

Open Call: Artist Books

Dublin Art Book Fair 2020: *Design as an Attitude*

Temple Bar Gallery + Studios is delighted to launch an open call for artist books for inclusion in Dublin Art Book Fair 2020: *Design as an Attitude*. A centre for the contemporary artist book, Dublin Art Book Fair (DABF), Ireland's only art book fair, celebrates its tenth anniversary in 2020, sponsored by Henry J Lyons.

The Artist Book Section at DABF will feature artist books selected by our curatorial team through the open call, as well as artist books by invited artists. This will include books from all areas of contemporary art and design, published and independently made.

Application Criteria

- Individual contemporary artists, designers and writers, residing in the Republic of Ireland only, are eligible to submit their books.
- An individual can submit up to three copies of three titles.
- Maximum retail price of €30 per book.
- Handmade books are welcome but must be able to withstand unsupervised public display and handling. Books requiring special handling, gloves or specific display will not be accepted.
- All books must have a piece of paper paper-clipped or attached to the cover with title and full name of artist/designer clearly printed. The piece of paper must have a blank space below the text which is minimum 5cm x 3cm to allow for a bar code price sticker to be added.
- Our commission fee is 10% of the retail price of artist books. Please include this in the retail price provided for your books.
- Submitted books do not have to relate to the theme of DABF 2020: *Design as an Attitude* (described below).

Note: *Collectives, arts organisations, publishers and distributors please contact orla@templebargallery.com for details on how to apply.*

How to Apply

- Applications will be accepted **online only** to info@templebargallery.com, with the subject title: Artist Book Application.
- Applications should consist of a PDF or Word document including the following:
 1. Name (as on book), address and contact email (only one name and email per application)
 2. Brief description of content and physical form of book (200 words max.)
 3. Optional artist bio (200 words max.)
 4. Dimensions of book
 5. Retail price in euro (including 10% commission)
 6. Number of copies you wish to submit (3 max.)
 7. 1-3 images per book.

Application Deadline: Sunday 4 October 2020

Successful applications will be accommodated in the Artist Book Section at DABF and copies will be sold on your behalf, by Temple Bar Gallery + Studios. Successful applicants will be notified by email and made aware of the terms of submission and delivery information. Successful publications should be delivered to Temple Bar Gallery + Studios, 5 - 9 Temple Bar, Dublin 2, D02 AC84 by 5pm on Saturday 19 October 2020.

About Dublin Art Book Fair 2020: *Design as an Attitude*

Temple Bar Gallery + Studios presents Ireland's only art book fair from 5 – 15 November, celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2020, sponsored by Henry J Lyons. Dublin Art Book Fair platforms creative and cutting-edge publishers, big and small, Irish and international. It is a centre for the contemporary artist book and includes a section of specially curated book titles. DABF has evolved into a significant cross disciplinary meeting ground, reaching out to peer organisations in the city and lesser-known museums, collections, and galleries. In the relaxed and stimulating environment of Temple Bar Gallery, discover a unique selection of books on art, architecture, visual culture, philosophy, design and select fiction and engage in a free curated programme of talks, tours, workshops and discussions.

This year DABF is guest curated by Alice Rawsthorn (UK), a world renowned design critic and author. Her theme, *Design as an Attitude*, will explore how design is opening up to become an increasingly elastic and extensive field that addresses the major challenges of our time, such as the climate emergency and refugee crisis, the rise of inequality and intolerance, ensuring that accelerating advances in technology will affect us positively, not negatively, and how to rebuild our lives after the devastating Covid-19 crisis.

Alice Rawsthorn (UK) is a world leading design critic and author. Her books include 'Design as an Attitude' (2018) and 'Hello World: Where Design Meets Life' (2013). Alice is Chair of Trustees at Chisenhale Gallery in London and The Hepworth Wakefield in Yorkshire, and is a founding member of the Writers at Liberty campaign for human rights.