

Clare County Council Moves To Secure Stable Artists For Tulla

Tulla, County Clare, IRELAND, 20th June 2007 - Clare County Council has announced that it is currently seeking applications from artists for places at the award-winning Tulla Stables Studios.

"The Tulla Stables Studios is an ideal studio resource for artists of all disciplines", stated Ms. Siobhan Mulcahy, Clare Arts Officer.

Ms. Mulcahy explained, "It comprises of six studios each with power and water, 4 with a mezzanine for storage, an exhibition/ workshop spaces, toilets and showers. Provision has been made for broadband in each of the studios. The facility is alarmed and has private parking."

The original building was bought by Clare County Council in 1950 and had been used as a store until it was restored and developed into an arts facility by the Arts Office of Clare County Council with support from Clare County Council and the Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism. Tulla-based architect Siobhán Mulcahy was the design leader on the Tulla Stables Studios project, which was constructed by local construction firm Matthew Sheedy & Company.

In January of this year, the development was named the 'Best Public Building' in Ireland. The title was bestowed on the studio at the annual Local Authority Members Association (LAMA) awards hosted by RTÉ presenter Miriam O'Callaghan. The Tulla Studio was nominated alongside Cork University Maternity Hospital, Longford Court House, Erasmus Smith House in Tipperary, Johnston's Central Library in Cavan and Lady Lane Library in Waterford.

"The Tulla Stables Studios has played a crucial role in keeping art and, more importantly, artists in the local community", stated Ms. Mulcahy.

Commenting on the invitation of applications from artists wishing to take up residency at the Studios, she stated, "Interested artists are being given until 6th July 2007 to submit their applications. Artists must submit a current CV and a typed cover letter including the proposed use of the studio or gallery/workshop space, any specific requirements they may have in terms of equipment, the length of time the studio is sought for, and any proposed community involvement or projects."

Studios will be let initially from September 3rd 2007 for a 12-month period. All applications will be placed before an independent selection committee who will make recommendations on the allocation of studios to artists. Final approval of allocations rests with Clare County Council.

**Applications should be submitted to:
'Tulla Stables Application',
The Arts Office, The County Library,
Mill Road, Ennis, County Clare.**

Further information is available from the Clare Arts Office at Tel: 065 6846267, Fax: 0656842462 or Email: arts@clarelibrary.ie