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Cove Park, Scotland's foremost residency for national and international artists, announces its 25th anniversary year programme.

A unique international residency for artists, <u>Cove Park</u> is based on a beautiful 50-acre rural site overlooking Loch Long on Scotland's west coast. Considered a 'centre of excellence', Cove Park's year-round programme of residencies and commissions supports local, national, and international artists to devise and produce outstanding new work in all art forms and creative disciplines.



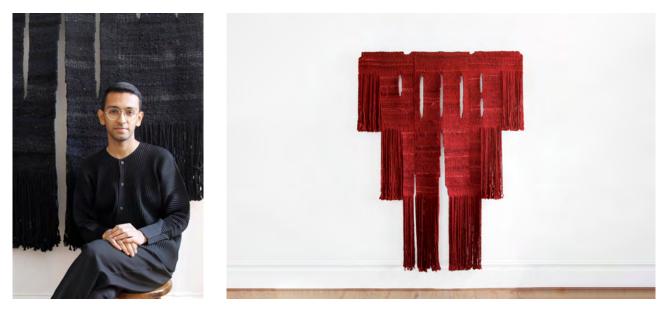
The Jacobs Building at Cove Park (photography, Alan Dimmick)

Cove Park's first residencies began in May 2000, welcoming just five artists in this initial programme. In 2025, the charity will work with over 300 individual artists, collaborators, and companies coming to its site in Argyll from across Scotland, the UK, and numerous international locations including Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Finland, Flanders, France, Germany, India, Italy, Pakistan, South Korea, Sweden, Taiwan, Ukraine, USA, and Vietnam.

To mark this milestone, Cove Park is celebrating with a year-long 25th anniversary programme of special projects, public events, residencies, and commissions beginning in May 2025.

This programme includes a new season of <u>Open Fridays</u>, welcoming visitors to Cove Park every Friday afternoon for tours of Cove Park's site and award-winning facilities.

Additionally, a programme of special Friday Events will highlight the work of national and international artists taking part in and connected to our programme. This series begins on 20 June 2025 with an Open Studio for current resident <u>Sayan Chanda</u> (tickets to be released on Monday 2 June).



Left: Artist and 2025 Resident, Sayan Chanda (image courtesy of Jhaveri Contemporary) Right: Nirrti 1, 2023, 197cm × 150cm, Cotton cord, vintage quilt, Gamchha (traditional towel), dyed cotton

Details of all future public events will be shared via Cove Park's website, <u>newsletter</u>, and social media pages, accompanied by our special 25th anniversary logo designed by graphic designer and former resident Maeve Redmond.

New Cove Park commissions will include a limited edition print and accompanying text launching in late August this year. Details of this project will be announced during the early summer.

Cove Park's anniversary programme not only celebrates our work to date, but looks forward to the next 25 years, developing further our commitment to supporting artists and their work, and advocating for the transformational power of the arts in our communities.

On reaching this milestone and on behalf of Cove Park's Board of Trustees, Lauren Dyer Amazeen, Cove Park's Chair, writes:

"We are sincerely grateful to all who have shaped Cove Park over these past 25 years – first and especially, the extraordinary and diverse group of artists and residents who have made work here and shared their deep connection to the creative spirit. We are very thankful for the dedicated professional teams who have provided them with the care and hospitality we uphold, as well as establishing national and international partnerships, devising new programmes, and creating new opportunities to support the artists. And we extend our deep gratitude to the many generous supporters and partners who believed in our vision, and those committed individuals who donated their wisdom, guidance, and governance. Moving forward together, we welcome continued engagement and new connections to build upon and sustain the excellence of this international centre."

Cove Park's Founders, Eileen and Peter Jacobs write:

"As Founding Trustees, we have seen how Cove Park has grown from a seed planted in our minds in 1995. Thanks to great advice and support, Cove Park has blossomed over 25 years, becoming an established, much loved international centre for artists. Working with a committed Team and Board, we have been privileged to witness and encourage the creativity of thousands of resident artists.'

The history of Cove Park is detailed on the <u>About</u> pages of its website and via its digital <u>Archive</u>. Look out too for 25 new archive stories, launching this autumn across our website and social platforms, highlighting the work of former residents and key Cove Park events compiled by friends and colleagues connected to our programme over its 25-year history.

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