Key Dates

[Online Submission](#)

Submission will be accepted online. **The deadline for submissions is 31st July 2021.**

[Stage 1](#)

First round selection will take place in August 2021. All applicants will be notified about the selector's decision by **September 2021.**

[Stage 2](#)

Shortlisted applicants will be contacted about preparing a proposal and interviews which will take place in the second half of **November 2021.** The interview panel will consist of two of the judges supported by Prof. Simon Baron-Cohen - Professor of Developmental Psychopathology in the Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology at the University of Cambridge



Eligibility

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Submission Process

This is an electronic submission process. The first stage of selection is entirely based on the images and any CVs or statements that might be submitted.

[CVs](#)

CVs are not essential, but applicants can submit them in either Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.

[Digital Images](#)

Applicants working in 2D or 3D media can upload a maximum of 6 images.

All images will be viewed on a high-resolution monitor or projection during first round of selection. It is important that the quality of the digital image best reflects the submitted work.

All images must be JPEG format only. Other formats will be rejected by the submission system (no PowerPoint, TIFF, PDF, etc.) All JPEGs should be in RGB mode.

[Film & Video](#)

Applicants working in time-based media should upload their work in one of the following formats; .flv, .mov, .mpeg, or .wmv.

Applicants may submit a maximum of 3 film and video works.

Applicants may submit up to 3 pieces of film each lasting a maximum of 3 minutes. Anything longer will not be watched. Longer works should be represented by an excerpt of three minutes.

[Accompanying Statement](#)

Applicants must include a short statement of up to 500 words detailing their interest in the award.

Submissions will be accepted between Tuesday 20th April 2021 and Saturday 31st July 2021 (6pm).