BRILLIANT Art Commissions
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Neon Bikes, Robyn Wright, BRILLIANT winner Lumiere Durham 2015. Produced by Artichoke. Photo by Matthew Andrews

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An easy read resource about BRILLIANT and how to apply
About BRILLIANT

BRILLIANT is a project which will pay successful applicants to make new artwork. Applicants is a word for people who apply.

We want people to apply with their best idea for an artwork that uses light.

The best ideas will get made and exhibited as part of the Lumiere light festival in Durham in November 2021.

We will pay successful applicants £1000. Successful applicants will also get up to £7000 towards making and displaying their artwork.

You would also get help from staff at Artichoke.

Artichoke are the company organising this project and the Lumiere light festival.
What we are looking for

We are looking for ideas for artworks that use light in a creative way.

We don’t set a theme for BRILLIANT. To give you some inspiration, your idea could be about:

✓ Something that is important to you
✓ Durham’s unique history, people, stories or places
✓ Something you think would look amazing
✓ Something that reveals a familiar place or everyday object in a different way

You can also look at our BRILLIANT archive to get inspiration.

[Link](www.lumiere-festival.com/archive-home/?category=brilliant)

You do not need a place in Durham in mind to make an application. We can help you find one.
Who can apply

You must be an adult to apply. This means you are 18 years old or older.

You don't need to be a professional artist or have previous experience to apply.

You just need a brilliant idea!

You must be currently living in the UK to apply.

Who can’t apply

We cannot accept applications from previous BRILLIANT winners.
Rules

You can only submit 1 application. We will consider your first application only.

If you have applied to BRILLIANT before but have been unsuccessful you can only apply with a new idea.

You cannot change your application once it has been sent to us.

The first showing of your artwork must be at Lumiere 2021. This means that the first time anyone can see the finished artwork is at Lumiere 2021.

You must be available to attend meetings and site visits to work on your art idea (dates will be discussed with you in advance).
You will need to sign a contract with Artichoke to agree the budget and idea.

You need to help Artichoke staff to install your artwork and take it down.

You need to help Artichoke to promote your artwork and the BRILLIANT project. This might mean giving interviews to the press.

The copyright and intellectual property of your artwork will belong to you.

If successful, when exhibiting your artwork after Lumiere 2021, you must acknowledge it was commissioned by Artichoke for Lumiere 2021 in Durham.
How to apply

BRILLIANT has 2 stages to its application.

Stage 1

Complete our online application form:

https://artichoketrust.wufoo.com/forms/brilliant-2021-stage-1-application-form/

We ask you to tell us a little bit about:
✓ Yourself
✓ Your idea
✓ What materials your artwork might be made of
✓ How much it might cost to make
✓ Where you think your artwork could go if you have a place in mind
✓ You can also attach any pictures

The deadline is 9am on Thursday 11th February 2021
If you are successful at stage 1, you will then move onto stage 2

Stage 2

You will be invited to an online meeting with Artichoke staff to discuss your application.

Meetings will be around 2 hours long and take place during the day on either:
✓ Wednesday 10th March 2021
✓ Thursday 11th March 2021
✓ Friday 12th March 2021

You will be asked to send us a more detailed application. You will have 4 weeks to do this. You will get help from Artichoke.

You will then be invited to an interview. This will be on either:
✓ Tuesday 13th April 2021
✓ Wednesday 14th April 2021
✓ Thursday 15th April 2021

If you can’t make any of these dates let us know in your application.
Getting help to apply

We are very happy to answer any questions. Please get in touch if you need:

✓ Any help with completing your application
✓ One-to-one support
✓ This information in a different format
✓ To apply in a different format

Get in touch

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