

## Calls for artist proposals Folkestone, Kent



The Folkestone Harbour Company is inviting artists' proposals to create an artwork for its new fish and chip restaurant soon to be built in the Old Smoke House in Folkestone harbour, deadline for applications is 5 September 2010. The chosen design for the restaurant, designed by Gordon Abbott of Pringle, Richards Sharratt, allows space for the exhibition of a three-dimensional art work to be suspended in a double-height space in the dining area.

The new fish and shop is one of two new fish-themed restaurants that are being created in advance of the 2010 Folkestone Triennial which is likely to see a large influx of visitors to the town for this three-yearly exhibition of specially commissioned contemporary art in the public realm. It is envisaged that the work commissioned for the fish and chip shop will be displayed on a permanent basis. The restaurant will open by April 2011 with the ensuing Folkestone Triennial publicity likely to benefit the commissioned artist.

It is expected that applicants will wish to reflect the theme of the restaurant and its immediate context in the busy Stade area of Folkestone Harbour, with its shellfish stalls and its heritage of activities relating to the old port's origins in the fishing industry. The architect's visualisation and his first thoughts on the theme are in the attached diagrams but artists should not feel constrained by this.

The art work should not impede the use of the circulation or dining space – as such it is envisaged that it will be suspended from the ceiling of the dining area. The art work may occupy a volume of 6.0m long, 1.0m wide and 1.5m high (a clear dimension of 2.7m beneath the artwork should be maintained) (see attached drawings 50/A/61, 50/A/42). An allowance of a maximum weight of 200kg has been made within the building structure – notional fixing points are shown. If required an electrical provision has also been made within the ceiling for a modest amount of lighting dedicated to the artwork.

**Budget**

There is a total budget of up to £10,000 to cover all aspects of the artwork, from concept development and fabrication costs through to installation.

**Submission**

Applicants are invited to submit an outline of their proposed art project for the space, including details of the chosen medium, materials to be used and budget. Applications should be sent to Emma Long, Strand House, 125 Sandgate High Street, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3BZ by 5 September 2010.

**About Folkestone Triennial**

The three-yearly Folkestone Triennial brings specially commissioned artworks by internationally acclaimed artists to the town. Eight artworks from the 2008 Folkestone Triennial are on permanent public display. The next Folkestone Triennial takes place from June –September 2011. Visit [www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk](http://www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk) for more information.

**About the Creative Quarter**

Over the last few years important changes have been taking place in the old town area of Folkestone. A ground-breaking regeneration project, led by the Creative Foundation, has seen the development of a burgeoning Creative Quarter populated by artists, independent retailers and creative businesses. Creative Quarter spaces to rent include apartments, artist studios, offices and retail units. Call Linda on 01303 245 799 or email [linda@creativefoundation.org.uk](mailto:linda@creativefoundation.org.uk) to register your interest. Visit [www.creativefoundation.org.uk](http://www.creativefoundation.org.uk) for more information.