

Artist/Fabricator Commission



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Who We Are

Creative Basildon is a radical cultural programme for people living, working and socialising in Basildon borough. It is funded by Arts Council England via the Creative People and Places Programme (CPP).

Our vision is to get more people in Basildon choosing, creating and participating in amazing cultural experiences that take place within the borough.

Our mission is to create a radically sustainable cultural system in Basildon that unleashes the power of Basildon's creative people.

Overview

Creative Basildon invites proposals from artists and/or fabricators to create:

a portable, light-based 3D installation that responds creatively to the Owl and the Pussycat poem¹ and/or sculpture² located in the Eastgate Centre, Basildon.

The commissioned work will be part of a wider programme launched in February 2025 with the Museum of the Moon by Luke Jerram in Basildon Town Centre.

Following on from the Moon we have a programme inspired by the Owl and Pussycat and this installation will form part of our pop-up events offer in Autumn and Winter 2025/26.

Important Dates

- 11.59pm 5th October 2025 – Application closing date
 - You will receive an email confirming your application has been received.
- w/c 6th October 2025 – successful and unsuccessful applicants notified
- w/c 13th October 2025 – 9th November 2025, indicative fabrication window
- w/c 10th November 2025 – delivery deadline*

* Depending on the proposal we can be flexible with delivery times.

Commission Brief

We are seeking a visually engaging and imaginative installation that:

- Responds to the themes, forms, or narrative of the Owl and the Pussycat.
- Is 3D and incorporates illumination as a core element of the work.
- Is visually appealing in both indoor/outdoor setting
- Minimum height 1m
- Can be safely transported and installed in a variety of indoor or sheltered outdoor settings.
- Is durable and safe, with consideration for public interaction and accessibility.

We encourage artists to interpret these themes freely, whether through narrative, abstraction, or material exploration.

Creative Basildon has workshops around the Owl and Pussycat planned until March 2026. In addition to this commission there may be further opportunities to deliver artist led workshops around the theme. Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) required for this.

Commission Fee: £5,000

- A fixed fee of £5,000 will be paid for the work, not per person. If you are applying as a collective, it is your decision how the fee will be shared.
- This inclusive fee should be used for all artist and production fees (including but not limited to; planning, delivery, materials, fabrication, transport, purchasing resources, marketing, administration and evaluation).
- Budget (£5,000) inclusive of VAT

Eligibility

- Open to artists, designers, makers, and fabricators working in light-based media.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate experience in producing portable or site-specific installations.
- Collaborative proposals are welcome.

Applicant Requirements

This opportunity is open to individuals, artist collectives and organisations.

Candidates must possess Public Liability Insurance (£5 million) and Professional Indemnity Insurance (£2 million). Membership of A-N will cover the necessary insurance.

Learn about A-N: <https://www.a-n.co.uk/join/>

Submission Requirements

Please send the following to hello@creativebasildon.co.uk with the subject line 'Artist/Fabricator Commission'.

- Proposal (max 500 words) outlining your concept and response to the brief.
- Outline drawing/s
- Portfolio (up to 5 images/links to relevant work).
- CV or short bio.
- Budget breakdown and timeline.
- Confirmation that the final piece meets the specified dimensions.

Selection Process

There is no interview for this commission due to the short window of this commission. You may be invited to speak to the Creative Basildon team to talk through logistics/budget/project plan.

A decision will be made by Creative Basildon staff with community representation from our Voices groups. Your proposal will be read and reviewed by people who may be unfamiliar with the terminology and references of the arts and culture sector. You should consider this when writing your proposal.

Please note: to consider your proposal, we must receive all the submission requirements by the deadline.

Applications should be received by **Sunday 5th October 2025, 23:59pm.**

We encourage applications from candidates of diverse backgrounds, including those who are BAME, working class, and those with accessibility requirements- reflecting the rich diversity of Basildon.

If you have any questions or queries, please email our team at hello@creativebasildon.co.uk.

