

“Solitary Company”

Mona Hynes, Patsy Ricks and Mary Fahy

“Solitary Company” is the title of the exhibition by three artists from the North Clare area in the Courthouse Gallery, Ennistymon this August. Inspired by the transient local landscape artists Mona Hynes, Patsy Ricks and Mary Fahy have created a diverse show highlighting each of their unique expression through the medium of paint. **“Solitary Company”** captures the energy and light of North Clare and this is a wonderful opportunity to re-visit your local area through the eyes and creativity of another. They have made visible interpretations of the landscape that we pass by everyday, noting subtle changes and celebrating all that is so intriguing in our local environment.

Through multiple layers of paint Galway born **Mary Fahy** has created dense landscapes highlighting the edge of things; where sky meets land, where sea meets shore, to twilight images at the edge of day. She manifests through painting the essence and energy of a place in a highly personal way by re-imagining it on canvas. In some paintings Mary Fahy suggests interaction between people and their environment: a trace of a footprint, evidence of people having passed through.

Being an artist from the Burren, **Mona Hynes** expresses her connection to it through° paintings° that are in a fluid expressive style and deal with an emotional and imaginative response to this beautiful and often desolate landscape. Mona Hynes allows the paint the freedom to form an initial image by dropping and pouring it onto the canvas and then she paints over this. She never knows what the final piece will look like. For Mona Hynes this process reflects the unique and mysterious quality of the Burren.

Patsy Ricks, an artist based in the Courthouse Studios, engages with everyday scenes in Ennistymon and Lahinch such as dilapidated buildings, old stone walls, rust and even the dogs in the street catch her eye. She feels it is necessary to record, through the medium of watercolour, the demise of buildings and their surroundings in the local area. Patsy Ricks work is her chronicle of places fast disappearing.

Exhibition runs until Saturday 30th August

Open Tue to Sat 12.00 - 5.00pm

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