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Nightfall 2019 'By the Light of the Moon' - Artist Commission Brief

Introduction

Nightfall is an outdoor, multi-artform light-based event which will take place in Preston Park, Stockton-on-Tees over two evenings (5th & 6th) in December 2019. The event will be a thoughtfully curated collection of installations, activities and performances based on the theme of the moon. It will provide a high-quality, family-friendly experience for audiences of up to 3000 people per night.

Nightfall is produced by Stellar Projects in partnership with Preston Hall Museum, funded by Arts Council England and Tees Valley Combined Authority.

Programme Summary

Nightfall will be a multi-artform experience suitable for all ages. It will take the theme *By The Light Of The Moon* and will include light installations, performances, commissions, participatory activities and music. The theme ties in with the 50th anniversary of the moon landings and will be a fitting way for the Tees Valley to celebrate humankind's amazing relationship with the moon. We will take as our inspiration the science and the mythology of the moon, its phases and cycles, reflection and contemplation, lunar deities, magic and superstition and the power of full and new moons. The programme will create a self-guided trail around the park, encouraging visitors to explore and engage with the environment in new ways. To add to the experience, we will create beautifully decorated dwell areas where visitors can participate in hands-on workshop activities, take a break and share some warming refreshments. Think tales around the campfire, hot chocolate in hand.

The programme will include:

Moon Trail – a series of light installations which will take visitors around Preston Park, using some of its most interesting features as backdrops.

Moon Magic Commissions: a number of artists will be commissioned to create work for the trail.

Mini Commissions – working in partnership with Navigator North, we will commission two local emerging artists to make work for the event.

Shine On – we will commission a choreographer to create movement-based performance to animate the site as well as commissioning a composer to create a soundtrack for the trail.

Under a Moonlit Sky – the trail will culminate with visitors entering a magical open space featuring *Museum of the Moon* by Luke Jerram, accompanied by a live music programme, participatory drop in activities and storytelling for families. Visitors will be encouraged to stay and soak up the atmosphere.

Commission Brief

We are looking for 2 established light artists with experience of creating artworks for outdoor events to create site specific works for the event. We have identified 2 different locations for artists to respond to, artists may apply with ideas for one or both locations but please note it is unlikely the same artist will be selected for both commissions.

We are looking for creative ideas that should be engaging and magical, ideas can include visual arts, light, sound or projection and should reflect the themes for each location as detailed below. Works can be completely new or adaptations of existing works but the idea must respond to both the location and the theme as outlined below.

Commission locations:

Location 1 – Preston Hall Museum – we are looking for a work to illuminate/animate the front of the building. The work should reflect the moon theme of the overall event but the brief is open in terms of how the theme is interpreted and how the artist uses the building to present the work. Please remember this is a historic building so no fixing to the building will be possible.

Location 2 – The woodland walk – the area marked on the map is a woodland path which runs alongside the river, any stretch of this area can be selected by the artist. This section of the trail will be inspired by moon folklore and will feature several different installations and features all based around mythical moon folklore from different cultures around the world.

The following points should be considered in the development of your ideas:

- Nightfall is a family event with a broad audience of all ages
- The audience will constantly be moving through the trail route so stopping for more than a couple of minutes isn't really practical.
- Please remember this is an event in December so works must be able to withstand being outdoors in rain, snow etc.
- Please consider environmental impact and potential to use LEDs as well as battery power where possible.

Budget

A budget of £2000 is available for the commission and must include all fees, materials and transport of the work to site. Some additional support from the Production Team will be available for the install, event and de-rig

Timescale

- Submission Deadline – 1st October
- Artists appointed & contracted - week of 7th October
- Site visit if required & artwork agreed – mid October
- Fabrication – October/November
- Install 4th/5th December
- Event 5th & 6th December
- De-rig 6th/7th December

How to apply - Please respond to the brief with a proposal to include:

- An outline of your idea
- CV or link to online portfolio of your previous work
- Outline budget to include fees, materials, equipment hire, transport etc

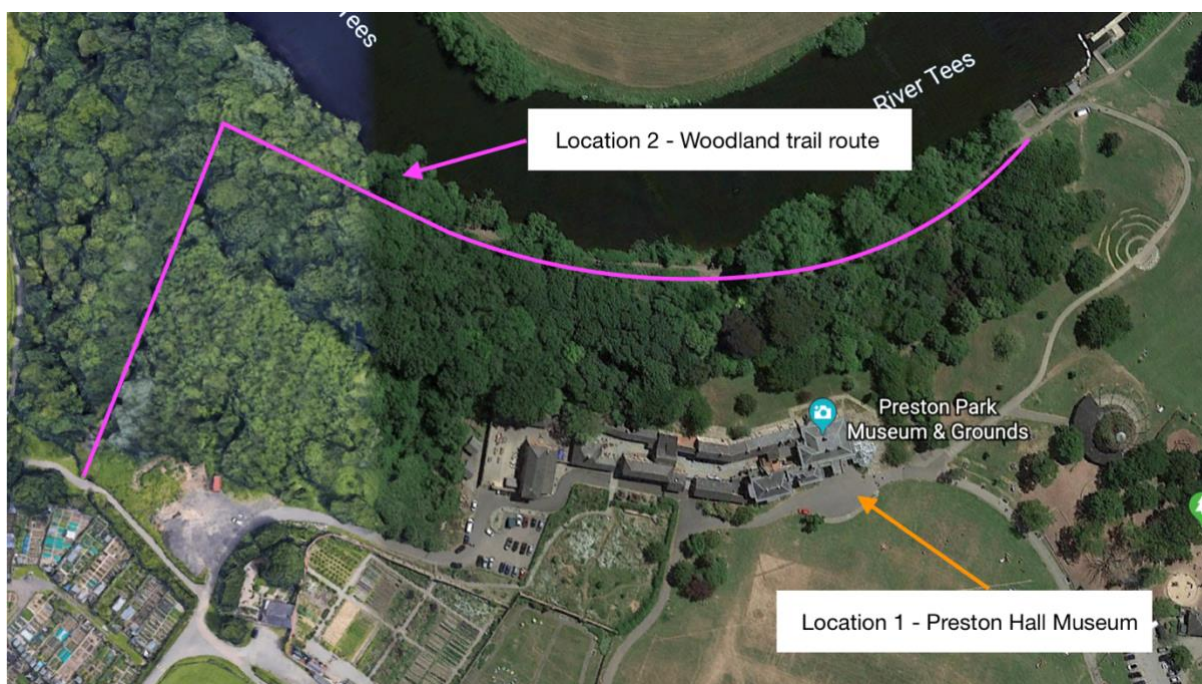
Deadline for submissions is 5pm on 1st October.

Please submit your proposal via e-mail to hello@stellar-projects.co.uk

Any questions please contact: rachel@stellar-projects.co.uk

Event location – Preston Park & Museum, Yarm Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3RH

Site map:



Location 1 - Preston Hall Museum – building frontage

