

Focus On Limerick • Limerick City Gallery of Art

12th November 2008

Announcing Two Major Limerick Group Exhibitions **Seeing Georgian Limerick** and **Presence 08** for the Winter Season.

Seeing Georgian Limerick, a beautiful photographic exhibition of Georgian Limerick celebrates the City while **Presence 08** celebrates the wealth of Limerick's artistic talent.

1. Exhibition Opening:

Seeing Georgian Limerick

Kieran CLANCY Sean LYNCH Eamonn O'MAHONY Deirdre POWER

27th Nov – 4th Jan 2009

Limerick City Gallery of Art in association with Limerick Chapter of the Irish Georgian Society is delighted to announce **Seeing Georgian Limerick**, a jointly commissioned exhibition to commemorate 50 years of the Irish Georgian Society.

Four artists **Kieran Clancy, Sean Lynch, Eamonn O'Mahony, Deirdre Power** have been invited to photograph Georgian Limerick. The historic and commercial centre of Limerick, the Georgian new town is extremely familiar, although many of the buildings are underused and have been allowed to decay. The exhibition celebrates the architectural character and the historic importance of the townscape, which are often not fully recognized.

To ask the four artists to photograph what they see in Georgian Limerick was an invitation to reveal what has been hidden by familiarity and neglect; architectural coherence, moments of monumentality. Images can show what is normally unseen; the richness of the interior decoration, the life of the lanes. Taken from oblique perspectives the photographs have the potential to uncover an unfamiliar Georgian Limerick. With the power of photography to focus attention and even to transform the ordinary and taken-for-granted it is hoped that the exhibition will help to define the character and value of Georgian Limerick.

Photography has been intrinsic to the Irish Georgian Society project since the beginning. Shortly after he set up the Society in 1958 **Desmond Guinness** commissioned **Hugh Doran** to photograph Irish country houses for an exhibition. At a time when eighteenth-century architecture was despised and under threat Doran's carefully composed images celebrated the beauty of these houses, established their place in Irish culture and provided a record of those buildings that were later lost. The interest and passion of present president of the Society, **Desmond FitzGerald**, was first stimulated by another pioneering photographer, **Standish Stewart**, who, from the 1940s, was photographing the houses of Limerick and Clare and the buildings of the city, documenting and establishing value.

Kieran Clancy. Architectural photographer. He lives in Limerick.

Sean Lynch. Born in Kerry in 1978. He lives in Limerick and Berlin. He is currently an artist-in-residence at the Irish Museum of Modern Art. Exhibitions include the Gallery of Photography, Dublin, Limerick City Gallery of Art and Galway Arts Centre.

Eamonn O'Mahony. Professional Photographer since 1988; maintains a studio in London and includes leading architectural firms among his clients. Lives and works in London and Limerick.

Deirdre Power. Born in Limerick in 1963. She lives and works in Georgian Limerick. Exhibitions include The Phatory, New York, The Belltable Arts Centre Limerick and ev+a.

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2 Exhibition Opening :

Presence 08

Emma BERKERY Jack DONOVAN Martin FINNIN Nesta FITZGERALD Tom FITZGERALD David FORTUNE Charles HARPER Kate HENNESSY Michele HARRIGAN Alan KEANE Andrew KEARNEY David LILBURN Brian MCMAHON Tom MOLLOY Jennifer O'CONNOR Enda O'DONOGHUE Suzannah O'REILLY Anne RYAN Robert RYAN Tom SHORTT Lorraine WALL

27th November to 19th December

Limerick City Gallery of Art is delighted to present **Presence 08**, a major exhibition of new works by leading Irish Artists associated with Limerick. This selected group of exciting artists, represents a diverse range from the most distinguished established artists, to the fresh and cutting edge. Presence 08 demonstrates the extent and diversity of Irish contemporary art, juxtaposing contemporary painting with drawing and photographic media.

Presence 08 gives Limerick audiences the opportunity to enjoy the newest work by a range of exciting artists, just in time for the Christmas season! Presence 08 is the second in a trilogy of annual Christmas exhibitions celebrating the wealth of artistic talent in Limerick.

Painting is well represented in **Presence 08** though many styles and approaches. Limerick has a consistent reputation of producing many fine painters, **Presence 08** presents an indicative range of the diversity of this group. Following the strong tradition of Irish landscape painting, the coastline and landscape of the mid west appear in Presence through many guises. Also included in the selection are some intriguing photographic works and exquisite drawings, reflecting LCGA's particular focus (LCGA holds the National Drawing Collection).

Limerick has a strong history of visual art stretching some 200 years continues today with an extensive cultural infrastructure and a well regarded Limerick School of Art & Design. Since

1977 **ev+a** has annually inspired Limerick by bringing international Curators to chose a selection of celebrated national and international artists. **Belltable Arts Centre, Limerick Printmakers, Contact Studios** and **Bourne Vincent Gallery** combine with new commercial galleries and dynamic graduates make a diverse and energetic cultural forum.

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In addition to its contemporary exhibition programme, an extensive range of the Limerick City Gallery of Art's Permanent Collection is always on display. The collection includes fine examples of Irish Art, including **Sean Keating, Paul Henry, William Orpen, Jack B. Yeats, Grace Henry** and **Camille Souter**.

Submit your proposal for Excursions Interdisciplinary Performance Festival. Last chance to see LCGA's two Autumn Blockbuster exhibitions Simon Starling and Michael McLoughlin and pick up their catalogues. Two group exhibitions Seeing Georgian Limerick and Presence 08 coming soon.

Bring the kids to the November 'Family Day' and get messy making a giant collage!

1. Call for Submissions:

Excursions

Limerick's Interdisciplinary Performance Festival

Friday 21st Nov

Excursions is an interdisciplinary performance festival that will take place in Limerick City from Thursday 22nd to Saturday 24th January 2009. The festival acts as a platform for contemporary performance artists and will include Irish artists' performances alongside international invited artists. This year the festival would like to invite artists to submit proposals for realisation as part of the festival.

Applications should include :

- a. CV
- b. Outline budget
- c. Short outline of the proposed performance (max 350 words) and specifications required

d. Images of previous work

e. Applicants may send DVD/CD of previous work, please clearly mark duration of DVD/CD

Post applications to :

**The Arts Office
Limerick City Council
City Hall, Merchant's Quay, Limerick
Ireland**

Email applications to: artsoffice@limerickcity.ie

Closing date for receipt of Proposals is Friday 21st Nov

This festival is funded by The Arts Council and Limerick City Council with the support of Limerick City Gallery of Art, Belltable Arts Centre and Daghdha.

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LCGA offers free tours to schools and groups.

*For further information, or to book a tour, please telephone: +353 (0)61 310633
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Limerick City Gallery of Art is part of Limerick City Council and is supported by The Arts Council, The Heritage Council, Fáilte Ireland and Fás

LIMERICK LINKS :

Belltable Arts Centre : <http://www.belltable.ie/>

Citizens Information : <http://www.citizensinformation.ie/categories>

County Limerick Genealogy : <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irllimer/>

Daghdha Dance Company : <http://www.daghdha.ie/001/001.html>

Diocese of Limerick Heritage Project : <http://www.limerickdioceseheritage.org/index.htm>

Éagsúil Arts & Culture Show on West Limerick 102 : <http://eagsuil.blogspot.com/>

Ev+a : <http://www.eva.ie/>

Franciscan Friary Moyross : <http://www.ccr.org.uk/archive/gn0807/g11.htm>

Hunt Museum : <http://www.huntmuseum.com/>

Impact Theatre Company : <http://www.impact-theatre.com/>

Indie Limerick : <http://indielimerick.blogspot.com/>
Limerick Animal Welfare : <http://www.limerickanimalwelfare.blogspot.com/>
Limerick Blogger : <http://www.limerickblogger.ie/blog/>
Limerick Cathedral : <http://www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org/>
Limerick Ceramic Works : <http://www.limerickceramicworks.com/>
LCGA : <http://www.visitlimerick.com/limerickcityartgallery.asp>
Limerick City Council : <http://www.limerickcity.ie/>
Limerick City Event Guide : <http://www.eightball.ie/index.php>
Limerick City Library : <http://www.limerick.ie/Library/>
Limerick City Museum : <http://www.limerick.ie/CityMuseum/>
Limerick Civic Trust : <http://www.limerickcivictrust.ie/index.html>
Limerick County Council Arts & Culture : http://www.lcc.ie/Arts_Culture/
Limerick Institute of Technology : <http://www.lit.ie/>
Limerick's Life History & Folklore : <http://www.limerickslife.com/index.htm>
Limerick Network Against Racism : <http://www.lnar.org/>
Limerick Roots : <http://bbs.mayo-ireland.ie/webx?.ee6b2dc>
Limerick School Art & Design : <http://www.lit.ie/departments/artdesign.html>
Limerick Jazz : <http://www.limerickjazz.com/>
Limerick Placenames : <http://www.limerick.com/placenames/limericknames.html>
Limerick Printmakers : <http://www.limerickprintmakers.com/>
Limerick Tunnel : <http://www.limericktunnel.com/>
Local Studies Limerick City Council : <http://www.limerick.ie/library/LocalStudies/>
Mamuska Network : <http://mamuskanights.blogspot.com/>
Mary Immaculate College : <http://www.mic.ul.ie/>
Sculpture & Combined Media : <http://www.lit.ie/sculpture/>
University of Limerick : <http://www.ul.ie/>
Visit Limerick : <http://www.visitlimerick.com/home.asp>
Watch House Cross Community Library : <http://whclibrary.blogspot.com/>
White House Poetry : <http://www.limerick.com/whitehousepoets/>