

Artist brief - September 2023

Guildford Cathedral hosts a wide range of free entry exhibitions each year, welcoming thousands of visitors to this unique and important building. The Post-box Toppers Exhibition aims to bring together the best examples of post box toppers that celebrate creativity and brings the community together in an 'Open to All' exhibition space.

The exhibition will invite applications across a range of themes and special occasion pieces from a range of artists in what will be the UK's first dedicated Post Box Topper show, opening in April 2024.

Call Out

Applications are invited from artists who have created toppers and -

- had them on public show at any time up to February 28 2024
- Whose toppers fit one of the themes below.
- Who can deliver their Topper to the Cathedral or one of the collection points.
- Who can present their Topper show ready*

Themes

Toppers must fit the criteria above and one of the following themes.

- One of the four seasons, including dates that fall within, e.g. Valentines Day.
- Christmas or Easter.
- Special occasions, such as wedding or birthdays.
- Royal Events.
- Guildford Cathedral (Special Commission, invited artists only)

How to apply

In the first instance, please complete the application form and send it to both guildfordguestcurator@gmail.com and events@guildford-cathedral.org Successful applicants will hear by March 8, 2024, if we are able to include their piece in the show.

Timeline

- First call for applications September 2023.
- Applications close February 28 2024
- Successful artists must deliver their work to the Cathedral no later than 23 March 2024.

Funding

This exhibition will be self-funding, and donations are encouraged via a dedicated fundraising page.

*Show ready – your topper must be mounted on MDF or hardboard that is the same size as the original post-box.