



## **30 YEARS, ARTISTS, PLACES**

## Limerick City Gallery of Art 29<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Limerick City Gallery of Art is delighted to host this exhibition which marks 30 years since the Local Authorities embarked on providing for the arts locally, featuring 30 artists and 30 places.

This is a must see exhibition, not just for the extraordinary line up of Irish artists who rarely find themselves curated into one room, but for the stories of how they each came to be purchased, commissioned or acquired by local authorities, therein lies the real narrative; the quiet, genuine and imaginative support for Irish artists demonstrated by our local government for the past 30 years.

James Harrold Galway City Arts Officer remarked on the early days of being an Arts Officer "No, we weren't going to fund the local heat of the Rose of Tralee, and we didn't do heritage. We would head off, free and untraceable, pioneering into the blue undiscovered hills and suburbs. Unbothered: we hadn't mobile phones, no-one had. In the untethered bliss of communion with the invariably creative communities we encountered we were free to devise residencies, tour theatre, install exhibitions and bring our counties to life."

Catherine Marshall formerly of IMMA writes in the accompanying catalogue ".. arts officers went quietly about their work, not heads of smart new venues, not curators of major festivals, not heads of glamorous collections but the real harbingers of the kind of change that empowers and transforms a society."

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Closed on Public & Bank Holidays.









At the heart of all this work are artists, and featuring in the exhibition are renowned artists such as Tony O'Malley, Alice Maher, Robert Ballagh, John Kindness, Norah McGuiness, Sean McSweeney, Sean Lynch and John Shinnors, Seán Cotter, Cleary Connolly, Cora Cummins, Padraig Cunningham, Micky Donnelly, Naomi Draper, Lisa Fingleton, Jan Voster, Ronnie Hughes, Frances Leach, Vanessa Donoso Lopez, Jane McCormack & Tom Conaty, Roisín McGuigan, Theo McNab, Tadgh McSweeney, Julie Merriman, John Minihan, Gary Robinson, Constance Short, David Stephenson, Patric Stevenson,

The resulting collection speaks of places, people and home which reflect upon local authority arts development as just that, of a place and of a people, of rural and urban Ireland, of home in a changing island where we are bold with new ideas but rooted in our past.

30 YEARS, ARTISTS, PLACES has been curated by Muireann Ní Chonaill, Laois Arts Officer.

This touring exhibition, which has been funded by the Arts Council, is the first real public telling of this story. The exhibition is accompanied by a catalogue. The exhibition has been on tour from December 2015 and will run until 2017. Further information on the tour schedule is available on www.localartsireland.ie







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1 John Kindness 2 Gary Robinson 3 Vanessa Donoso López		Two standing ceramic		
2 Gary Robinson 3 Vanessa Donoso López	Howling Dogs, 1987	sculptures	215 x 75cm	Fingal County Council
3 Vanessa Donoso López	Constant, 2014	Oil on Canvas	150 x 100 cm	Longford County Council
	One for each year, 2008	Handmade dolls	Various	Wicklow County Council
4 Jan Voster	Cocaí Féir I bhFána Bhuí, 1994	B/W Photogrpah	85 x 75 cm	Donegal County Council
5 John Minihan	The Echo Man, 2008	B/W Photogrpah	49 x 53 cm	Cork City Council
6 David Stephenson	Raymond 1	Photograph edition 1/5	47 x 70 cm	Dun Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council
7 Anne Cleary & Denis Connolly	Moving Dublin, 2009	HD video, Sound	Various	South Dublin County Council
8 Lisa Fingleton	Sitting, 2014	HD video, Sound, 30 min	Various	Laois County Council
9 Micky Donnelly	Old House Series no. 20, 2006	Mixed media on convas	23 x 30 cm	Offaly County Council
		Lino cut, ink on paper,		
10 Constance Short	I Suppose the grant is out of the question?, 2003	ediotion 6/50	30 x 30 cm	Galway County Council
11 Alice Maher	The Snail Chronicles (Bedtime), 2005	Intaglio Print	53 x 49.5 cm	Tipperary County Council
12 Padraig Cunningham	Emergent Properties, 2015	DHD video, Sound. 42 min	various	leitrim County Council
13 Cora Cummins	Reed Beds 1, 2001	Etching	73 x 98 cm	Meath County Council
		HD Video with stereo		
14 Jenny Brady	The Known World, 2012	sound.	Various	Mayo County Council
15 Norah McGuiness	The Deserted Cottage	Oil on board	50 x 65cm	Westmeath County Council
16 Patric Stevenson	Waterford from Mount Misery, 1939	Watercolour on paper	34 x 49.5 cm	Waterford County Council

		Photographic work printed		
17 Jane McCormack	Swim, 2005	on tile & Sound	25 x 20cm (each) X 11	Cavan County Council
		Oil, Wax and Canvas on		
18 Ronnie Hughes	Death of a Structure, 1993	MDF	91.44 x 91.44 cm	Monaghan County Council
19 Roisin McGuigan	Burren Shore, 2009	Oil on Paper	32 x 28 cm	Kerry County Council
		Silkscreen Print, Edition		
20 Theo McNab	Ireland, 1972	29/32	51 x 41 cm	Clare County Council
21 Robert Ballagh	Liberty on the Barricades, 1971	Screen Print	50 x 63 cm	Kildare County Council
22 Naomi Draper	Whisper, 2015	Drawing on Glass	40 x 40cm	Roscommon County Council
		Watercolour and charcoal		
23 Sean Cotter	Nightfall, 2007	on watercolour paper	57 x 76cm	Louth County Council
		Typewriter carbon film and		
24 Julie Merriman	Housing Area 1, 2013	carbon paper	70 x 100cm	Dublin City Council
25 Francis Leach	House- The Future is Left Behind So Many Times, 2010   Mixed Media	Mixed Media	50 x 54 x 14cm	Cork County Council
		wall mounted photographic		
		banner, A4 panels,		
	4	Reconstructions of Beuys'		
26 Sean Lynch	Beuys (Still a Discussion)	'Irish Energies' & original	Installation variable	Limerick City & County Council
27 John Shinnors	Over the coast, 2003	Oil on Canvas	35 x 37 cm	Wexford County Council
28 Tadhg McSweeney	From the Air, 2013	mixed media, wood, paint	50 x 147 x 22cm	Carlow County Council
29 Tony O'Malley	Winter Crowscape	Oil on board	29 x 151cm	Kilkenny County Council
30 Sean McSweeneey	The Road, 1965	Oil on Canvas	96 x 105cm	Sligo County Council