

Dún a Rí Public Art Commission

This is a large-scale public art commission for Dun a Ri Forest Park. This initiative incorporates sculpture and literature and the overall project incorporates both sculpture and literature, as two separate yet inter-related strands. Consultation with the local community revealed that the local landscape, and Dun a Ri in particular, is a great source of local pride. The Forest is a widely accessed amenity and is rich with historical legacies and a vibrant ecology. Also revealed is a passion for folklore and creative writing, as there are many histories for Dun a Ri! These histories combined with modern day influences may inspire a contemporary conception of Irish identity, since it is the ambition that the Park will encourage us once again to re-examine our conception of 'Irishness'.

Creative Writing Competition Criteria and Rules

The literary competition is a search for a short story inspired by the magic of Dún a Rí Forest Park, Kingscourt, Co. Cavan. It aims to create a lasting legacy for the Forest which also acknowledges the existence of the unique sculptural works that have been commissioned for the Forest. This short story could be viewed as a modern day mythology or contemporary legend that informs popular vocabulary associated with the Forest as well as our rich and forever evolving sense of Irish identity.

CRITERIA

Literary compositions are judged by their technical merit; however, artistic expression is our core criterion. We are looking for writing with a strong, clear voice by authors who are daring, original and unafraid to take risks. Other aspects such as relevance to the context are also taken into consideration.

The selected author(s) will have their work published in the form of an eBook, and formally launched in August 2012 in conjunction with the sculptural work commissioned for the Forest. A commemorative scroll and €500 will be awarded to the winner.

RULES

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You must be an emerging writer and have not yet published any previous work, (excluding magazine articles, anthologies, e-zines, self-published material) to enter the competition. Previously published material will not be accepted. Submissions must be written in the English language only.

Entries which have received awards in other competitions are not eligible.

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No form of printed material will be accepted. Registration is online at www.cavanarts.ie/Default.aspx?StructureID_str=31

Submissions can also be made online so please retain your registration details.

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Your original literary composition must be submitted in one of the following formats: spoken word OR fiction. Poetry and prose are inadmissible. Period fiction is admissible but historical texts are not.

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Your submission must be no more than 2,000 words and the exact word count must be typed at the end of the final page.

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All submissions must be in Word format, typed, double-spaced, with a font size of 12 point. All pages must also be numbered. The title of the piece is to appear on each page.

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Do not put your name or personal details in your short story document. The author's details are to be given on the official online registration form. None of these details are to appear on the work being submitted.

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No photos, illustrations, manga or comic strips.

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No college essays or book reports.

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Entries cannot be returned. Applicants are advised to retain a copy for your own purposes.

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There is no entry fee or age limit. You may submit only one entry to the competition.

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Graphic submissions may be entered by an individual or a team of two or more.

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While copyright will remain with the author Cavan County Council reserves the right to arrange the first publication and broadcast of the selected works.

The right to use the stories to further publicise this award is also retained.

The judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding their decision.

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ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ORIGINAL WORKS. NO PLAGIARISM, NO COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT.

Submission of a written piece implies the author's acceptance of the rules and conditions.

DEADLINE

All entries must be submitted online at www.cavanarts.ie and by registering at http://www.cavanarts.ie/Default.aspx?StructureID_str=31 by 4pm on May 17, 2012

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