

Monday 28th March, 2011

RE Botanic Gardens Event, Festival 2011

Dear Andrew,

Following the success of the 'Leon's Enchanted Garden' event at the 2010 Festival, we would like to propose working again with Belfast City Council towards an Enchanted Garden event for the 49th Festival in October 2011.

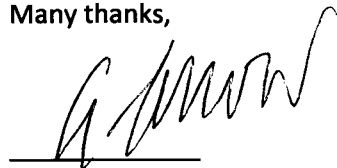
Developing on last year's event we envisage presenting a more artistically ambitious project that will incorporate both local and international artists to transform the Botanic Gardens into a large scale magical garden themed event over four nights leading up to the end of October. Running from Wednesday 26th until Saturday 29th October, the events in Botanic will complement the Council celebrations taking place over the Halloween weekend.

Each Enchanted Evening will begin at 7.00pm and end shortly before 10.00pm. The theme for this years Garden is currently being developed in collaboration with local practitioners involved in family based theatre production and will feature aerial artists, ground based characters portraying the overall story, static displays and suspended illuminations throughout the park. The overall effect will be a spectacular experience for adult and child alike.

Given the lessons learned at last years event and the additional resources the Festival committed to the Enchanted Garden to ensure it's success we are requesting that the councils assistance for the event should be approximately £25,000 to cover the cost of installing and maintaining both the outdoor lighting supply that is already available and the additional lights that are required to illuminate the park sufficiently. Included in this is the cost of additional lighting towers, generators and fuel to power all of the above.

I would appreciate if you would consider our request and let me know the committee's decision in due course.

Many thanks,



Graeme Farrow
Director



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