



LIVERPOOL ARAB ARTS FESTIVAL 2021 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Liverpool Arab Arts Festival (LAAF) is inviting proposals for our 2021 festival. The festival will be held **Friday 16 - Sunday 25 July, 2021**.

The devastating impact of climate change is being felt across the world. Global warming is fuelling extreme weather events, rising sea levels, intense heat, natural disasters, environmental degradation, food and water insecurity, mass migration, and conflict.

These consequences are already daily experiences for many within the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

Our 2021 festival will respond to how climate change is impacting MENA communities who are already experiencing the destruction of their environments and land due to conflict and colonialism.

PROPOSALS

We welcome proposals from artists from or based in the MENA region, or artists across the globe with MENA or Arab heritage, that responds directly to, or are influenced by, issues related to climate change.

Examples include:

- The climate and environmental crisis within the Arab world
- Local and global issues related to conflict, colonialism or climate justice
- Works/ideas that increase awareness and encourage a global exchange of new ideas
- Works that imagine a more sustainable future

Proposals can be in any art form, including: dance, theatre, music, visual art, spoken word, or literature.

Outputs can include: live performances, events, artworks, exhibitions, workshops, public realm works, talks, panel discussions, young people's activities, or digital activities.

We are strongly committed to promoting the inclusion of womxn, queer, Black Arab, and Deaf or disabled artists in our work.

COVID-19

We ask you to consider the possibility of COVID-19 restrictions in your application. This could include socially distanced performances with reduced capacity, or outlining alternative plans if restrictions are implemented. The LAAF team will discuss these options at length with any selected proposals.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

Visit www.arabartsfestival.com/laaf2021callout/ and complete the online form.

You will need to enter the following information:

- Name*
- Email*
- Phone number
- Website
- Your nationality:
- Country in which work was created in (if different from your nationality):
- Artform - Which art form best describes your proposal? E.g. music, spoken word, visual arts

To support your application, please

- Please give a brief outline of your proposal (1,000 characters maximum)
- Briefly describe how your proposal fits with our festival theme (1,000 characters maximum)
- Please outline your budget. Include artist fees, and any other expenditure, such as travel and technical costs (1,000 characters maximum)

- Provide any specific quotes (where possible)*
- Include any links to your previous work (600 characters maximum)
E.g. YouTube, Vimeo, press links
 - Please attach one supporting document (if required.) *Accepted file types: jpg, gif, png, pdf, docx, doc, txt, pages. Such as a project proposal PDF with further information*

We ask applicants to consider how they can minimise their environmental impact at every stage of their proposal.

The deadline for applications is Friday 4 December 2020.

If you have any questions, please email admin@arabicartsfestival.co.uk

ABOUT LAAF

Founded in 1998, Liverpool Arab Arts Festival (LAAF) is a registered charity delivering arts and community programmes that bring diverse cultures together, increasing appreciation and awareness of Arab culture and arts at a local, national and international level.

Our year-round programme of artistic and cultural events includes Liverpool Arab Arts Festival, established in 2002 and still the UK's premier annual Arab arts festival.

Every July, the festival brings a thrilling celebration of Arab culture to venues across the city and showcases the richness of Arab culture through a packed programme of visual art, music, dance, film, theatre, literature and special events.

LAAF has a long track-record of providing informal and structured learning opportunities that raise awareness of Arab arts and culture, amongst both Arab and non-Arab audiences.

We place focus on participation activities, including artist talks, workshops and symposia, that provides a chance for creative practitioners and audiences to engage in a more intimate and meaningful way.

RESOURCES

We recommend watching **ARTISTS | IDEAS | NOW – Conflict, Colonialism and the Climate Crisis**. The panel event was held at Liverpool Arab Arts Festival 2020 and launched the 2021 festival theme of climate crisis. It highlighted key issues that we will be exploring throughout the festival. The event

featured Faisal Abu Alhayjaa, Samah Hijawi, Doreen Toutikian and Sabrina Mahfouz.

Conflict, Colonialism and the Climate Crisis was chaired by LAAF's Lead Programmer Anahid Kassabian and co-produced with Creative Destruction.

Watch at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8Vo9_4qak&t=2s