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## EDUCATION

**National College of Art & Design, Dublin.** BA in Fine Art Painting/Education  
2020-2024.

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

**Lough Gara: Past & Present.** Boyle Arts Festival & Ballaghaderreen Arts Festival, Co. Roscommon, July/August 2025.

**NCAD Works**, Graduate exhibition entitled *Organisation*, National College of Art & Design, Dublin, 7 June- 15 June 2024.

**Imagine**, Hambly & Hambly at Dunbar House, August 2020 (online)

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

### 2025

**Art Riddler**, One Charlemont Square, Dublin, 16-19 October 2025

**Boyle Arts Festival** Main Exhibition- *The Collector's Journey*, curated by Paul McKenna. King House, Boyle, 16-25 July 2025

**Royal Hibernian Academy**, 195th Annual Exhibition, RHA Gallery, Dublin, 26 May-3 August 2025

**Kilkenny Portrait Show**, An Chéad Tine Gallery, Kilkenny, 29th March- 2nd May 2025.

**Silver Apples of the Moon, Golden Apples of the Sun**, Clancy Quay Studios, Islandbridge, Dublin, 6-9 February 2025

### 2024

**Recollect**, Hermans Art Auctions, Rathmines, Dublin, 8 December 2024

**AIB Portrait Prize**, National Gallery of Ireland, 9 November 2024- 9 March 2025

**Art Riddler**, One Charlemont Square, Dublin, 24 October- 3 November 2024

**Boyle Arts Festival** Main Exhibition- *Visual Presence*, curated by Paul McKenna. King House, Boyle, Co. Roscommon, 18 July- 9 August 2024.

**NCAD Graduate Exhibition**, Temple Bar Medical Centre, Dublin. June 2024- May 2025.

**Royal Hibernian Academy** 194th Annual Exhibition, RHA Gallery, Dublin, 20 May- 4 August 2024.

**Kilkenny Portrait Show** , An Chéad Tine Gallery, Kilkenny, 16 March- 13 April 2024

### 2023

**Dublin Painting & Sketching Club**, Windmill Lane, Dublin, *Annual Exhibition*, September 2023

**Art Riddler**, Studio 10, Wicklow St., Dublin, 6-8 October 2023

**Boyle Arts Festival** Open Exhibition, 20-29th July 2023

**Cáirde Visual**, Hamilton Gallery, Castle Street, Sligo, 1-21 July 2023

**Royal Hibernian Academy 193rd Annual Exhibition**, RHA Gallery, Dublin, 22 May- 30 July 2023

## 2021 & 2022

**Boyle Arts Festival**, open exhibition, 14-23 July 2022

**Painting as an expression of Humanity**, National Treasury Management Agency, Dublin, May 5, 2022

**Dublin Painting & Sketching Club**, 143rd Annual Exhibition, 13-25 September 2021

## AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

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### 2025

**Roscommon County Council Artist Bursary** - Awardee 2025.

**Roscommon County Council Creative Ireland Bursary**- Awardee 2025

### 2024

**AIB Portrait Prize 2024**- Shortlisted Artist

**NUI Art Prize 2024** for my painting *Voices*, exhibited as part of NCAD Works 2024.

**Superprojects- Clancy Quay Professional Development Programme**, October- December 2024

**James O’Nolan Graduate Award** for my painting *Veneration*, RHA 194th Annual Exhibition, 2024.

### 2023

**K+M Evans Painting Prize** for my painting *Workshop*, RHA 193rd Annual Exhibition, 2023.

### 2014- 2019

**Highly Commended, Wildlife Artist of the Year**, Mall Galleries, London, 2019.

**Most Promising Artist Under 25**, Boyle Arts Festival Open Exhibition, 2017

**Highly Commended**, Boyle Arts Festival Open Exhibition, 2014, 2016.

## EVENTS, TALKS & WORKSHOPS

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### 2025

**Lough Gara, Past & Present**- Heritage craft workshops, a publication, documentary film & exhibition. Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon.

**Creative Engagement**- Hosted a series of portrait painting workshops with TY students, St. Nathy’s College, Ballaghaderreen. April- May 2025

### 2023 & 2024

Still life oil painting workshop as part of Ballaghaderreen Arts Festival 2024. 5 August 2024.

5 week Plein Air workshop, part of the Creative Places Ballaghaderreen initiative. 6 July- 10 August 2024

Oil portrait painting workshop as part of Ballaghaderreen Arts Festival 2023. 7 August 2023.

## COMMISSIONS

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**3 of Arts**, Collaborations between Artists, Writers and Musicians in the local Ballaghaderreen area. Presentation/unveiling night: Culture Night, 20 September 2024. Roscommon County Council.

## COLLECTIONS

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OPW State Art Collection

National University of Ireland (NUI) Art Collection

Private Collections, Ireland, UK, USA.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Royal Hibernian Academy (2025). Catalogue, 195th Annual Exhibition. Dublin: RHA.

National Gallery of Ireland (2024). Catalogue, *AIB Portrait Prize*. Dublin: National Gallery of Ireland

Hermans Auctions (2024). Catalogue, *Recollect*. Dublin: Hermans

Royal Hibernian Academy (2023). Catalogue, 1823-2023: 193rd Annual Exhibition. Dublin: RHA.

Kelleher, T (ed.) (2022). *Artists Eye on Galway*. Galway: Hoogledorf Press.