



Artists brief

THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS COMMEMORATIVE STATUE

Introduction

Aberdeen City Council is seeking to appoint an artist to develop a design for a statue to commemorate The Gordon Highlanders regiment, which upon its scheduled completion of October 2011 will be situated in a suitable prominent place in the centre of Aberdeen.

As part of the city's history and heritage The Gordon Highlanders commemorative statue will honour and remember (with pride and gratitude) all the regiment has done for this city and the country.

Winston Churchill said "there is no doubt they are the finest regiment in the world". The Gordon Highlanders is one of the great names in Scottish history and one of the most celebrated regiments of the British Army.

Renowned as a courageous fighting force with an exceptional reputation for good conduct, professionalism and steadfastness, the legacy of The Gordon Highlanders lives on through the current serving soldiers of The Highlanders, 4th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland.

Brief

We are looking for an artist who specialises in figurative sculpture and is able to create a life-size piece that reflects the regiment's founding through to the modern day. The potential two figure, freestanding, three dimensional statue will ideally be viewed from all angles and fit within a busy city centre setting.

The artist must:

- ✓ Have a strong track record in figurative sculpture and statue.
- ✓ Experience of working in the public realm.
- ✓ Be able to deliver a strong and representative image of The Gordon Highlander's from their beginnings in 1794 through to the present day.
- ✓ Experience of working and negotiating with multi-disciplinary teams.
- ✓ Able to work and deliver to timetables.

The choice of materials that can be used in the design will be the choice of the artist, however any design must take into account the need for the final piece to be durable, vandal resistant and conform to health and safety regulations.

The artist will be required to liaise with colleagues within Aberdeen City Council to assist in determining the exact location of the monument, and to take this location into consideration when formulating the design.

The commission will include:

- ✓ A design with proposed materials, scale etc.
- ✓ A model of the proposed design.
- ✓ A costing for the completion of the finished piece.
- ✓ An implementation plan and possible timescale for the finished piece.

Selection Procedure

Four artists will be shortlisted to present their proposals for the commemorative statue. A panel comprising Council officers and Council-appointed project committee members will shortlist and interview applicants before selecting two artists to develop miniatures. From the miniatures a decision will then be made on who will complete the commission.

Fees

The two finalists will receive a design fee of £750 and costs of £500 to create a miniature of their models/designs.

Submissions

Artists are asked to submit:

1. A selection of slides or photographs of previous work.
2. Curriculum vitae.
3. Up to 2 sides of A4 detailing the approach that they would take if awarded the commission.
4. Artists should also confirm that they are available to undertake the work which is provisionally scheduled for completion and installation by October 2011.
5. A self-addressed envelope, if required, for the return of slides/photographs.

Deadline

Submissions must be received by **Monday, 15th February 2010**.

Please return submissions to:

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