



MEDIA RELEASE

‘EMBRACE’ – AN EXHIBITION OF ARTWORKS BY ARTISTS WITH DISABILITIES IN GLÓR

Ennis, County Clare, IRELAND, 20th April 2007 - A collection of over 80 paintings produced by artists with disabilities is to run throughout May in Glór Irish Music Centre, Ennis.



The exhibition features the work of participants in the Clare County Arts Office ‘*Embrace*’ programme, an initiative established in 2001 to help make the arts accessible to all. Regular workshops have been running in a number of organisations including Enable Ireland, the Brothers of Charity, The Irish Wheelchair Association, West Clare Mental Health Service and Ennistymon Day Hospital.

According to Tara Connaghan of the Clare Arts Office, “*This exhibition, which will be the fifth annual event showcasing work from the Embrace scheme, brings together just a small selection of some of the original creative work produced at these sessions over the*

last year. The exhibition will be officially opened on Wednesday 2nd May at a special ceremony with most of the artists and their families and friends present.”



Exhibition organiser and workshop leader Alan Shoosmith commented, *“Working as part of this scheme constantly opens my eyes to the wide range of creative ideas alive in each participant. Selecting just one piece from each artist is always difficult but it’s wonderful to see such a wide variety of work displayed in such a prestigious venue as Glór. I hope the paintings will be enjoyed by many during the month.”*



Clare County Arts Office, The Arts Council, the Health Service Executive and the Clare Federation of People with Disabilities have provided joint funding for the event.

For further information please contact Alan Shoosmith on 086-8398832.