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EDUCATION

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

Trinity College Dublin First Year. History/ Ancient History & Archaeology
2018-2019

St.Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon
2012-2018

EMPLOYMENT/PLACEMENT

Adult *Plein Air* workshops, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon 6 July 2024- ongoing
As part of the 'Creative Places Ballaghaderreen' programme
by Roscommon County Council

Access Day, NCAD, Dublin 1 March 2024
Hosted ceramics workshops for fifth year students

BallaghDream Arts Festival 2023 7 August 2023
Hosted a one-day portrait painting workshop for both adults & children

St.Attracta's Community School, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo 10 Weeks
Junior/ Senior Cycle Art & Art History (Visual Studies)
Fourth Year School Placement

St. Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen, Co.Roscommon 10 Weeks
Junior/Senior Cycle Art & Art History (Visual Studies)
Third Year School Placement

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

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

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

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

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

Dublin Painting & Sketching Club, Windmill Lane, Dublin, *Annual Exhibition*, September 2021, 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

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Winner of the 2024 NUI Art Prize for my painting *Voices*, exhibited as part of NCAD Works 2024.
- Had a painting (*Deposition*) purchased by the OPW for inclusion in the State Art Collection during my show at NCAD Works, June 2024.
- Awarded the *James O’Nolan Graduate Award* for my painting *Veneration*, RHA 194th Annual Exhibition, 2024.
- Awarded the *K+M Evans Painting Prize* for my painting *Workshop*, RHA 193rd Annual Exhibition, 2023.
- Received an A+ grade for my Visual Culture Research Project, NCAD, 2023, entitled ‘The Irish Taxidermy Industry, 1830-1950, and its enduring legacy today’. . Selected for inclusion in NCAD library catalogue.
- Highly Commended, David Shepherd 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

HOBBIES, PROJECTS AND INTERESTS

- Taxidermy hobbyist: Have carried out private commissions and work for local public institutions for example the soon to be completed visitor centre at Ballydangan Bog Nature Reserve, Co. Roscommon.
- Bronze Age casting- a major area of interest at the moment. Replicating Bronze Age period artefacts & tools
- Fly Fishing
- Visiting museums & galleries. I am particularly interested in impressionist/post-impressionist painting and very familiar with Irish art of the 19th and 20th centuries.
- Collecting coins and antiquities, a passion I have had since childhood.

REFEREES

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