



Liverpool International Theatre Festival Festival Awards – Call for Artist Submissions

Festival Dates: October 14–18, 2026

Submission Deadline: April 24, 2026

The organizers of the Liverpool International Theatre Festival (LITF) invite artists to submit original designs for the 2026 Festival Awards. This is a unique opportunity to showcase your creativity and craftsmanship on an international stage. The ten handcrafted awards will be presented to theatre companies from around the world and will serve as one-of-a-kind Maritime keepsakes for each recipient.

We are looking for designs that are imaginative, distinctive, and inspired by LITF's whimsical JesterFish, a celebration of our seaside community and the joyful, creative spirit of theatre.

Design Considerations

- Awards should be lightweight and portable for international travel. Consider packaging for travel.
- Each design should incorporate the LITF brand and JesterFish motif (in shape, colour, or detail).
- Ten awards are required, and each must provide a place to identify the name of the award (e.g., Best Production, Outstanding Director, Outstanding Actor, etc.).
- The total budget of \$2,000 includes artist fee, materials, and HST.
- The successful artist will be featured in the festival program, on LITF's website, and on social media.

Submission Requirements

- Concept sketch or photos of a similar piece
- Short description of the award design (maximum 250 words)
- Medium, materials, and process
- Dimensions and approximate weight
- Brief artist statement (maximum 150 words)
- Written confirmation that awards can be completed by October 1, 2026

Selection Criteria

- Creativity and originality
- Connection to the JesterFish theme
- Craftsmanship and quality of design
- Portability and practicality for travel

How to Apply

Submit your proposal by email to info@litf.ca with the subject line "LITF 2026 Award Design Proposal." If you are providing a physical sample of the award, use this email to arrange drop-off.

The successful artist will be announced by May 8, 2026.

For questions, contact LITF organizers at info@litf.ca