



Arthouse 2026

Annual Charity Art Auction for Outhouse LGBTQ+ Centre

Closing Bids - Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th November

Outhouse LGBTQ+ Centre is delighted to welcome you back to Arthouse, our annual charity art auction - a timed online auction of some of the best established and emerging artists in Ireland and beyond.

ABOUT ARTHOUSE

Arthouse began in 2020 to raise funds for the reopening of Outhouse LGBTQ+ Centre after the COVID-19 pandemic, and it has been a vital lifeline in the years since. It enables us to keep our doors open and continue to create a space where all LGBTQ+ people can feel safe, seen, and celebrated, ensuring no one is left behind.

For almost 30 years, Outhouse has been a vibrant and safe space for LGBTQ+ people to connect, access support, campaign for rights, and experience culture. We have a welcoming drop-in space, a community café, social and cultural events, support and advocacy services, a queer library, a theatre, meeting spaces, and much more.

Your donations and fundraising efforts through Arthouse help us to support the growing needs of our diverse community. Safe and welcoming spaces are needed now more than ever, with a notable increase in violence against the LGBTQ+ community, a rise in transphobic and homophobic rhetoric, and the disproportionate impact of issues like homelessness, poverty, and access to physical and mental healthcare on our community.

We continue to be humbled and grateful for the extraordinary generosity of so many artists like you who have contributed to making the Arthouse a success. We would not be here today without the remarkable support of these artists, the buyers, and our wider community. We strive to put every euro raised through Arthouse into the areas where it can have the greatest impact. You can learn more about our roadmap for the future [here](#).

We know the artistic community in Ireland has been affected by the cost of living crisis, and an artist incurs many expenses in creating a piece of artwork. Arthouse will continue to offer the opportunity for all contributing artists to avail of up to 50% of the hammer price for their artworks and will provide other commission options also. Some artists have expressed a wish to fully donate their artwork to Outhouse LGBTQ+ Centre, for which we are so thankful.

As always, our core belief is that we must all rally together and support one another.

Artists already confirmed for Arthouse 2026 include:

Yoko Akino | Brian Teeling | Lee Welch | Hazel Coonagh | Gabhann Dunne

Shane O'Driscoll | Carol Hodder | Tom Climent | Derval Freeman | Martin McCann

Eamon Colman | Leah Hewson | Ken Browne | Duc Pham | Colin Martin | Derick Smith

Céleste Golden | Adrienne Boyle | John Fitzsimons | Catherine Taaffe Haughton

John O'Donnell | Leah Beggs | Francis Fay | Angy Treacy | Ross Golden-Bannon

SAVE THE DATE

Arthouse, like last year, will be a timed online art auction running over 2 days on **Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th November.**

Add to calendar:

[Google](#) | [Outlook](#) | [Yahoo](#)

Information and updates will be available at: www.outhouse.ie/arthouse

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR ARTISTS

The Arthouse team will host two online information sessions via Zoom to answer any questions you may have about how the auction works, the application form, and what you need to know as a contributing artist.

You can join via the links below, and drop in at any time during the session.

Artist Info Session #1:	Artist Info Session #2:
<i>Wednesday, 12 August from 1:15pm - 2:00pm (GMT+1)</i>	<i>Tuesday, 08 September from 6:45pm - 7:00pm (GMT+1)</i>
Join Zoom here »	Join Zoom here »
Add to your calendar: - Google Calendar - Outlook - Microsoft 365 - Yahoo	Add to your calendar: - Google Calendar - Outlook - Microsoft 365 - Yahoo

YOUR ARTWORK

Artwork can include paintings, photography, mixed media, textiles, and other 2D forms of art. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept 3D artworks such as sculptures*, or artwork in digital formats such as NFTs.

Most sizes of artwork are welcome, although no more than 150cm x 150cm is strongly preferred.

We accept both framed and unframed artwork. If your artwork in the auction is framed, please ensure you provide a photograph of it in the frame for the purpose of the auction.

Please be assured that your artwork will be handled with great care and respect by our team.

**If you would like to contribute 3D artwork, please get in touch with our team at artauction@outhouse.ie.*

SUBMISSION DETAILS

The deadline for artwork submissions is **Sunday, 13th September, 2026**.

You can submit your artwork at the link below. Please review the [submission form](#) to ensure you know what is required ahead of the submission deadline.

Please Note: Each artist may submit up to 4 pieces. However, due to logistical constraints, we must limit the total number of artworks in the auction. As a result, we cannot guarantee that all submitted pieces will be included. If we reach our capacity, we will contact artists with multiple submissions to determine which works can be featured.

Uploading images of your artwork:

- You can add up to 4 images of your artwork. Image 1 should be your main showcase image.
- For ease of identifying your images after submission, please name your artwork using your name and artwork title.
 - *e.g. ArtistName-ArtworkTitle-1.png, ArtistName-ArtworkTitle-2.png, and so on.*
- Each image should be no more than 3MB.
- Please keep your image to a maximum pixel height and/or width of 1200px.
- File extensions allowed: .jpg, .jpeg, .gif, .png

EXHIBITING

To showcase artworks in the auction and encourage bids, Outhouse LGBTQ+ Centre will exhibit a large number of artworks in the centre for a launch event in October, and then for 3 weeks prior to the Arthouse auction. If you do not want your artwork to be exhibited, please indicate this on the submission form.

Outhouse LGBTQ+ Centre is visited by over 57,000 people each year. Exhibiting in our space is a great opportunity for your art to be visible to members of the LGBTQ+ community in the greater Dublin area.

Please note that there is limited space for exhibiting artwork in our centre, and while we would love to showcase every piece from the auction, it will not be possible to do so.

HOW THE AUCTION WORKS

Arthouse 2026 will operate as a timed online art auction and will run on an auction platform used by thousands of professional auction houses worldwide to ensure a smooth experience for artists and buyers alike.

Artworks will be divided into two separate auctions, either Day 1 or Day 2 of the live auction. All artwork will be listed on the online auction platform for 2 weeks, and buyers will be able to place bids from that time until the final bids at the end of the live auction. Final bids will start at:

- 3:00 PM on Saturday 7th November, and;
- 3:00 PM on Sunday 8th November.

Although the timed auction starts to close at 3:00 PM, it will take 30 seconds per lot to close from the first lot onwards. You can bid right up until the final lot closes.

The auction will be accessible online at auction.outhouse.ie or via the free app, available on the [App Store](#) (for iOS) and [Google Play](#) (for Android).

PRICING & RESERVES

Art Pricing:

When submitting your artwork, you will be asked to set a low estimate/guide price and a high estimate/guide price, which will be shown on the auction page.

Please add a realistic guide range for your artwork. Estimates give the price range you believe your artwork is reasonably likely to sell for.

Reserves:

A Reserve price is the minimum amount you are willing to sell your art for. The highest bid must be equal to or higher than the reserve price for your art to sell.

If you expect a certain minimum sale price for your art, please add a reserve price. We advise that your Reserve Price is 50% - 75% of your low estimate/guide price. Reserve Prices will be hidden from all bidders. Your Reserve Price cannot exceed 80% of your Low Estimate/Guide Price.

Please be advised that if you set a reserve price and it is not met, your artwork will not be sold.

IMPORTANT: The deadline to change the reserve price for your artwork is **Wednesday, 14th October**. After this date, all reserve prices will be locked in the auction platform and can no longer be altered.

If you are unsure about the reserves process, please contact our team at artauction@outhouse.ie.

Artist Commission:

We offer the option for artists to receive up to 50% of the hammer price for their artworks. If you would like to give more, there will be a number of other commission options available on the submission form. Thank you so much for your generous donation - we truly appreciate it.

PACKAGING & DELIVERY

When submitting your artwork, you will be asked to select a preferred option for the packaging and delivery of your artwork to the buyer:

1. Give the artwork to Outhouse to manage packaging and delivery
2. Package and deliver the artwork yourself

Outhouse has a small postage fund (made possible with the help of a buyer's premium) set aside to cover these costs. We will reimburse the artist for all reasonably incurred costs for delivery. Please see our [delivery estimate guide](#) to understand reasonable fees for shipping.

If you are unsure which option is best for you, we are happy to discuss it with you directly. Please contact us at artauction@outhouse.ie and we will get in touch.

Option 1. Giving the artwork to Outhouse for packaging and delivery:

You can either drop your artwork into Outhouse directly or deliver it via courier by no later than Tuesday, 3th November. **N.B.** If you wish for your artwork to be included in our exhibition, you will need to deliver it by **Saturday, 10 October**.

Our address is:

Outhouse LGBTQ+ Centre,
105 Capel Street,
Dublin 1
D01 R290

We ask that you package your artwork carefully with bubble wrap or other appropriate material to avoid any damage before we repackage it.

We also ask that the artwork is properly labelled with the name of the artist and artwork clearly visible and securely attached.

If you foresee any difficulties with delivering the artwork, please get in touch with our team at artauction@outhouse.ie to discuss possible workarounds (e.g. collection of the artwork).

Option 2. Packaging and delivering the artwork yourself:

If you wish to handle your own artwork by posting or delivering it directly to the buyer, please consider the following guidelines:

1. Wrap the artwork in glassine or acid-free tissue paper, and secure it with masking tape;
2. Wrap it in a layer of bubble wrap and, if available, place cardboard or foam corner protectors at each corner;
3. Add corrugated cardboard padding to both sides of the artwork before either:
 - placing it in a stiffened cardboard envelope, or;
 - wrapping it in stretch film wrap;
4. Affix the postage address and the return address clearly and securely to the package.

We recommend that delivery be handled by a trusted courier service or via [An Post](#) using registered post with tracking and insurance.

GETTING PAID

All artists who have opted to receive a commission for the sale of their work and/or submitted receipts to be reimbursed for delivery costs will be paid **30 days from the receipt of a valid invoice**, submitted to finance@outhouse.ie.

When sending an invoice, please ensure it includes:

- *Name*
- *Date*
- *Address*
- *Bank account details*

- *Description of work*
- *Lot number*

If you wish, you can make a copy of our [Arthouse invoice template](#) and edit it. Please ensure you remove any placeholder content and only include your details before submitting.

UNSOLD ITEMS

Like previous years, we will promote the Arthouse 2026 auction as much as we can to ensure its success for both Outhouse and the artists participating.

Our aim is to sell every item of artwork for as much as we can, but we also ask that you keep your guide price and reserve price reasonable so that hopefully we will have no unsold artwork in the auction. If setting a reserve price, we suggest that it is 50% to 75% of your Low Estimate.

If you have dropped your artwork into Outhouse but it doesn't sell, we will liaise with you to return it in the weeks following the auction closing.

SPONSORSHIP

We are currently seeking sponsors for Arthouse 2026 to support the costs of running a fundraiser of this scale and ensure its success for both Outhouse and participating artists.

Outhouse is committed to ensuring that fundraising activities are carried out in an ethical manner, and as such, partnership with sponsors will adhere to Outhouse's [Ethical Fundraising & Gift Acceptance Policy](#).

QUERIES

If you have questions about any aspect of the auction, please contact: artauction@outhouse.ie