



Cultúr Éireann Culture Ireland

Promoting Irish Arts Worldwide for 20 years

SUPPORTING IRISH STREET ARTS & CIRCUS

Culture Ireland creates and supports opportunities for Irish artists and companies to present their work at international festivals, venues, showcases and arts markets.

Working in partnership with the Irish Street Arts, Circus & Spectacle Network (ISACS), this includes support for Irish street arts performers to showcase their work internationally and to facilitate festival programmers to experience the work at Irish festivals.

Irish Street Arts, Circus & Spectacle Network (ISACS)

The Irish Street Arts, Circus & Spectacle Network is an artist led, member organisation which aims to celebrate, advocate, grow and sustain these collective artforms in and of Ireland. ISACS acts as an info hub, resource centre and champion for these artforms building national and international networks locally and globally to support their dissemination and distribution around the world with the support of Culture Ireland and the Arts Council of Ireland among others.

For further information

www.isacs.ie



Regular Grant Funding

Culture Ireland offers support to Irish professional artists, arts organisations and international presenters to present work by Irish artists at significant international venues and festivals.

In supporting an event, Culture Ireland traditionally offers grant funding towards costs which relate directly to the international presentation of the event, i.e. travel and travel related costs such as transport, freight, accommodation and subsistence.

Street Arts and Circus artists have been supported through this funding strand to tour work to international festivals, including:

Bagamoyo International Theatre Festival, Tanzania

Ciclop Festival, Mallorca

Cirque Mania Festival, Netherlands

FATEJ Festival, Cameroon

Montréal Completément Cirque, Canada

Festival Enre9, Spain

Festival Humor Figueres, Spain

Green Man Festival, Wales

HOP!Fest International Street Art Festival, Finland

Imaginarius, Portugal

Festival Internacional de Artes Vives, Colombia

International Puppetry Festival, Japan

Kenya International Theatre Festival, Kenya

Melbourne Fringe, Australia

Mindelact Theatre Festival, Cape Verde

Opening Doors Festival, Wales

PASSAGE Festival, Denmark & Sweden

Stockton International Riverside Festival, England

Tallinn Fringe Festival, Estonia

Hat Fair Festival, England

Western Australia Circus Festival, Australia

World Buskers Festival, New Zealand

Among others

More information on Culture Ireland's Regular Grant funding can be found at

www.cultureireland.ie/funding/regular-grant/

Showcase and See Here Programmes

The aim of Culture Ireland's Showcase and See Here programmes is to platform Irish art and create opportunities for Irish artists to present their work on the global stage. The Showcase Programme supports artists to participate at industry showcase events and facilitates networking opportunities for artists to present work to international programmers.

The See Here Programme is specifically designed to support direct engagement by international promoters and programmers with Irish artists' work in Ireland with a view to securing future presentation opportunities abroad. Under the See Here Programme, Culture Ireland provides support towards travel costs for international delegates to attend festivals where there is a programme of Irish artists being presented and meet artists in person in Ireland.

Recent events in the Showcase and See Here calendar have included:

Festival of Fools, Belfast, Ireland

Annually in May

Festival of Fools is the largest festival of free-to-access circus and outdoor performance in Northern Ireland. ISACS delivers an international delegates programme which platforms Irish circus and street art performance for festival programmers with an interest in the artform.

Cairde Sligo Arts Festival, Sligo, Ireland

Annually in July

Inspired by the creative energy of Ireland's Northwest, Cairde Sligo Arts Festival is a unique coming together of artists and audiences. The Cairde international delegates programme immerses programmers in the festival programme, offering a curated schedule of events which promotes Irish-based artwork and the breadth of performances on offer as part of the festival.

Spraoi International Street Arts Festival,

Waterford, Ireland

Annually in August

Spraoi International Street Arts Festival showcases the best of national and international street arts, taking over the streets of Waterford City each August. Culture Ireland and ISACS deliver the PITCH initiative each year as part of ISACS Pro Programme at Spraoi, supporting emerging ISACS artists to present their ready-to-tour show in a professional environment.

The artists are supported and trained in how to present their idea formally before pitching it to an audience of international programmers and bookers during the Spraoi Festival.

FiraTàrrega, Tàrrega, Spain

Annually in September

Culture Ireland supports a delegation of Irish street and circus artists to attend FiraTàrrega, alongside a group of invited Irish festival programmers. This professional international arts festival and marketplace aims to spark connections, promote relationships and provide information and resources to street and outdoor arts. Application is via an open call on Culture Ireland's website and social media channels. Culture Ireland also provides support to Official Showcase Artists from Ireland selected to perform at the FiraTàrrega Festival.

National Circus Festival of Ireland,

Kerry, Ireland

Annually in November

The National Circus Festival of Ireland presents the best of national and international circus performances in Tralee each year. As part of the festival, an international delegate programme supported by ISACS participate in a curated programme of performances and networking opportunities at the festival.



Culture Ireland

Established in 2005, Culture Ireland's mission is to promote Irish arts worldwide.

Through grant programmes and showcase initiatives, it supports and develops opportunities for Irish artists and companies to present their work across the globe. Through this work, it builds relationships and networks with arts and cultural organisations, relevant public bodies, state agencies and Government departments at home and abroad to advance the global impact of Irish artists.

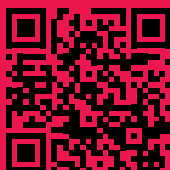
Culture Ireland runs a regular funding scheme to support the international presentation of work by Irish artists and companies.

Applications are accepted from both participating artists and from international presenters.

Culture Ireland also operates See Here, a scheme to support the inward travel to Ireland of international presenters, curators and promoters to see new Irish work on the island of Ireland available for touring.

Full details of Culture Ireland's activities and grant schemes are available at:
www.cultureireland.ie

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