



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

Submission Guidelines: Visual Arts

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 a range of artistic disciplines. The following **submission process** is in place for the visual arts.

[For performing arts, literary arts, film and digital media disciplines, a nomination process will apply.

[Guidelines are here.](#)]

We invite creator submissions 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's own perspective, family history, and creative approach. There is no requirement that a piece be made specifically for this exhibition.

Who May Submit work

To be eligible, visual artists must be one of the following:

- An individual bearing the surname O'Donovan, Donovan, or a recognized variation of the name
- A direct descendant of a person born with the surname O'Donovan or Donovan
- The spouse of a person bearing the name.

Eligible Media

- Painting
- Drawing/illustration
- Sculpture
- Mixed media
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Ceramics
- Textile and fiber art
- Other — please inquire if your medium isn't listed above



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How to Submit

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

Submission fields include:

- Full name and contact information
- Relationship to the O'Donovan/Donovan name (surname, descendant, or spouse)
- A brief statement on how the work relates to the Assembly theme
- Links to photos, recordings, video, or other supporting media, as applicable

Key Dates

Milestone	Date
Submission 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 work for consideration. Association funding is not currently available to cover artists' expenses. Creators 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 reserves the right to determine final selections and program 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 submissions for **Visual Arts creators** at Assembly 2027. Performing arts, digital media, and literary works are handled through a separate **Nomination** process — please see the [Nomination Guidelines](#) for details.*