ISACS

Irish Street Arts, Circus and Spectacle Network

Artists Residencies Matter

With Lucy Medlycott

ISACS Vision

To be a leading example of an artist first members network which supports and grows the street, circus and spectacle artforms of Ireland

ISACS Mission

- To celebrate our artforms, advocate for the policy and practical changes that will allow our artforms to flourish, grow our membership and sustain our organisation

ISACS Membership Chart

Members include:

- Macnas
- Galway Community Circus
- Waterford Spraoi
- Irish Aerial Creation Centre
- Fidget Feet & many more

239 ISACS members in 2022

- 28 counties on the island of Ireland including 3 from the North represented among our members
- 12 Countries represented from Northern, Central, Southern, Eastern Europe, the UK and the Middle East
- Strong international reputation & connections

We support our members in many ways

- Info Hub
- Mentoring
- Resource Sharing
- Training
- Networking
- Promotion
- Advocacy

We also develop partnerships for residency programmes such as:

- Lift in partnership with Wexford Arts Centre & Wexford County Council
- Inis Oirr Residency with Aras Eanna Arts centre
- NEST with Waterford Spraoi
- ArtIlla with Circaire festival, Balearic Islands
- JumpStart in partnership with Cairde Sligo Arts Festival, Earagail Arts Festival and the Irish Aerial Dance Festival

LIFT with Wexford Arts Centre & Wexford County Council

- For solo/duo ground based artists
- For artists interested in presenting/touring work through Irish arts centres/venues
- One week in Wexford Arts Centre theatre
- Support via Wexford Arts Centre team
- Plus One week in ISACS Wexford HQ
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- Year one supported Michelle Thoburn
- Year two supported Nora Kelly Lester

Inis Oirr with Áras Éanna Arts Ctre

- For solo/duo ground-based artists
- For artists interested in environment, Irish language and culture, the ocean
- Suitable for artists creating a new body of work who are in need of headspace and time
- One month with studio apartment provided on Inis Oirr and access to the theatre and the whole island
- Year one: Kate Boschetti & Liam Wilson duo jugglers
- Year two: Cikada Circus duo acrobats
- Year three: Darragh McLoughlin and family contemporary jugglers

NEST with Waterford Spraoi

- For duo/trio/bigger
- For street performers with a piece of work ready to be tried and tested
- Two weeks in Spraoi studio
- Supported with a dedicated mentor/director/facilitator as required
- Also supported via Spraoi & ISACS team
- ISACS invites international programmers/bookers to meet and view the work with thanks to Culture Ireland

ArtIlla – 2022 with Circaire, Balearic Islands International Residency Initiative Scheme

- A partnership with Circaire Festival, Mallorca
- Two Irish artists, Two Balearic artists
- Two weeks exploration in Mallorca with mentor
- Visit to Fira Tarrega – Europe's largest street arts market & festival
- Two weeks exploration in Ballyferriter with mentor thanks to Siamsa Tire
- Visit to the National Circus Festival of Ireland, Tralee

JumpStart with Cairde, Earagail & IADF

- For solo artist
- For aerial dancers interested in working beyond the venue/trad space
- One week in Cairde in 23 & again in 24
- One week in Earagail in 23 & again in 24
- Two weeks intensive at the IADF
- Supported with a dedicated mentor/director/facilitator as required
- Also supported via ISACS team
- Year 1 – development/experiment
- Year 2 – showcase/work in progress
- Selected artist 21/22 was Polina Shapkina

Selected artist for 2023/24 Ashton

JumpStart Arts Residency 21/22

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