

Lifting the Curse

Call-Out for Irish Artists

Frequently Asked Questions

Who are Chamber Made Opera?

Based in Melbourne, Australia, Chamber Made Opera is a Australia's only opera company dedicated to the creation of contemporary works. For 25 years, we have made new works for Australian and international audiences. It is not opera as you know it. Chamber Made Opera make work for the chamber - intimate in nature, epic in impact. Recent works have included collaboraitons with architects, audio designers, live performance artists, musicians, visual artists and performed in chambers such as a modern apartment in inner-city Melbourne, a shearing shed on a working farm and underneath a playhouse stage. Think work that is intimate and will impact an audience on a visceral level, work that will rattle souls and dinner plate alike. Think about 'opera' in its original context - multidisciplinary artworks that were utterly contemporary – not a large lady singing ancient songs on a grand stage. For more on the company and examples of our work see; <http://www.chambermadeopera.com>

What is this project about?

The City of Culture Festival in Limerick, Ireland has commissioned Chamber Made Opera to work with Irish artists to create a new work. Intially, two Irish artists will be selected by Chamber Made Opera to partake in a residency in Melbourne, Australia where we will develop a response to 'lifting the curse on the City of Limerick'. This curse is based on the story of St Munchin who, long while building his church in Limerick was so furious by the lack of help from the locals, he prayed that strangers would prosper in Limerick whilst the locals would be forever be unfortunate and unsuccessful.

Lifting the Curse will then be rehearsed and performed during the City of Culture Festival in Autumn 2014.

For *Lifting the Curse* the performance chamber will be a living room in a home in Limerick.

What are the key dates?

Friday 21st February 5pm GMT
Deadline for call-out applications

Friday 7th March
Shortlisted applicants notified

Monday 10th March – Friday 14th March
Skype interviews for shortlisted applicants (Time and date T.B.C with applicants)

Monday 17th March
Successful applicants notified

late April/early May 2014
Two week residency in Melbourne, Australia

July/August 2014
Rehearsals, Pre production, Performance in Limerick, Ireland

Who can apply?

ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE OVER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS

- All types of artists are welcome to apply (architects, theatre makers, musicians, live artists, opera artists etc)
- Any professional artist that is living and working in County Limerick can apply. You can be an independent artist, part of a group or company.
- You can apply as a individual or a duo.

- Other professional Irish National artists living and working in Ireland can apply also but will need to prove they have a sound knowledge of working in Limerick.
- Any professional Irish National artist based overseas (including Australia) can apply also but will need to prove they have a sound knowledge of working in Limerick and may need to contribute financially to any extra airfares/accommodation needed to partake in the project.

Where will it take place?

Melbourne, Australia & Limerick, Ireland.

How many artists will be chosen?

There will be two Irish National artists chosen to partake in the project.

What funds are available?

For successful artists, Chamber Made Opera and the Festival of Culture will provide;

- return airfares from Ireland to Australia
- a 2 week wage plus Living Away from Home Allowance while working in Australia (based to Australian union rates and paid in Australian Dollars)
- accommodation in Australia for artists working on the project
- any associated costs with visas needed to partake in the project
- a fee for realising the work in Limerick, Ireland during the City of Culture Festival

How do I apply?

Download and complete the 'Selection Criteria' by Friday 21st February 5pm GMT

Can I bring my family/partner to Australia?

Yes. You are welcome to bring your family and/or partner with you to Australia however, you will have to cover their airfares and contribute to

their accommodation costs. Your family will need to have a valid tourist visa for Australia. (<http://www.immi.gov.au/Pages/Welcome.aspx>)

Is there any babysitting available while I work?

If you require babysitting while you are in rehearsals in Australia, Chamber Made Opera can help organise suitable childcare however, you may need to contribute to some of the babysitting costs.

Further questions?

Please contact sarah@chambermadeopera.com if you have any further questions **REMEMBER!** There will be a 12hr delay in answering emails due to time difference between Australia and Ireland! Don't leave questions until last minute or we may not be able to answer them in time.

More information on Melbourne?

For more information on Melbourne <http://www.visitmelbourne.com>