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CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2007 ARTS GRANTS AND BURSARIES

County Clare, IRELAND, 18th April 2007 - The Clare County Arts Office has announced that it is now seeking Applications for its 2007 Grants Scheme. This year's awards scheme contains three strands including general grants through the **Assistance under the Arts Act Scheme**, the annual **Tyrone Guthrie Bursary** and the annual **Drama League of Ireland Bursary**.

The **Assistance under the Arts Act Scheme** is open to individual artists or organisations for specific projects or events. This round of grants will cover activities that are taking place in 2007 while activities planned for January–June 2008 will be covered by the later deadline of October 31st, 2007.

The **Tyrone Guthrie Bursary** enables a professional artist of any discipline to spend a fortnight at the internationally renowned Tyrone Guthrie Centre in County Monaghan to develop their artistic practice. The Tyrone Guthrie Centre runs a special scheme with Local Authorities throughout Ireland, to assist them in sending an artist of promise to the centre. The bursary can be availed of at any time within 12 months of the awarding of it.

According to Siobhan Mulcahy, Arts Officer with Clare County Council, "*The Arts Office will award a maximum of two bursaries to assist those interested in drama to attend the **Drama League of Ireland** residential summer school in the University of Limerick in August 2007. Bursary recipients can choose what course they wish to attend as part of*

the Summer School. Applications from those in the 18-25 year category are especially welcome.”

“Over EUR20,000 is awarded annually through this scheme but due to the large number of applicants the average grant awarded is in the region of EUR350”, Ms. Mulcahy added.

Applications for all grants are available from the County Arts Office at 065 6846267 or arts@clarelibrary.ie. Alternatively, application forms can be downloaded from <http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/cominfo/arts/arts.htm>.

The closing date for applications is Monday April 30th 2007.