

# Máirín Kelly

## ASPECT

5-27 October 2007



An exhibition of work about the landscapes of the uplands

Glór Gallery, Glór, Ennis  
Opening on Thursday 4 October, 6.30pm

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## **Artist's Statement**

This exhibition reflects on the local and global interests in our landscape from an environmental and a visual perspective.

Having lived for the past three years in the Sliabh Aughty's of east Clare, this work examines the landscape of the uplands in particular, its semi-natural wilderness and our means of living with it and within it. The various pressures on this ecological asset in the forms of afforestation, windfarms, peat extraction and indeed in the different forms of ecology and conservation, illustrate the contested space the land has become.

I have undertaken a series of detailed pen and ink drawings of various upland habitats, as surveyed by an ecologist. These are considered 'perfect', 'natural' habitats, eg. upland blanket bog, species rich grassland, oak-birch-holly woodland, hedgerows etc. In addition, using the stuff of the site, ie. peat, I have made a series of peat paintings which seek to evoke an engagement with our interventions into the landscape. The use of peat from the uplands locates the work. Using simple materials, the boundary between art and nature is blurred.

## **máirín kelly: Biography**

Born Dublin, lives and works in Co. Clare

### **Education**

2003–2004: M.A. Fine Art Drawing, Wimbledon School of Art, London

1986–1988: Diploma, Fashion Design, Fashion Institute of Technology,  
New York

1980–1983: B.Ed. St. Patrick's College of Education, Dublin

### **Design Career**

1989–2001: Eveningwear designer, London and Cambridge

Works also included in various theatre and film productions and premieres e.g. Mission Impossible, Brave Heart, 1998 Oscars Ceremony, various Bafta Awards, numerous charity and debutante's balls

### **Exhibitions**

October 2007: Solo Show-Glor Gallery (Clare arts centre) Ennis, Co. Clare

2007: Iontas, Juried exhibition of small works, Sligo Art Gallery

2007: Our Fragile Earth, Invited Artist at Iniscealtra Arts Festival,  
Mountshannon, Co. Clare.

2007: Cead in China- Selected Artist- Beijing and Shanghai, sponsored by  
Culture Ireland

2006: Works on Paper: Open Submission—Glor Gallery, Ennis, Co. Clare

2005: Diversity: Group Show—Burlington Arcade, Piccadilly, London W1

2005: Prize Winners Exhibition of New Work—Arts Club, Dover St.,  
London W1  
2004: Group Show—BHF Bank, Queen St. London EC12004: Group Show—  
William Morris Museum, Hammersmith, London W6  
2004: Group Show—Contemporary Drawing 04, Stroud Valleys Arts Space  
2004: Line, Lion, Lying—Centre For Drawing, Wimbledon  
2004: MA Degree Show—Wimbledon School of Art  
2004: Group Show—Questionmark, Wait, Error, Understood: Ciurlionis  
National Gallery, Kaunas, Lithuania

## **Awards**

2004: The Arts Club Excellence in Drawing Award, prize winner