Eastside Development Award 2027

Village Arts Centre
Eastside Gallery
30years: 1997-2027

Thank you for your interest in applying for this award.

In 2027, the Village Arts Centre marks its 30th year of supporting creative development. As part of this milestone, we are pleased to introduce the Eastside Development Award.

The Award: One artist will be selected to produce a new body of work for exhibition at Eastside Gallery in 2027. The award provides a fee- and commission-free place in *Momentum*, the flagship exhibition in Eastside's annual artist development series, and up to $500 towards materials (terms and conditions apply). The successful artist will be mentored throughout the year by Eastside's Curator and the Village Arts Centre's tutors, as appropriate to the winner's practice. *Momentum* is a showcase of recent work in any style, theme and medium that can support presentation at Eastside Gallery.

Eligibility: Open to artists living in Christchurch or Banks Peninsula who will remain resident in the area between March and October 2027. Artists should be actively committed to developing their art practice and have a demonstrated history of exhibiting in curated exhibitions, or equivalent professional achievements relevant to their artform.

Number of works produced: This is flexible and will depend on the nature of the recipient's practice, but would typically be around three to six works.

How to enter: Please complete all five steps.

1. **Email clear, well-lit images** of recent and/or relevant work.

2. **Email an artist bio or statement** (max. 200 words).

3. **List your exhibition history.**

4. **Outline the new body of work** you would develop for *Momentum '27*, including how the individual works will connect as a cohesive whole and any special technical requirements needed to support their presentation (max. 300 words).

5. **Submit the last page of this form.** You'll receive confirmation that your application has been received.

Vital Dates and Details

- **Applications Close:** 31 January 2027
- **Winner announced:** First week of March 2027

- **Work completion deadline:** mid-August 2027*
- **Exhibition Dates:** 21 September – 15 October 2027*
- **Enquiries and Applications:** info@villageartscentre.org.nz
- **Judging Panel:** Dr Jo Burzynska, Community Arts Advisor, Christchurch City Council; Dr Liz Boldt, Director, Village Arts Centre; and a representative from Te Whare Roimata Trust.

The Artwork

1. Participating artists must reside in Christchurch or Banks Peninsula between March and October 2027.
2. All artworks produced must be the artist's own original mahi and intellectual property, and must not infringe the copyright or moral rights of any third party.
3. Receipts will be required for materials purchased using the award's materials funding. The Village Arts Centre is happy to work with the recipient to make arrangements as simple as possible.
4. Artworks should be completed by mid-August 2027.*
5. Artists must be able to attend the opening of *Momentum '27*, which is expected to be 5.30-7pm Tuesday 21 September 2027.*
6. Works must technically be able to survive the duration of the exhibition and be suitable for presentation in a group show at Eastside Gallery. *Momentum* typically includes six to seven artists, each presenting a recent body of work.
7. As our first priority is artist development, it is optional whether artists wish to make their artworks available for sale during *Momentum '27*.
8. Proposed works may be in any artistic discipline that can be presented at Eastside Gallery.
9. There is a maximum weight of 15kg for wall works.

*Exhibition and work completion dates to be confirmed. Any changes will be clearly communicated.

Other Terms and Conditions

10. By signing this Agreement, you consent to your work being photographed and shared online.
11. The Village Arts Centre reserves the right to exclude entries that do not meet the award criteria or eligibility, or that are deemed unsuitable for a public group exhibition.
12. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
13. Artists must accept all general conditions in place for exhibitions at Eastside Gallery, examples of which are available for downloading on the Open Call page of our website.

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Entry Form

1. Artist's Name:
2. Home Address (include suburb):
3. Phone:
4. Email:
5. Website and/or social media accounts showcasing your work (optional):

Please send separately:

6. Clear, well-lit photos of examples of recent and/or relevant work.
7. Artist bio or statement (max 200 words).
8. Your exhibition history.
9. Outline the new body of work you would develop for *Momentum '27*, including how the individual works will connect as a cohesive whole and any special technical requirements needed to support their presentation (max. 300 words).

Declaration

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read the entry and eligibility requirements and agree to abide by them.

Signature: Date:

Send applications and enquiries to: **info@villageartscentre.org.nz.**

Phone: 03 981 2881 **Email:** info@villageartscentre.org.nz **Web:** www.villageartscentre.org.nz
Instagram: village.arts.eastside.gallery **Facebook:** Village Arts and Eastside Gallery
Location: Linwood Village, 388 Worcester St, Christchurch, free parking onsite
Open: Wednesday-Thursday 11am-5pm, Friday-Saturday 10am-5pm
The Village Community Arts Centre is a project of Te Whare Roimata Trust.

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