

The Rouse Kent Public Art Award

The Rouse Kent Public Art Award is a collaboration between commercial property developer Liberty Property Trust UK (formerly Rouse Kent Ltd) and Kent County Council, who are development partners at Kings Hill, a flagship mixed-use sustainable development in Kent.

In 2009 the Rouse Kent Public Art Award will be fifteen years old. To date, the award has annually acknowledged the best example of public art commissioned and completed in Kent that year. 2009 will see the launch of a new look award highlighting the importance of the contribution of commissioned artworks to quality public spaces and to place-making.

Nominations are sought for the best examples of public art completed between 1 April 2007 and 31 March 2009 that comply with the conditions of entry and specific creative criteria as listed below and can be made by organisations or individuals.

Conditions of Entry

To be eligible, works must:

- be made for and sited in a public space in the county of Kent (excluding any entry-paying estates or sites)
- be the work of any professional artist(s), with or without a commissioner
- have been completed in the previous 24 months

Specific Creative Criteria for Shortlisting Entries

- raise expectations of art in the public realm by being innovative, distinctive and surprising
- enhance the environment by complementing its surroundings and thereby encouraging a sense of pride and place-making within the community
- have a lasting impact on the surrounding community by providing opportunities for engagement and participation and therefore promoting community cohesion

Nomination Form

Name:

On behalf of (nominated organisation):

Address:

Contact number(s):

Email address:

I would like to submit the following nomination for the Rouse Kent Public Art Award 2009 (if you have more than one nomination please use a separate sheet).

Title of work:

Location:

Media:

Dimensions:

Brief Description:

Commissioning body (if applicable):

Contact details, if different from above (name, address, contact number and email address) Please note: this contact should be someone who is able to be a first point of contact for the purposes of Award liaison)

Artist:

Artist's contact details (name, address, contact number and email address):

Please provide a summary of the project including aims and objectives, detailed development and any funding sources outlining how you believe the project is an excellent example of the creative criteria (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

Project start date:

Project completion date:

Is the installation a permanent or temporary piece? Permanent / Temporary

What is the estimated life cycle for the piece?

Please give your best estimate of how many people benefited from the work as both participants and audience members?

Participants:

Audience Members:

Other:

Please describe any accompanying marketing / promotional activity (Please enclose any examples of material and literature):

Have any consultations, workshops or other supplementary educational activities taken place. If so, please provide details:

Is the artist aware that the work is being nominated for this award? Yes / No

If this nomination is successful, what will the prize money be used for?

Signature of nominator:

Date:

Please attach up to six images of the nominated piece as jpegs. The images provided will be used for short-listing purposes and will be circulated to each member of the judging panel. Please ensure that all images are of good photographic quality with a resolution of at least 300dpi, and that they indicate clearly how the work is site specific.

Completed nomination forms and supporting material should be emailed to arts@kent.gov.uk by Tuesday 31 March 2009.

The subject line of the email should read:

Rouse Kent Public Art Award 2009 nomination: [title of work].

If you have any supporting material to submit that cannot be sent electronically please ensure that it is clearly labelled and forward it to:

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Next Steps

- The judging will take place on **Monday 27 April 2009**
- All nominees will have been notified in writing as to which pieces or projects have been short-listed

- The short-listed projects will be visited by the judging panel in the afternoon of this day and the artist plus a representative from the commissioning body may be required to meet the judges at the site of the nomination
- You will be asked for a map/directions to the site plus a contact telephone number for use on this day
- If the artist or commissioning body cannot be present, the judges may wish to make telephone contact with them so please ensure that relevant contact details are provided
- All shortlisted projects will be invited to the Awards Ceremony in May 2009. The winner will be announced at the Ceremony.



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