

Ireland Performs - FAQs

#IrelandPerforms is a short-term fund launched by Culture Ireland to pay Irish professional artists for their online performances during the COVID-19 crisis.

Why did we launch #IrelandPerforms?

Culture Ireland provides funding and support for Irish artists to reach global Audiences. #IrelandPerforms is the most effective immediate initiative to answer that mission during the COVID 19 crises and mirrors the strategies that artists themselves are deploying. It provides a €100,000 short-term relief fund to pay professional Irish artists for the presentation of their work online. Featured Artists will be paid €1000 for their performance.

Who can apply?

All Irish professional artists as individuals or groups or Irish arts organisations representing any art form. Priority will be given to artists/organisations whose scheduled presentations have been affected by the current health crisis.

Does it have to be new work and can it be pre-recorded?

Existing and new work can be presented, but all performances must be streamed live. No pre-recorded work can be presented.

Can I apply more than once?

Each artist, group or organisation may make only one application.

Who will receive the payment?

The payment of €1000 will be made to the applicant. This amount is per performance and should be divided among the performers if there is more than one person performing.

How do I apply?

Guidelines are available here:

https://www.cultureireland.ie/downloads-public/Ireland_Performs_guidelines.pdf

Complete the application form which can be found here:

https://www.cultureireland.ie/downloads-public/Application_Form.pdf

and be sure to save it on your device.

Then attach it to an email and send it to showcases@cultureireland.gov.ie

Please note:

1. All detail, including links to performance clips or external websites, must be included in the application form and not in the accompanying email. Additional supporting documentation is not required and will not be assessed and therefore should not be sent as attachments.

2. Applications in any other format (screenshot / photograph / in body of email) can no longer be accepted. If your form is saving blank, please limit the text in the boxes to the size of the box.

When is the closing date?

This is an open call for four weeks initially from 3rd April to 1st May but with no defined closing date until budget of €100k has been expended. You are however advised to submit your application as soon as possible.

When will a decision be made?

We will contact you within 7 days of your application being submitted.

Do I have to be on Facebook to be eligible?

No, you don't have to be on Facebook. Artists may use any preferred Social Media platform for their performance. Culture Ireland has partnered with Facebook who are co-funding this initiative and we will share on our Facebook page but we are not specifying any product or platform to artists.

What about copyright?

The artists (and/or their agents and publishers) own and retain copyright of their work. We will require that artists clear all rights and permissions to perform the material. Confirmation of this will be requested in your offer letter if you are selected to take part in #IrelandPerforms

How long will material be held for?

The artist can decide to take the material down once the livestream has concluded or leave it posted for a period of time. Live events on Instagram or Facebook are contained from start to end of the live event. The artist can deliberately decide to extend access to the live event for hours, days or other periods of time beyond the time of the actual performance

These FAQs will be updated with more information as new questions arise.

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