

## MAVERICK AWARD 2016

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 3 OCTOBER 2016**

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### **About the Tom McGrath Trust**

The Tom McGrath Trust was set up to honour the life and legacy of Tom McGrath, poet, playwright and creative maverick, who died in 2009. Inspired by Tom's boundless generosity of spirit and his passion for supporting Scottish playwrights, the Trust aims to be a source of inspiration, stimulation and support for artists seeking to develop their craft.

The main focus of the Tom McGrath Trust will be playwrights and translators working in Scotland. The two different support awards are **The Maverick Award** and the **Small Grants Awards**.

**The Maverick Award** is offered to an artist who wishes to explore new territory in their existing practice or to divert from their regular practice to develop new ways of working or new working relationships. The Maverick Award is made possible with partner support, which this year marks an exciting new partnership with The Saltire Society.

It was in Tom McGrath's nature to be generous with small amounts of money which can help to make a big difference. Awards from the Tom McGrath Trust will be made in this spirit, with funds raised through generous donations and partnership support. It may not be possible to meet all requests for funds; the Trustees will award funds to those artists whose application, career history and proposals are considered most in keeping with Tom's love of enquiry, collaboration and endeavour.

Tom was also not a big fan of paperwork. The Trustees therefore aim to keep the application process simple and effective. **Please do not send in any play-scripts, DVDs, publicity material, reviews or other additional items.** If we require any additional material we will ask for it.

The Trustees will contact you to let you know the result of your application to **The Maverick Award 2016** by Friday 14 October.

### **The Saltire Society's 'Inspiring Scotland' programme**

Launched to mark The Saltire Society's 80th year, the 'Inspiring Scotland' programme will support young and emerging Scottish artists through a series of partnerships with national cultural organisations working across music, dance, theatre, film, poetry and prose.

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### APPLICATION GUIDELINES

In memory of Tom's well-loved traits as a maverick, inquisitor and explorer, The Tom McGrath Trust, with the Saltire Society is delighted to be running The Maverick Award for the third year in 2016. The award will offer up to **£2000** for the best application for a new project, with writing at its heart, that departs from the routine and starts to explore new and imaginative possibilities. There will also be a runners up prize of £1000.

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**Winners will be announced at the Saltire Society on Wednesday 26 October 2016**

#### 1. Criteria

To be eligible to apply for the Tom McGrath Trust 2016 Maverick Award you will be:

- a playwright with a professional track record in the UK *or*
- an artist with a professional track record in the UK who is collaborating with other artists for a project with writing at its heart

You will also fulfill at least one of the following criteria:

- You were born in Scotland
- You were raised in Scotland (i.e. gone through the Scottish Education system)
- You live and work in Scotland and have done for at least 4 years

Other criteria:

- Your work will be shared with an audience in Scotland
- Successful Maverick awardees may not re-apply

Exclusions:

Please note the Tom McGrath Trust is unable to support:

- applications from full time students
- applications to pay for training course or conferences fees

#### 2. Requirements:

- If possible, the winner is invited to attend a small event to announce the award on Wednesday 26 October 2016 at The Saltire Society, Edinburgh
- The winner is expected to attend the Saltire Celebrates Event in Glasgow on Wednesday 30 November 2016



### 3. Making an application

To make an application for a 2016 Maverick Award please provide us with the following information about yourself. **Please keep your answers brief and ensure that in total all the supporting information extends to no more than 3 pages of A4.**

- Your contact details: name, address, email address, contact telephone number(s)
- About your idea - what you would do with the Maverick Award
- How much you are applying for and how you anticipate using the money. Please give us a simple budget breakdown. Please note we encourage artists to include a fee for their time within the budget
- Why you believe you should be considered for this Award
- How you hope that this Award will impact on your current and future artistic practice
- When you would like to make use of the Award, *e.g. between January and March 2017, or during the first week of December...*
- How you meet the criteria listed in 1 above
- Contact details of someone we can talk to who knows your work and/or was involved in a professional production of your work
- A brief resume of your career as an artist, telling us about the work you are most proud of and why.

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of:

- The clarity of the project idea
- The proposed use of the budget
- How the project meets the award criteria and
- Why this award is important to you at this time

**Please send your application to The Trustees, The Tom McGrath Trust by 3 October 2016**

**Email to:** [tommcgrathtrust@gmail.com](mailto:tommcgrathtrust@gmail.com) with MAVERICK AWARD APPLICATION as subject heading.