



Kildare Art

COLLECTIVE

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McKenna Gallery

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A collaborative art project by Kildare Art Collective & Friends, ART FEEDS... was initiated to document our experience during the upheaval of the present time. The exhibition explores themes we have all become only too familiar with in recent times such as isolation, home, and the natural world. Part of June Fest Online, participating artists worked collaboratively exchanging ideas and working together using alternative methods of communication such as email, letter, carrier pigeon, phone calls, telepathy, video calls and text. The diverse work created during this project is an eclectic mix with interesting themes and details arising as we adjust to our new reality and navigate changes to how we work together.

COLLABORATORS/ART WORKS

1a	Stephen Connelly & Laura Caffrey	<i>Dandelion/Saline Solutions</i>	VIDEO WORK
1b	Martina McDonald & Wayne McManamon	<i>A Conversation</i>	VIDEO WORK
1c	Conor Lane & Peter Lane	<i>Covid Moodswing</i>	VIDEO WORK
1d	Fabiana Scaglioni	<i>Cactus Lady/Here Inside/Here Outside</i>	VIDEO WORK
1e	Ciara Ahern & Aoife O'Callaghan	<i>Untitled</i>	VIDEO WORK
2 & 13	Michelle McBride & David O'Hanlon	<i>Pareidolian Reflection</i>	CAST CONCRETE
3	Derek Finn & Aingeala Finn	<i>Bringing Home the Turf/ Flower Moon</i>	ACRYLIC,OIL & INK/POEM
4	Kirsten Hodgson & Annie Morris	<i>Lockdown Stew/Kit Kat/Biscuits/ Eat Haiku/Advice</i>	MACHINE EMBROIDERY
5	Claire Murphy & Ingrid Casey	<i>Mask on/Mask off</i>	
6	Stephanie Craig & Laura Craig	<i>Becoming (I) & Becoming (II)</i>	WATERCOLOUR/POEM
7	Holly Delaney & Carol Anne Connolly	<i>Mapped Out & Untitled x 5</i>	PEN & PENCIL ON PAPER
8 & 14	Anna DeCleir & Amy O'Connor	<i>Kitchen Reflections (8)/ Flames reunited (14)</i>	WATERCOLOUR ACRYLIC ON CANVAS
9	Sharon Fidgeon & Fabiana Scaglioni	<i>Cactus Lady /Stop, Breathe/ Fluid Movement Outside</i>	ACRYLIC/ PRINT ON WOOD
10	Caoimhe McGuckin & Philip d'Alton	<i>Play it by Ear/ Reconnecting/Hello can you hear me/ Poor connection/Are you still there</i>	PAPIER MACHE CUPS/STRING PRINT
11	Dee McNally & Amy Gaffney	<i>Tea, Butter, Sugar, Panic Shopping List/ The Zoo Shopping List/ Endangered Species/ Shopping List/Dear Granny/Little Heroes/Fragments of Time/Celebration of Nature Keeping Time/Insert Future Here/Reading From the Almanac</i>	MIXED MEDIA
12	J.D. Lutteral & Lyn Worrall	<i>Fragments of comfort</i>	CERAMIC TILES
15	Lesley Kelly	<i>Inner Room</i>	CERAMIC
16	Ciara Ahern & Aoife O'Callaghan	<i>Untitled 1/Untitled 11</i>	ACRYLIC ON CANVAS

Biographies of artists (alphabetical by surname)

Ciara Aherne [16]

Kildare based Ciara Aherne is studying Education and Painting at the National College of Art and Design. Working through the medium of oil paint, she explores the theme 'lost in translation' through the visual representation of a self-reflective commentary as auto-dictation and a dissimulation of personal experience.

Laura Caffrey [1a]

Laura Caffrey is a teacher and poet based in Galway. She has an MA in Writing from NUIG and is the poetry editor of HeadStuff. Her poems have appeared in various places including The Stinging Fly and Crannóg, and in 2018 she was shortlisted for the Cúirt New Writing prize.

Ingrid Casey [5]

Ingrid Casey is a Kildare based poet and artist. She has published books with The Onslaught Press and Vakxikon Publishing. She also paints and in 2018 produced the short film www.throughthecracks.ie.

Stephen Connelly [1a]

Stephen Connelly is a graduate in Fine Art Printmaking from Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology. He is currently based in Newbridge, Co. Kildare and works mainly with video/audio installations.

Carol Anne Connolly [7]

Carol Anne Connolly is a visual artist based in Co. Cork. She is a graduate of NCAD and of the Huston School of Film and Digital Media, NUI Galway. Her visual art practice is primarily concerned with cultural and social ideas relating to 'place' in contemporary society. Her work is often driven by site-specific enquiry, historical research and community engagement. In considering landscape as a reflection of our relationship and attitude towards nature, Connolly seeks to investigate, represent or re-imagine contemporary ideas that relate to our environs.

Laura Craig [6]

Laura Craig is a writer and poet based in Newbridge, Co. Kildare. Her writing often explores themes around identity and living in the present

Steph Craig [6]

Steph Craig is a Dublin based painter from Co. Kildare. She studied Fine Art Media in NCAD and works mainly in watercolour. Steph's work is concerned with how identity ambiguity can manipulate the view of the self.

Phil d'Alton [10]

Phil d'Alton is a music producer, Sonic Artist and Sound Designer. He completed a Masters Degree in Sonic Arts at Queens University Belfast in 2008. He has been producing contemporary music and creating electroacoustic compositions for the past 15 years.

Holly Delaney [7]

Holly Delaney is a visual artist working in Maynooth, Co. Kildare. She studied Fine Art Sculpture at the National College of Art and Design. Her current focus is on painting. Her work is concerned with the natural world, whether local birds or the wildlife in a canal environment, she is interested in the small details and moods of the landscape.

Anna de Cléir [8]

Anna de Cléir is a watercolour artist based in Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare. She has recently completed a course in Visual Art Practice at NCAD. Her current work is an exploration of interiors inspired by architecture, furniture, perspective and the rhythm of light and shade.

Sharon Fidgeon [9]

Sharon Fidgeon is a self-taught artist from Co. Kildare. She paints using mixed media and has a passion for abstract and portraiture. Sharon has recently completed a diploma in expressive arts.

Aingeala Finn [3]

Aingeala is an award winning short story writer and poet living in South Co. Dublin.

Derek Finn [3]

Derek Finn is a painter based in Co. Kildare and a graduate of The National College of Art and Design. His work explores visual sound to produce a feeling of relaxation and contemplation.

Amy Gaffney [11]

Amy Gaffney is a writer and poet based in Co. Kildare. Her work has been published in Poetry Ireland Review, 125, and The Irish Times Hennessy New Irish Writing page amongst other places. Amy had prose shortlisted for the An Post www.writing.ie Short Story of the Year Award 2019.

Kirsten Hodgson [4]

Kirsten Hodgson is a Newbridge based textile artist. She graduated from the National College of Art and Design in 2017 with a BA Hons in Applied Materials.

Lesley Kelly [15]

Lesley Kelly graduated from the National College of Art & Design in 2012 with a Professional Diploma in Art & Design Education, an MA (Ceramics) in 2011 and a BA (HONS) 1st class in Ceramic Design, in 2009. Her studio is based in Kilcullen, Co. Kildare.

Conor Lane [1c]

International artist Conor Lane is a graduate (B.A. fine art hons) in Sculpture from GMIT who lives in Newbridge. He is a sculptor with international sales for his unique style of bog oak sculptures and crafts. Having studied sculpture he also works in conceptual mediums such as sound, video, installation, performance and assemblage. His work addresses socio-political awareness and perceived differences.

Peter Lane [1c]

Peter Lane is a rights-based advocate who works with children and young people who have care experience. He is interested in providing a platform to seldom-heard voices. He is also a musician, film-maker and one half of The Care Experience Podcast. Peter is a father to two young girls who teach him new things every day.

J.D. Luttrell [12]

J.D. Luttrell is a Kildare based artist working in visual art as well as the written word. This artist's mixed media work stems from an inner landscape, which is the inspiration for the paintings, writings and craft. Current work includes this creative collaborative project, acrylic on canvas landscapes, poetry and very large colorful granny square blankets.

Michelle McBride [2 & 13]

A Kildare based visual artist and graduate of The National College of Art and Design, Michelle McBride uses mixed media incorporating photography, sculpture and painting to express ideas of materiality, community and conflict. Michelle's work 'Degrading' is currently on tour with Science Gallery Dublin. PLASTIC: Can't Live With It, Can't Live Without It, has been produced with the support of Science Foundation Ireland.

Martina McDonald [1b]

Martina McDonald is a multidisciplinary visual artist from Co. Kildare. Primarily focused within the realms of photography, video and sculpture, she has exhibited work on both a national and international scale. In addition to her artistic practice, Martina has worked professionally as a gallery manager and curator within the cultural sector for over 10 years, in Ireland, Australia and the Netherlands. www.martinamcdonald.com

Caoimhe McGuckin [10]

Caoimhe McGuckin is a graduate of the National College of Art and Design. She creates work with a focus on narrative and concept. Inspiration directing her work arises from abstract ideas, titles, phrases and stories.

Wayne McManamon [1b]

Wayne McManamon is a self taught musician based in Co. Kildare. With almost 18 years experience of playing, writing and recording music with several bands and artists, Wayne is now an established music teacher with a few album releases under his belt.

Deirdre McNally [11]

Deirdre McNally is a visual artist based in Co. Kildare. She has produced commissioned pieces for Kildare County Council, Mayor of Kildare and private collections. Her art has appeared in HCE magazine, Volume 2, issue 3, May 2018.

Annie Morris [4]

Yarn Bomber. Scribbler. Wrote a book 20 years ago that sold well in Germany.

Claire Murphy [5]

Claire Murphy is a visual artist living in Kilcock. She studied art in NCAD receiving a Masters in Visual Arts Education in 2011. Her art practice is diverse with her current focus is on portraiture.

Aoife O'Callaghan [16]

Aoife O'Callaghan from Gorey, Co. Wexford is a final year student studying Fine Art & Media at the National College of Art and Design. She has a background in science that has influenced her work which combines her interests in science and psychology with art.

Amy O'Connor [14]

Amy O'Connor is a self-taught painter living in Co. Kildare. Inspired by nature, animals and landscapes are her main interest. She mainly works in acrylic and oils but continues to experiment with new ideas.

David O'Hanlon [2 & 13]

David O'Hanlon is sculptor and wood turner from Roseberry in Kildare. Working mainly with bog oak, David enjoys testing the limits of his material and making objects that challenge his making process through manipulation, sculpting and interpreting natural materials. His work varies from utilitarian design, large abstract sculpture to traditional fibre craft tool making.

Fabiana Scaglioni [1d & 9]

Fabiana Scaglioni holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and since 2010 has worked in art teaching. She flows between various media seeking to express her poetics.

Lyn Worrall [12]

Lyn B Worrall is a Kilcullen based visual artist. Her work has a focus on environmentally aware pieces concerning nature based themes.

KILDARE ART COLLECTIVE:

Founded in 2017 and gathering momentum year on year, Kildare Art Collective is an ever evolving group of immensely enthusiastic, hard working and creative artists.

We are dedicated to supporting the professional development and promotion of each member of the collective and also the wider community of Kildare based artists. We want to make good things happen by providing a platform and ongoing opportunities for Kildare based artists working across a broad spectrum of disciplines and themes. Our intention is to establish networks throughout the county, create and show contemporary work and encourage development through experimentation and collaboration between artists. As committed artists we contribute to the cultural life of the county by engaging in a meaningful way with the wider community; we achieve this by remaining enthusiastic, engaged, malleable and open to new possibilities and opportunities! We can be contacted at: kildareartcollective@gmail.com or <https://www.instagram.com/kildareartcollective/>

JUNE FEST:

June Fest is a community focused arts festival based in Newbridge, Co. Kildare. Established in 2012, we are a committed local voluntary group striving to bring our community the best in Art, Theatre, Music and Family Entertainment. June Fest is honoured to have Kildare Art Collective come together throughout the year and showcase their exceptional art alongside the festival.

Kildare Art Collective's exhibitions have become a highlight of our annual celebration since their debut show in 2018, where they demonstrated the possibilities of turning an old empty shop unit into a thriving creative hub for the arts! In 2019, their follow up show 'Boundaries' in Riverbank Arts Centre, once again showcased the amazing talents that exist in Kildare. We consider ourselves fortunate to work with this committed group of artists during this challenging time. Developed during the early stages of June Fest Online, at a time when connection proved difficult, the project encouraged communication and engagement with the wider community through collaboration. 'Art Feeds...' was the perfect project during lockdown.

June Fest would like to wish Kildare Art Collective the very best with 'Art Feeds...' this Culture Night and we look forward to their online exhibition with Riverbank Arts Centre.

RIVERBANK ARTS CENTRE:

Riverbank Arts Centre is a multi-disciplinary venue in Newbridge, County Kildare, Ireland. Riverbank Arts Centre works in partnership with international, national and local artists to deliver an accessible and consistently high quality arts programme in an intimate environment. We provide a multi-disciplinary programme which includes theatre, cinema, comedy, music, dance, workshops and visual arts. With a dedicated children's gallery and programming of high quality theatre and workshops for younger audiences, Riverbank is also committed to promoting early engagement with and access to the arts. Riverbank Arts Centre is funded by Kildare County Council and The Arts Council. For more information: <https://www.riverbank.ie/>

To view a virtual version of the exhibition - TO FOLLOW

For video interviews with the participating artists - [click here](#)

To purchase an artwork, contact boxoffice@riverbank.ie

Online launch CULTURE NIGHT - 6pm, Friday 18th September, 2020

MORE INFO: <https://www.riverbank.ie/event/visual-art-kildare-art-collective-art-feeds/>

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