

Hot Potato Exhibit

Call for participants

Each year, Inverness County Centre for the Arts holds a young people's art exhibition. In 2017/18, ICCA created a new programme, Hot Potato. As part of Hot Potato, young people and adult artists collaborated and shared ideas to create a fantastic array of extraordinary artworks. In 2018/19 we will continue this project, extending to include up to 40 pairs, beginning in October 2018 and ending with a month long exhibition in May 2019.

We are inviting both young and adult artists to participate in this joint creative project. Young participants will be paired with an adult artist. The young artist will create a piece of artwork (any medium). They will then meet with their adult partner artist and discuss their work. The adult artist will create a piece (any medium) in response to the young person's work. After this, the two will meet again and discuss the adult artist's piece. After this discussion, the young artist will create one more artwork in response to the adult's work. All three pieces will be displayed in the gallery at ICCA, along with artist statements from the adult and young artists. All participating artists, their families and friends will be invited to an opening party.

The purpose of this project is to encourage young people in creative endeavours, and to welcome them to ICCA. The focus of the project is primarily upon having fun, creating art, and meeting with other artists.

Who is eligible to participate?

Young artists:

- Must be under 18 years of age (no minimum age)
- Must live in Inverness County
- Must have consent of parent/guardian
- Parents/guardians must be willing to be present whilst young artist meets with adult artist, in person, on two occasions.
- Parents/guardians must be willing to undertake all communications between young and adult artists.
- Can work in any medium or discipline (visual art/craft/music/dance/fashion/video/writing/other)

Adult artists:

- Must be over 18 years of age (no maximum age)
- Must be willing to meet with a young artist and their parent/guardian, in person, on two occasions
- Must understand that they are responding to, and discussing with, a young artist. They are not teaching their partner.

- Must be comfortable communicating with young people.
- Must undertake all scheduling communication with their young partner through the parent/guardian.
- Can be working in any media or discipline (visual art/craft/music/dance/fashion/video/writing/other)

Payment

ICCA believes in access to quality arts programming for all young people. Hot Potato is offered to young people free of charge. A small discretionary fund is available to any families that may have difficulty in sourcing or providing art materials.

Adult artists will be paid a stipend of \$250.

To take part

- Adult artists should complete the attached 'adult artist application'.
- Adult artists should provide supporting documents in the form of 5-10 jpeg images, or examples of written/recorded work if more appropriate. This is to aid ICCA in pairing artists in meaningful ways.
- Young artists should complete the attached 'young artist application'. Their parent/guardian should complete the relevant section.
- If you have a partner in mind, please specify this in your application. If you don't have a young/adult artist to work with, just let us know and we will find you a partner. It is often possible for us to partner young people with artists that fit with their artistic interests, so please don't worry if you don't have a partner in mind!
- If two people within the same family would like to take part (adult and young person), there is no requirement for them to work together. We would be happy to partner you with other people, if you would prefer.

Adult artist application

Name:

Are you over 18 years old:

Address:

Telephone number:

Email Address:

Medium/discipline:

Are you a practising artist?

Do you have experience in working/communicating with young people? (Experience does not need to be professional, but please give examples)

Why do you want to take part in this project?

Are you comfortable with discussing and responding to a young person's artwork, and do you understand that you would not be teaching them?

Would you be willing to meet with a young person and their parent/guardian, in person, on two occasions?

Can you commit to having this process completed, and artwork delivered to ICCA by Monday, April 24, 2019?

What language(s) can you communicate in?

Do you have any special requirements to be able to participate? (e.g. disabled access, need for a quiet space/breakout room)

Do you have a young artist partner in mind? If yes, please give their name and contact information for their parent/guardian.

Please supply 5-10 jpegs or examples of written/recorded work to support your application.

Signature of artist:

Date:

Please return to ICCA by October 1, 2018 in person or email to olivia.ball@invernessarts.com

Young artist application

(If young artist is unable to complete this application, an adult should help them)

Name:

Age:

Parent/guardian name:

Address:

Telephone number:

Email address:

What kinds of art do you like to make? Do you like writing stories, dancing, singing, or playing an instrument? Maybe you like to paint or make models using plasticine or household items? Please let us know what kinds of art you enjoy.

Why do you want to take part in this project?

What language(s) do you speak? What is your preferred language? (Where possible, you will be partnered with an adult artist able to undertake the project in the your preferred language).

Do you have an adult artist partner in mind? If yes, please give their name and contact information.

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Young artist's parent/guardian section

Do you give permission for your child to take part in this project?

Do you give permission for your child's art to be displayed at ICCA?

It is very important that you be present whilst your child meets with their partner artist. Would you be willing to supervise a meeting between your child and an adult artist, in person, on two occasions?

It is important that all planning and scheduling communication be done between you and the adult artist, not directly between the artist and your child. Do you agree to undertake this communication?

If possible, we suggest that these meetings take place in the child's home. Would that be possible? If not, we will try to accommodate you at ICCA.

Can you commit to having this process completed, and artwork delivered to ICCA by Monday, April 24, 2019?

Do you or your child have any special requirements to be able to participate? (e.g. disabled access, need for a quiet space/breakout room) please give details so that we can accommodate you as comfortably as possible.

Signature of parent/guardian:

Name of parent/guardian:

Date:

Relationship to young artist:

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