

# Orleans House Gallery

## Grottos Talks / Lecture Brief

### Season Overview

Our summer Grottos season focuses on spaces and places: real and imagined, historical and created. Richmond is home to some of London's most famous Grottos (Pope's Grotto, the Grotto at Marble Hill House and the Shell Grotto at Hampton Court Palace). We want to use these mysterious, magical, secret spaces to explore our relationship with the artificial and the natural world, whilst inciting questions about safe spaces, sanctuaries and retreats. As a service we want to focus on Grottos as spaces and places which are real, created, virtual, safe, imagined and associated.

### Proposals

We are seeking proposals from Artists, Art Historians and organisations for development and delivery of a three-part series of lectures. The series will sit within our public programmes, and should respond to the exhibitions, themes and ideas set out within the Grottos season. For example, the series could take inspiration or focus on any of the following suggestions:

- Contemporary artists who build installations
- Mysterious spaces both natural and manmade
- Conservation and mystery behind natural and manmade space
- Pope's writings, history, local home and how the grotto was used as an art gallery
- Unusual art spaces, such as Rothko's church
- Religion and shrines, in the local area we have Garrick's Temple

However, we would welcome proposals that inspire a similar sense of creativity, explore a unique approach or have a new 'take' on Grottos

Dates: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Session Times: 1.15-2.30pm

The talks will be hosted in the Coach House, which a capacity of 60 attendees. The Learning Team will set up and subsequent clearing away, including providing refreshments for each lecture. The team will also manage the talks, dealing with the following:

- Online bookings
- Registering attendees
- Risk assessments

The speakers/organisations will be expected to deliver on the following:

- Leading a series of engaging talks which inspire people to extend their knowledge of art and encourage them to find out more after the event
- Lead the talks in a professional manner, whilst adhering to Arts Service policies, including safeguarding policies
- Additional marketing via the speakers/organisation's website and social media account
- Preparation of all handouts before each lectures. Ensuring all handouts presented at the lectures are of the same quality and branded as with gallery's and partnering details and logos.

### **Proposals should include**

Along with the quotation, can you ensure you confirm the following:

- Brief overview of all three lectures, detailing how they connect to Grottos and how they would engage different audiences
- A quotation and budget which details how you would deliver the above outputs
- Confirmation of all dates

### **Service Vision**

Service has a social responsibility to support and engage the community, bringing together different audiences from a variety of social environments to create, generate ideas and form shared experiences. We want to make the arts in Richmond accessible - allowing people feel empowered. A chance to be creative, share, do, see, make and create as part of their everyday lives. What is produce is relevant for Richmond and west London and contributes something new to London and UK culture.

Orleans House Gallery is managed by Richmond Arts Service which is part of the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Council. The Arts Service and Orleans House Gallery provide art for everyone, facilitating a range of high quality accessible arts provisions for residents of and visitors to the borough.

Deadline for proposals: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Please email them directly to [charlotte.cranidge@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.cranidge@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)

### **How to find out more**

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