



CALL OUT: Spring Fling Design Commission

Deadline for applications: 5pm, Wednesday 1st December 2021

Upland is delighted to announce a new design commission for Spring Fling 2022 (2-5 June 2022).

This commission is for an artist or maker to create a contemporary, commemorative multiple which marks the 20th year of Spring Fling Open Studios.

The commission will enable Upland to mark our milestone year with the creation of something unique which will be sold as part of Spring Fling Open Studios 2022.

What we are looking for

This commission is for a visual artist or maker that has taken part in Spring Fling at any time over the last 20 years. We feel it is important that whoever creates this multiple is personally connected to Spring Fling, having an understanding of the event and a personal resonance. However, the selected artist or maker does not have to be taking part in the 2022 event.

The commission should be a multiple with a small, bespoke run. For example, it could take the form of a print, small ceramic, glassware object etc. The item should visually represent Spring Fling but does not have to be too literal. We are open to ideas for this commission and welcome discussion in advance of submission.

The total amount payable to the successful applicant for this commission is £1500.

The multiple will be sold as part of Spring Fling 2022. Upland will deal with all sales and the selected applicant will receive a commission rate as agreed with Upland.

The commission will also receive promotion as part of the 2022 event via press, website, social media etc.

The successful applicant will be notified of their selection in late November 2021 giving them the period of December 2021 – May 2022 to make their work.

Submissions will be considered based on the following criteria:

- concept/proposed idea
- quality of work
- connection to Spring Fling
- commercial viability

About Spring Fling

Spring Fling 2022 will be the 20th event of the well-known Dumfries and Galloway open studios event. Each year between 80 and 100 artists and makers open their studio doors and invite the public in to hear about how work is made, see tools, materials and works-in-progress and get the chance to buy work directly from the artist. The event is well promoted and regularly attracts thousands of visitors over the weekend. We hope that the 2022 event we will welcome good visitor numbers in line with the COVID-9 guidance of the time. The successful commission applicant will receive great promotion as part of the 2022 event programme.

How to apply

To apply for this commission, please submit your application no later than **5pm, Wednesday 1st December 2021**. Applications should be sent to hello@weareupland.com with the subject title Design Commission Application.

Applications should include:

- Two images of your work including dimensions, medium, title, price (if appropriate) and dates of work. (Jpeg format only). Please make sure these works are representative of the kind of work you would like to produce.
- Sketches of proposed ideas
- An outline proposal which covers the following (no more than two sides of A4):
 - Why you would like this commission and what connection you have to Spring Fling
 - Your proposed idea (including number of objects/items produced and cost per item)
 - Outline your experience with similar projects/commission
 - Breakdown of proposed £1500 spend e.g., how much to artists fee and production
- An artist statement (no more than one side of A4) and an up-to-date CV

All documents should be Word or PDF format ONLY, we cannot accept Pages documents. Applications will be assessed by Upland staff and a member of the Upland Board.

If you have any queries regarding this opportunity or would like to talk to us about your idea, please contact joanna@weareupland.com

Data Protection

Please note: any information submitted with regards to this application will be held by Upland securely. We will not pass on your information to unrelated parties. We will use the information provided to contact you, the information on your work (should you be selected) and used in our promotion of the event. By submitting the information required for this application you consent to these terms.

Contact

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