

Step 1: 100 word statement from the artists' Davy & Kristin MacGuire

Imagine a classical goddess come to life in a museum at night time, her marble body starts to move gently, her eyes start to twinkle and she begins to tell you about the things she's seen throughout her long life... Our artistic practice revolves around the creation of hybrid art works that come to life through projection mapping and storytelling. Through the Connect project we would like to explore the potential of projection mapping onto existing art works in combination with narrative ideas from staff and museum visitors in order to breathe life into sculptures, paintings or similar figurative art objects.

Step 2: Venues pitch an idea to the artist in an open submission process

*One from the **Williamson Art Gallery and Museum in Birkenhead** included this idea:*

We have a marble statue, 'Pauline', on permanent display in our temporary exhibition galleries so she is often surrounded by contemporary work. We have another statue, 'Love', which has not been on show for 3 years because of a collapsing plinth...

...after a voyage of discovery through the collections and stores Davey and Kirsten would select items from the collections, in addition to 'Pauline' and 'Love', to create a series of grottos in one of our beautifully proportioned galleries. Using projections, lighting, contemporary interventions, textures, sound and print the gallery would be transformed into an enchanted garden animating a narrative imagined and developed with staff and visitors. We are keen to see our collections exhibited/interpreted in new and exciting ways, to create new routes into the work.

The artists picked the Williamson as one of their five venues to go through and the Merseyside based venue won the competition.

Step 3: The artists meet the venue and the event idea evolved:

This event description taken from a draft press release in September 2015:

...the Williamson Art Gallery will be hosting a ticketed event called Perfect? to showcase the newly commissioned artwork STARKERS from internationally renowned multimedia artists, Davy and Kristin McGuire in an alternative evening with music, dance and surprises.

The site specific piece STARKERS by Davy and Kristin McGuire explores the idea of perfection and the female form. Using projection, voice and music the artists animate a gallery space; creating an inimitable experience that challenges the traditional preconceptions of the Williamson Art Gallery & Museum and its collections.