



Call for Creator Submissions & Nominations

O'Donovan Clan Cultural Association — Assembly & AGM 2027, Toronto

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

The [O'Donovan Clan Cultural Association](#) is pleased to open **creator submissions and nominations** for our next Assembly and AGM, happening on **24–28 June 2027 in Toronto, Canada**.



*The focus of the 2027 gathering is on our **shared history** of Irish migration, and its ongoing **global consequences** for both Ireland and the Diaspora.*



The backdrop for the Assembly is a year-long commemoration: ["Canada–Ireland 180"](#), honouring over 100,000 Irish emigrants who arrived in Canada in 1847, during An Gorta Mór, "The Great Hunger".

We are seeking creative work from the O'Donovan community in response to this compelling story — and we invite you to add your unique voice, and the voices of those you know, to the celebration of Irish migrant **survival, leadership and legacy**. Work will be exhibited at the [Corleck Arts Centre](#) and other venues around the host city.

✓ Who Can Take Part?

Open to anyone bearing the surname Donovan, O'Donovan, or a variation; descendants of persons born with the surname O'Donovan or Donovan; and spouses of persons bearing the name.

🎨 Visual Artists

You are invited to submit **new or existing work** to be featured at the Assembly, inspired by the theme "The Things They Carried". Painting, sculpture, photography, filmmaking, or other visual media submissions will be considered for inclusion by a panel of experts.

How to submit: Via our [online Visual Arts Submission form](#)



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Performance artists, digital creators, writers and other creatives

A Nomination process is in place for these disciplines, and a cohort of artists will be selected for inclusion in the Assembly programme. Do you know someone whose talent deserves recognition? We are accepting nominations across these categories, all inspired by the theme of migration and its consequences:

- Performing Arts (music, dance, theatre, and more)
- Digital Arts (digital illustration, animation, design, gaming and more)
- Writing (poetry, prose, storytelling, and more)



How to submit: Via our [online Nomination form](#)

Key Dates

- Deadline for Submissions & Nominations: **15 December 2026**
- Creators notified of inclusion in the programme: **1 February 2026**
- Assembly and AGM: **24–28 June 2027, Toronto, ON, Canada**

Questions? Email: Assembly2027@odonovanclan.org. More information: odonovanclan.org

Feel free to print this announcement and/or share it with Creators in your O'Donovan network.

We look forward to celebrating O'Donovan stories, histories, and talent at Assembly 2027!