



## 'Art of Independence', Exhibition 2024 – Entry Guidelines

# The Art of Independence- Exhibition and Competition 2024

## Exhibition & Competition 2024

**Judges: Iwan Bala, Bethan Ash & Claire Hiatt**

**Prize: Solo Exhibition at Studio 40, Neath in 2025**

### Opening

Saturday 2 November 2024

### Exhibition ends

Saturday 30th November 2024

### Closing date for images and entry forms

Saturday 16th September 2024- Owain Glyndŵr Day

### Guide

This guide contains information to help you make a successful submission to the competition. The amount of information below reflects our aim to cover every eventuality and guide you through the process. We recommend that you print out this document and have it ready to refer to during the submission process.

If you are unclear, then contact us for clarification

### Competition overview

The Art of Independence exhibition is an 'open submission' (anyone can enter) competition that will be judged by professionals from a broad range of disciplines. Entry can only be via the online submission process on our website. A fee of £10 is charged per artwork ( £5 for students) which are submitted as digital image(s). It will be reviewed by the judges, who select in the region of 40 - 80 pieces for the exhibition – they also choose the prize winners. Works selected will need to be delivered to Queen Street Art Gallery for exhibition by the dates stated below.

Categories;

1. Open
2. Students



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### What can you submit?

Only original artwork will be considered (i.e., Not reproduction prints which are made to accurately reproduce an already created original image) but any medium will be considered, including applied arts and digital media. There are limitations on exhibiting certain items in terms of scale, equipment or health and safety. There is a maximum floor space for 3-dimensional work (e.g., Sculpture) of 1m x 1m. For 2-dimensional work (e.g., Paintings) size limits are 1m x 1m. We reserve the right to select but not display works. If you are in any doubt, then please contact us.

### Before you enter

Prepare a digital image of your work

Work will be selected via a digital image sent to us via email; therefore, you will need to send us a good quality digital photograph of your artwork via email alongside our online form. If you are unfamiliar with taking or preparing digital images, then we suggest you find somebody to help you with this. We are unable to do this for you.

### Advice on taking a digital photograph.

Place the work in an uncluttered space or on a plain wall so that the artwork is clearly visible and defined. Use a digital camera (or phone or equivalent) and take a picture. Make sure that...

- Only the artwork appears in the photograph
- If the item is very large or very small, please put a tape measure in the photograph to give an idea of scale
- It is a clear, focused image
- It is in colour against a plain background
- Save the image as a jpeg file less than 5MB in size. And email with the form
- Give the image a file name of last name, first name, artwork title.

Online submission in three simple steps

Once your image/s are ready, fill in the form and send alongside your image

### 1. Enter your information

- Fill in your personal details, and entry information

### 3. Email images of your artwork



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Email one image of your artwork, with each form, before you start make sure you have the following information ready:

- Title
- Subtitle (max 20 words)
- Artists statement – max 200 words on how your piece explores nation building and self-determination and what it means for you.
- Medium used (max 20 words)
- Size of work
- Selling price (include in your total the 40% gallery commission).
- NB We reserve the right to reject badly framed work, no mirror plates or plexi glass frames

**Please complete entry for and email to [art.of.independence@btinternet.com](mailto:art.of.independence@btinternet.com) along with the image of your art work**

On receipt of a completed form you will be sent an email which will contain:

- a message to confirm that your entry has been received
- a label which must be attached to the back of your work

### 4. Selection

If you are selected for the exhibition, you will be notified by October 14<sup>th</sup> 2024. For any further information or assistance, email [queenstreetgalleryneath@outlook.com](mailto:queenstreetgalleryneath@outlook.com) or call 01639 631081 (10am – 3pm, Tuesday - Saturday)

Artists are responsible for delivery and collection of their artwork to the gallery. Artwork can be collected at the end of the exhibition If collecting your work in person or within 2 weeks from close of show, you or your representative will be required to present a copy of the confirmation email as proof of ownership.

### Payment

Payment online is via debit/credit card or PayPal. By clicking 'pay now' button you will be redirected to be able to pay securely using a debit/credit card or your PayPal account, if you are selected you will be sent information on how to pay.

### 5. VIEWING and Prize Giving 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2 – 4pm

This will be held on Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm.



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### **6. SALES**

A gallery commission of 40% is deducted from all sales. Please include this in your selling price when filling in the form. When calculating your selling price please divide your artists price by 0.6 to get a selling price please do this so that you will get the correct AP amount once the 40% commission has been deducted.

### **Dates to remember.**

- Deadline for entries: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- Email to artists selected: by 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2024
- Photos and bios of selected artists: required by 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024
- Delivery of work to Queen Street Gallery on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 11am - 2pm
- Exhibition opening 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024
- Exhibition dates: exhibition: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Collection of artworks: within 2 weeks from close of show.
- Delivery address: Queen Street Gallery, 40 Queen Street, Neath SA11 1DL West Glam.