

LAB FOR OLDER ARTISTS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF A NEW ARTISTIC CAREER, AT COVE PARK

Open to Scottish-based artists in all artforms who are aged over 50, and led by Nicholas Bone and Alice McGrath from Magnetic North.

Dates: Arrive on evening of Wednesday 22nd February and leave on the morning of Tuesday 28th February

Location: Cove Park, near Helensburgh

Deadline for applications: midday on Wednesday 4th January

Successful candidates will be notified by: Monday 16th January

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The lab

This lab is a partnership between Cove Park, Magnetic North, Luminare – Scotland's creative ageing festival, and a-n The Artists Information Company. It offers an opportunity for six older artists working in any art form to take part in a facilitated process, exploring how creativity can be nourished and how artists can challenge themselves to develop. There will also be time for individual reflection and work.

The aims of the lab are to:

- Create a supportive atmosphere for discussion
- Stimulate dialogue about creative processes
- Give space and time for artists to reflect on their own creative practice
- Make time for individual reflection

The lab is open to artists who have recently embarked on a new artistic career including those who have trained at a young age and have returned to their practice later in life, those who have worked in the arts in different capacities and are now changing direction, and those who have come new to their artform in their later years. We are keen to receive applications from artists who are about to embark on their new career, as well as those who have already begun to work professionally.

Pilot

This lab is a pilot, and participants should be willing to share their views and reflections both during the lab and afterwards, to help the partner organisations to develop future opportunities that support the development of older artists. Researcher Francois Matarasso will work with the partners and participating artists on this process, and will join part of the lab. His report will be made available publicly later in 2017.

The partners

Founded in 1999 by Peter and Eileen Jacobs, **Cove Park** creates year-round funded and self-funded residencies across all art forms for national and international artists, collaborative groups and organisations. Cove Park is located on an outstanding 50-acre site overlooking Loch Long on Scotland's west coast (just 60 minutes from Glasgow by road or

rail). Please see <http://covepark.org/> for more information and images of the site and buildings. Facilities include high quality, en suite self-catering accommodation, workshop space, a fully accessible, brand new Artists Centre with communal kitchen and dining area, library, wifi and laundry facilities.

Magnetic North is an award-winning theatre company based in Edinburgh. It was formed in 1999 by theatre and opera director Nicholas Bone to create and develop new work. Working with actors, playwrights, designers, composers and other artists, and through an integrated programme of creative research & development, artist support and production, we have created a distinctive body of cross-artform performance work that is stylish, articulate and individual. We enable and facilitate creative development for artists through our Rough Mix and Space/Time residencies. These give an opportunity for artists to collaborate with other practitioners, and try out new ideas. Please see <http://www.magneticnorth.org.uk/> for more information.

Luminate, Scotland's creative ageing festival, is held in October across Scotland each year. The festival brings together older people and those from across the generations to celebrate our creativity as we age, share stories of ageing and explore what growing older means to all of us. Luminate is now introducing a new year-round programme of developmental activities, and this lab is part of that programme. See <http://www.luminatescotland.org/> for more information on the festival.

a-n The Artists Information Company: since 1980 a-n The Artists Information Company has worked with and supported practitioners and creative freelancers working across the visual arts to stimulate and support contemporary visual arts practice and affirm the value of artists in society. As the UK's largest visual arts membership body, representing a community of 20,000 professionals, a-n hosts big conversations around the critical and professional environment of the visual arts, bringing together artists, and art students, producers, researchers, organisations and universities. Working with its advisory group, AIR Council, a-n and its artist members identify and explore issues that impact on artists' practice and campaign for artistic, legislative and economic measures that enhance artists' working lives and professional status. Often developed through collaborations, our visual arts research informs and inspires cultural development. See <https://www.a-n.co.uk/> for more information.

Bursaries

Each participating artist will receive a bursary of £435, plus return travel expenses to Cove Park. Accommodation and food at Cove Park is also included.

Please note that the bursary is inclusive of VAT if applicable. Each artist is responsible for their own tax and national insurance.

Participating artists are required to attend for the full period of the lab.

Selection Criteria & Process

The lab is open to artists working in any art form who are:

- Based in Scotland
- Aged 50 or over
- At an early stage of their career as an artist, including those with some professional experience, and those at an earlier stage in their practice who are working towards a new career
- Available to attend the full lab

To apply, please send us the following information:

- Your name and full contact details (including an email address)
- Your age
- An outline of your experience to date (no more than 500 words) and a CV
- Some examples of your work or links to access them online (images should be provided in JPG format presented within a document no larger than 2MB).
- A short outline (no more than 200 words) of why you would like to take part and what you hope to get from the experience.

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- The quality of your ideas and work
- Your need for a period of research and development and your reasons for applying to this programme
- Your interest in living for a week within a community of artists, including a willingness to discuss and share ideas

The selection panel will include a representative of each of the 4 partner organisations.

The partner organisations are all committed to equalities, diversity and inclusion, and the selection of artists for this lab will be in line with our policies in this area.

Please be aware that Cove Park is in a hilly, rural location, covered only by Vodafone mobile signal. Facilities are set up to enable wheelchair users or those with other disabilities to make full use of the site and Artists Centre. If you have any access needs, we will discuss these with you if you are successful in your application.

Please email your application to info@luminatescotland.org by midday on Wednesday 4th January 2017. You will hear back from us by Monday 16th January.

For further information please contact:

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Please note that Edyta works on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The Luminate office is closed from midday on Friday 23rd December till 9am on Tuesday 4th January.