



## TOMI UNGERER RESIDENCY

### **PARTNERS**

**Tomi Ungerer Estate**

**Le Centre Culturel Irlandais, Irish Embassy of France (Paris)**

**Permanent Representation of Ireland, Musée Tomi Ungerer, Mairie de Strasbourg (Strasbourg)**

**French Embassy of Ireland; Fire Station Artists' Studios; Create: National development agency for collaborative arts (Dublin)**

**University College Cork Library, The Guest House Project (Cork City)**

**Uillinn: West Cork Arts Centre (Co. Cork)**

We are delighted to announce the creation of a fellowship dedicated to the memory of Tomi Ungerer who died on 8 February 2019, some months after receiving from President Macron the prestigious award of the Commandeur de la Légion d'honneur at the Palais de l'Élysée in October 2018.



An internationally renowned draughtsman and satirist, he is best known as an author and illustrator of children's books. Born in Alsace in 1931, his outlook on the world was greatly influenced by his experience of the Second World War and Occupation. Over sixty years, he produced more than 140 publications and 40,000 drawings that reflected his "loathing and abhorrence of violence, prejudice, injustice and fanaticism of any kind." Touching on subjects such as politics, religion and the excesses of contemporary lifestyles, his work uses absurdity and humour in a way that evokes another Franco-Irish figure, Beckett. Tomi Ungerer settled in Ireland in the 1970s, where he lived in West Cork for more than forty years. He was fully invested in the curation of 38 collages which opened in the CCI in March 2019, just a month after he died.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Tomi Ungerer Residency is to support **two visual artists with a socially engaged practice**, one living in France or of French nationality and the other living in Ireland or of Irish nationality. For the purposes of this residency opportunity, a socially engaged practice is understood to be an art practice in which the social interaction, participation, collaboration and/or activism is integral.

## **RESIDENCY FOR FRENCH or FRANCE-BASED ARTIST IN IRELAND**

The 6-week residency available to the French/France-based artist will take place in Cork city, Skibbereen and Dublin city. It is expected that the artist will have a strong vision for this self-directed residency. In Cork city the artist will be accommodated in private accommodation with a base in the artist-run Guest House Project. The West Cork residency will offer immersion in the landscapes in which Tomi Ungerer made so much of his work, including 2 weeks in studio at Uillinn: West Cork Arts Centre, Skibbereen. For the Dublin-based residency, the artist will be accommodated in Fire Station Artists' Studios in a self-contained space, with the opportunity to meet its director and the director of Create: National development agency for collaborative arts.

### **6- week residency in Ireland**

- Arrival in Cork on 5 September with 1-week residency in the **Guest House Project** in Cork City.
- Travel to Skibbereen on 12 September with 2-week residency at **Uillinn: West Cork Arts Centre** with studio space
- Travel to Dublin on 27 September with 3-week residency in **Fire Station Artists' Studios** in Dublin City Centre in association with Create: National development agency for collaborative arts
- 15 October departing from Dublin

### **Criteria**

A visual artist of French nationality or living in France with a socially engaged practice. In their application, artists will need to outline a plan for how they'll spend their time, the context they are planning on developing and key indicators such as networks, projects, artists' practices to demonstrate that they know the socially engaged landscape in Ireland, particularly in Cork and Dublin. A track record in social engaged practice should be demonstrated in CVs and biographies. This is a self-directed residency, so any outline should reflect realistic and achievable time scales and research methods.

### **Award**

- Accommodation as outlined above in Cork, Skibbereen and Dublin
- Living expenses of €750 per month (a total of €1075 for 6 weeks)
- Return flights from Paris to Cork/Dublin (or equivalent budget)
- Travel expenses between Cork, Skibbereen and Dublin

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

The CCI Paris will manage the application process. A panel representing the various partners will select the two artists. This Fellowship will be awarded for four consecutive years during the period 2022 – 2025.

**Closing date for French/France-based artists is 10 March 2022 with decisions communicated in April 2022.**

**The application process for the Irish/Ireland-based artist has already been completed.**



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## OUTCOMES

In 2022, if scheduling permits, it is hoped to include the two fellows (the French/France-based artist and the Irish/Ireland-based artist) in a Tomi Ungerer two-day conference to take place in the Centre Culturel Irlandais and the Bibliothèque Nationale de France in November 2022 and in events relating to Ireland's Presidency of the Council of Europe in autumn 2022.

The two residencies are funded by

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