



NEWS RELEASE

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Kent Creative Awards 2019 Entries Now Open!

The Kent Creative Awards 2019, which celebrate the county's wide range of artistic talent and creativity, are now open for entries from Kent-based artists, creatives and organisations who contribute to the cultural and creative scene in Kent and live in or are located in the county.

The Kent Creative Awards are presented to finalists in each of 12 categories (see list below), with an overall winner being announced at The Kent Creative Awards Ceremony, on Friday November 8, 2019 hosted by Dreamland, Margate.

Judging will take place in September / October 2019 and our panel of judges in each category will be looking for a range of criteria including artistic quality, execution and technique, creativity and innovation, as well as proven results and success.

The closing date for all entries is **August 16, 2019**.

The Kent Creative Awards 2019 is supported by Roger Gale MP for Margate who commented: *"I am delighted we will be welcoming The Kent Creative Awards 2019 to Dreamland in Margate. The creative arts industries are a vital and a growing part of the economy and its fitting they should be recognised in this way."*

Eddie Kemsley, CEO, Dreamland, Margate: *"We are delighted to be hosting the Kent Creative Awards for 2019. Promoting creativity and cultural growth in our community has always been a priority for Dreamland, and we look forward to honouring our county's creatives, artists and cultural advocates in November."*

THE KENT CREATIVE AWARDS 2019 CATEGORIES:

1. **3D ART & OBJECTS** - ceramics, installations, sculpture
2. **DESIGN** – fashion, furniture, jewellery, textile
3. **GRAPHIC DESIGN** – branding, brochures, web design
4. **VISUAL ARTS** – drawing, painting, photography, printmaking
Sponsored by Ashford School
5. **AUDIO VISUAL** – animation, audio, films, videos
6. **PERFORMING ARTS** – comedy, dance, music, spoken words, theatre
Sponsored by Penelope James PR
7. **PUBLISHING & WRITTEN WORDS** – literary works, poetry, blogs
Sponsored by Stormchasers Digital
8. **PUBLIC ART** – designed for display in public space
9. **CULTURAL EVENT OF THE YEAR** – exhibition, fair, festival
Sponsored by Shepherd Neame
10. **CULTURAL VENUE OF THE YEAR** – art centre, art gallery, cinema, theatre, museum
11. **ARTS ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR** – an organisation with significant achievements for arts & culture in their community
12. **CREATIVE CHAMPION OF THE YEAR** – an inspiring & motivating individual (artist, teacher, administrator)

For information about how to enter go to <http://kentcreativearts.co.uk/kent-creative-awards/kent-creative-awards-2019/>

For further information about the 2017 Kent Creative Awards go to <http://kentcreativearts.co.uk/kent-creative-awards/kent-creative-awards-2017/> (video, winners, pictures)

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