



Coovum Art Festival ∞ *Embrace The River*

Call for Proposals

1. Dates

Month	Date	Description
September	26	Call for proposals announced
October	31	Deadline for entries of proposals
November	10	Selected artists announced
December	15	Earliest possible arrival for the Artist Residency in Chennai
January	05	Latest possible arrival for the Artist Residency in Chennai
January	04	Begin of period of installation
	12	End of period of installation
	14	Festival Opening
	31	End

2. Qualifications

Applying artists should...

- be interested in the relationship between river, water, culture, and environment,
- have some experience in doing research on local contexts and working with local residents as well as volunteer or students,
- be able, while working on their artworks, to spark interest of the general public or even encourage them to participate in the process of artistic creation,
- have at least basic English conversation skills and the ability to mingle with other artists, local residents, school teachers and students.



3. Benefits of the artists

Selected artists will receive...

- a honorarium,
- support for materials,
- accommodation for the period of an artist residency before the festival and the period of the festival, on twin-sharing basis, minimum period of stay January 7 – 21, 2016 (obligatory), maximum December 15, 2015 to January 31, 2016,
- breakfast everyday at the hotel/accommodation, lunch on working days (dinners not included),
- a round-trip airfare in economic class and reimbursement for visa expenses,
- airport pick-up service to the hotel on the arrival day,
- assistance by volunteers or local residents with the creation of their artworks,
- assistance by the organizers with collecting recycled objects (e.g. plastic bottles, tin cans) or natural materials (e.g. reed, stone, wood stick, soil, rice straw, bamboo, leaf) for the artwork.

4. Guidelines and requirements

- The design of the art work must be new or original, not published previously or used in any other country before the date of application. Proposals with non-original creations will be disqualified.
- Environment: Ensure that the environment will not be compromised in the process of creating the artwork, use environment-friendly, natural or recycled materials, others only if indispensable and disposable after the festival, use local materials first.
- **Coovum Art Festival** is a not-for-profit initiative, free for all to attend and participate. It relies on sponsoring, grants, donations. The organizers would be grateful if participants could examine possibilities to support either by arranging required funds for their proposed project or by leading us to potential supporters. The Festival will provide all relevant documents and logistic assistance to secure the support.
- Safety has priority, the stability and security must be assured. The artwork has to be made to last at least 3 months and should be designed to weather gracefully over time. For safety concerns, the Festival retains the authority to dispose or dismantle the artwork.
- Community involvement: Artists will work with local residents and volunteers to create their installations. Public participation is one of the key elements of this festival.



5. How to apply

We sincerely welcome artists from all countries to take part in this event. **Deadline for the submission of proposals is October 31, 2015.** For proposals only .DOC or .PDF files, for images only .JPG / JPEG files will be accepted, the size of each image file being between 500 KB and 1 MB. Proposals must be written in English and submitted via email to the address mentioned below. Submissions will not be returned. The completeness of the proposal is indispensable for consideration in the judging process. Please make sure that you add the following documents:

Details of proposal

- A. Description of your proposal for the **Embrace The River - Coovum Art Festival 2016**. Explain how your artwork will contribute to raising river and water awareness.
- B. Drafts of your work including estimated size of the creation and material required. They can be either sketches or computer graphics.
- C. Detailed cost calculation stating the amount of money you need from the secretariat
- D. Approximate period of stay for the artist residency and the festival.

Details of artist

- A. CV, including your background and experiences, awards and exhibitions.
- B. Be sure to include your full name, current mailing address, phone number, and nationality.
- C. Six images of similar works you have done. List and provide details of these six images - title, date of completion, materials used, and venue where they were exhibited.

Application to be sent by email to coovumart@gmail.com

Kindly mention on the subject as: Coovum Art Festival ∞ Embrace The River Deadline: 31.10.2015

THE APPLICATION SHOULD REACH ON OR BEFORE 31.10.2015.