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Call to Artists- Registration now open for Somerset Art Weeks Festival 2019

Saturday 21 September - Sunday 6 October

Since its inception in 1994, Somerset Art Weeks has become an important event in Somerset's cultural calendar delighting art lovers and collectors from near and far. This year Somerset Art Works (SAW) is celebrating **25 years of Somerset Art Weeks** and proud to present the county's largest annual Art Weeks event - Somerset Art Weeks Festival 2019.

This year's Festival marks the Silver Anniversary of Somerset Art Weeks, featuring a diverse programme of inspiring exhibitions, events and workshops in over 100 locations across Somerset, alongside exciting new commissions, group shows and education projects by over 300 artists.

Somerset Art Works now invites registrations from artists, galleries and arts organisations to take part in this year's event.

Explore a great showcase of contemporary art and craft in all media which also includes:

- Special projects and themed exhibitions
- Education programme and Family-friendly activities
- Guest artists, curators and partner venues

- Workshops, talks and guided visits
- Creative Pathways bursaries

Who can take part in Somerset Art Weeks Festival?

Somerset artists who are members of Somerset Art Works are eligible to take part in this event as well as invited guest artists from outside Somerset. **Registration is open until 31 March 2019.** Full details regarding membership can be found at: somerstartworks.org.uk. Schools, Arts groups and businesses are also eligible and actively welcomed to take part.

What are the benefits of taking part in Somerset Art Weeks Festival?

- Feature in a FREE, full colour guide - 40,000 copies of which will be distributed throughout Somerset and beyond.
- SAW carries out an active publicity campaign capturing the attention of wide audiences locally, nationally and internationally.
- Connection to a comprehensive network of local artists and access to new audiences and visitors attracted by the event. A chance to be part of a support network championing visual art creation in Somerset and accessing opportunities for engaging in future projects.
- The event provides a platform for artists to create new work and contribute to the vibrant cultural landscape in Somerset.

Registration to the event is now open and full details can be found at somerstartworks.org.uk/somerset-art-weeks-festival-2019. The deadline for registration is **31 March 2019**.

SAW HQ is located in the Old Town Hall in Langport and the SAW team can be contacted on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.30am – 4pm on 01458 253800. Any enquiries regarding the event can be made to Paul Newman artweeks@somerstartworks.org.uk