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## Duala: Creator-in-Residence Scheme 2018 - Recipients announced



The Irish Traditional Music Archive (ITMA) and the Arts Office of Clare County Council are delighted to announce that the first **Duala: Creator-in-Residence Scheme** has been awarded to joint applicants **Jack Talty** and **Maurice Gunning**.

Jack and Maurice will compose an audio-visual installation that explores the relationship between music, people, and place, specifically drawing on ITMA multimedia collections of traditional music and musicians of county Clare as its primary inspiration.

The open call for this pilot initiative between Clare Arts Office and ITMA attracted a large number of applicants excited by an opportunity to reflect /respond creatively to collections and materials that are of relevance or reference County Clare held in ITMA. Along with traditional musicians and dancers, applications were received from a multitude of art forms including visual art, sound art, opera, film and photography.

The project will be delivered in 2019 and the residency is valued at €8,000.

**Siobhán Mulcahy, Clare County Arts Office** stated *“Once again Clare County Council breaks new ground in the traditional arts, building on partnerships developed at local and national level. Not only was Duala of interest to local traditional artists, there was strong interest from artists not normally associated with traditional music, who saw this as an opportunity to work across art forms. We were particularly encouraged to have also received international applications.”*

**Grace Toland, director of ITMA**, stated, *“We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with Jack Talty and Maurice Gunning as they explore the riches of ITMA collections and re-imagine them in new ways. This project as well as the other applications we read are testimony to the exciting creative potential of artists working with ITMA collections.”*

Requests for information relating to the **Duala: Creator-in-Residence Scheme** 2018 should be directed to Alan Woods, ITMA [alan.woods@itma.ie](mailto:alan.woods@itma.ie) 00 353 (1) 6619699

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**Jack Talty** is a traditional musician, producer, composer, and researcher from Lissycasey in county Clare. He is the founding director of the traditional music label, Raelach Records. In October 2018 Jack was appointed Traditional Artist in Residence at University College Cork.

**Maurice Gunning** is a photographer and documentary filmmaker from Limerick. He is the Photographer in Residence at the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, and his work has been exhibited internationally with support from the Arts Council and Culture Ireland.

**ITMA** is a national reference archive and resource centre for the traditional song, music, and dance of Ireland. It offers access, free of charge, to the largest multimedia collection in existence dedicated to contemporary and historical Irish traditional music. It is funded primarily by the Arts Council of Ireland/An Chomhairle Ealaíon. <https://www.itma.ie>

**Clare Arts Office** work with artists of all disciplines (painters, musicians, dancers, writers, actors etc.) and communities throughout the county on a variety of programmes and projects. <https://www.clarecoco.ie>