



O'Donovan Clan Cultural Association Assembly 2027 — Toronto, Canada

Nomination Guidelines: Performing Arts, Digital Media & Literary Works

24–28 June 2027, Corleck Arts Centre, Toronto

Theme: "The Things They Carried: Migration from Ireland and its Global Consequences"

Process

During our [2027 Assembly and AGM](#) in Toronto, Canada, the **O'Donovan Clan Cultural Association** will showcase new and existing work of Donovan/O'Donovan descendants engaged in the performing arts, digital media, and literary/writing disciplines.

[For visual artists, a **submission** protocol is in place. [Visual artists' guidelines are here.](#)]

We invite creator nominations that engage with this year's theme -- the experience of **migration from Ireland and its lasting consequences** for Ireland and across the Diaspora. The 2027 Assembly in Toronto coincides with the year-long ["Canada-Ireland 180"](#) project, a commemoration of the mass Irish migration to Canada in 1847. More contextual information will be available on the Association website: odonovanclan.org.

Interpretation of the theme is open to the artist/performer's own perspective, family history, and creative approach. There is no requirement that the piece be made specifically for this exhibition.

Categories

- **Performing Arts** — music, dance, theatre, storytelling, and other live performance forms
- **Digital Media** — film, video, digital art, animation, and other digital/electronic works
- **Literary Works** — poetry, prose, essays, and other writing

Who May Be Nominated

Principal creators are eligible for nomination if they are:

- An individual with the surname O'Donovan, Donovan, or a recognized variant
- A direct descendant of someone born with the surname O'Donovan or Donovan
- The spouse of a person who bears one of these surnames

Who May Submit a Nomination

Self-nomination is welcome. Artists are encouraged to nominate their own work. Nominations on behalf of an eligible person (by a family member, friend, or colleague) are also accepted.

How to Nominate

All nominations are made through this  [online nomination form](#).

Nominations form fields include:

- Full name of the nominator and contact information
- Nominee's name and relationship to the O'Donovan/Donovan name (surname, descendant, or spouse)
- Category (performing arts, digital media, or literary works) and a description of the work or prospective performance
- Links to photos, recordings, video, or writing samples/links, as applicable to the category
- A brief statement (optional) on how the work relates to the Assembly theme



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Key Dates

Milestone	Date
Nomination deadline	15 December 2026
Creators notified of acceptance	1 February 2027
Assembly 2027	24–28 June 2027

Fees and Funding

There is no cost to submit a nomination. Association funding is not currently available to cover artists' expenses. Artists can solicit support via crowdfunding, or from their own network of family, friends, and colleagues, to help offset costs such as travel, packing, and shipping.

We are currently making inquiries with potential donors who may sponsor individual artists' expenses.

Additional Notes

- The O'Donovan Clan Cultural Association will determine final selections and exhibition arrangements.
- Questions regarding eligibility or the submission process should be directed to the Cultural Association's [organizing committee](#).
- Join the private Facebook group: [O'Donovan Clan Culture Network](#), a creators-only hub for announcements, updates, artist connections and discussion.

Nominations received after the 15 December 2026 deadline will not be considered.

These guidelines apply specifically to nominations for performing arts, digital media, and literary works at Assembly 2027. Visual art is handled through a separate direct-submission process — please see the [Visual Artist Submission Guidelines](#) for details.