

Commission to Create a Ceiling Art Installation for a Cafe

Canoe Lake Leisure, a philanthropic community based organisation in Southsea, Hampshire, invite proposals for a visually striking ceiling art installation in their café. The installation will remain in place for several months before being replaced through subsequent commissions.

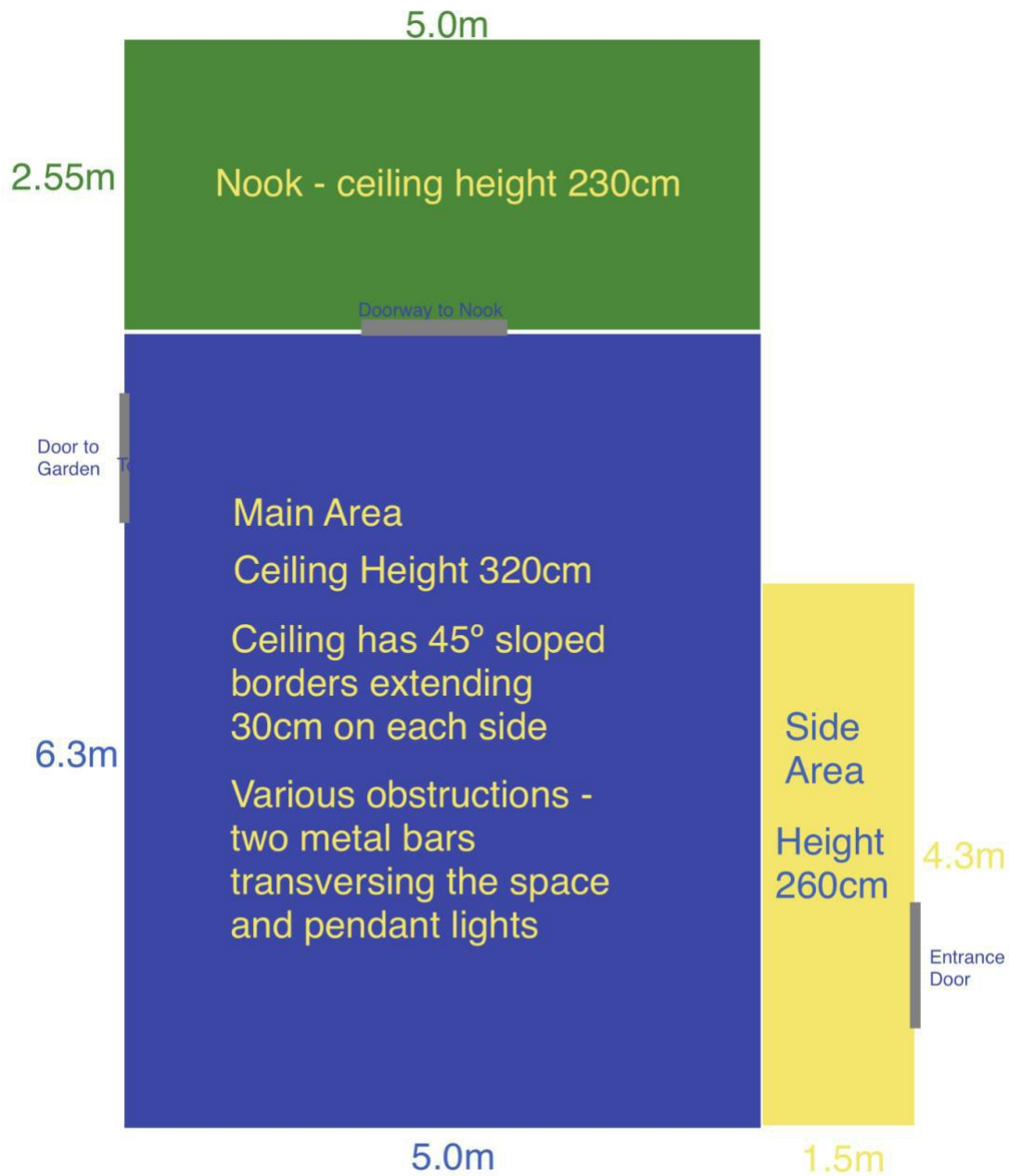
The selected artist will receive a contract for the commission with a value of £2,000 plus reasonable agreed costs for materials and other expenses.

Artists are free to take inspiration from the surroundings of the café (public park on the seafront), seasonal themes or something completely original. The following photographs are provided as illustrative reference for ceiling art in another café, but artists are free to propose any design they wish:



Details of Ceiling Space for the Art Work

The diagram below shows the approximate dimensions of the ceiling area to be included for the installation:

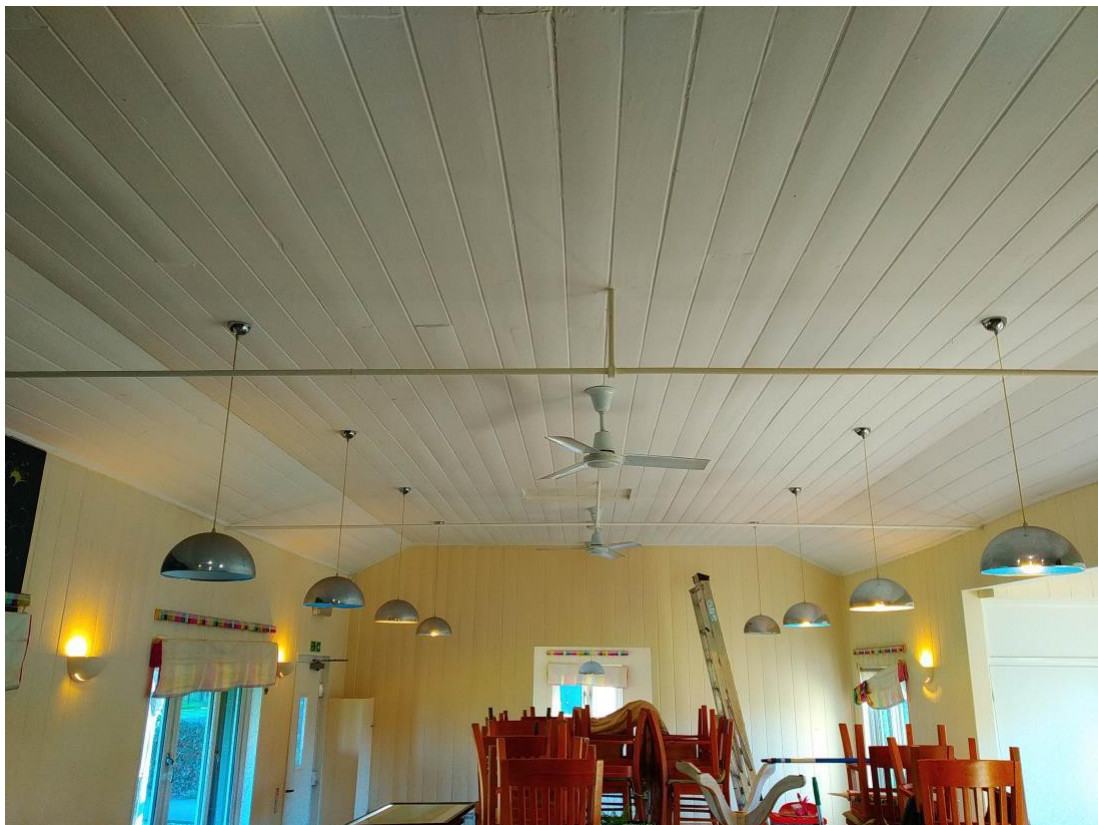


The photos on the following pages show the different areas from the above diagram.

Main Area looking towards the counter:



Main Area looking towards Nook



Nook



Side Area, photo (taken from Main area)



Side Area



Proposals

Please provide a brief description of your proposed ceiling art installation. Any illustrations or photo reference you can provide will also be helpful.

Please provide a short profile of yourself and some examples of your previous work.

Proposals should be sent by email to:

william.lacey@canoelakeleisure.co.uk

Contract

The commission will be awarded through a contract which will detail payment terms, intellectual property rights and other matters.

The fee for the project will be paid 50% on award of the commission and 50% following installation of the completed work. Authorised expenses and material costs will be covered up to an agreed limit.

All rights related to the art work will transfer to Canoe Lake Leisure upon completion of the contract, but the artist will retain the right to use images of the art work for their own portfolio or social media purposes.

It is intended that the contract for this work will be awarded by the end of March 2020 and the artist will install the art-work in May 2020. The art work will remain in place for between 3 and 6 months before being replaced by a new work.

The art work should be constructed of non-toxic materials. Painting on or fixing directly to the ceiling is acceptable. Prospective artists are welcome to visit the café to visualise the project better.

Background

Canoe Lake Leisure is a philanthropic community project based in Southsea, Hampshire, close to Portsmouth and about 100 kilometres from London. The organisation was formed initially in 2014 to protect unique sporting facility – some public grass tennis courts which were in danger of being closed by the council.

The site has been developed considerably since this time. In 2014 a small historical pavilion was converted into a café, the grass tennis courts have been upgraded to a high standard and four artificial grass tennis courts have been built. An award winning pavilion, designed by PAD Architects, was built in 2016/7 to provide a multi-purpose space for various community activities.

We have a plan to develop the site as a centre to support emerging artists and to display their artworks and the ceiling art installation in the café is a key step on this plan.

In the long term, we envisage, on a smaller scale, is something inspired by the quirky contemporary art displays and museums of the island of Naoshima in Japan.

Various areas within the Canoe Lake Leisure site have the potential to contain and exhibit different types of artworks including paintings, sculptures and audio-visual artworks. Currently the Pavilion contains two sculptures by Sam Shendi and a painting by Hermann Mejia.