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Upcoming Exhibitions and Events:

Solo exhibition at The LAB, Dublin Autumn 2024

“Swimming a Long Way Together” a series of live art events and exhibitions in Ireland, UK & France
2021-2024

Awards

2023	Arts Council of Ireland Arts Participation Bursary Award
2022	The Heritage Fund UK, The National Lottery
2021	Arts Council of England, National Lottery Project Grant
2021	Arts Council of Ireland Open Call Award
2020	Arts Council of Ireland Visual Art Bursary Award
2018	Arts Council of Ireland Project Award
2018	Arts Council of Ireland Arts Participation Bursary Award
2018	NEIC Community Community Grants Scheme
2017	Docklands Arts Fund, Business to Arts, Dublin
2016	Fingal County Council Artists' Support Scheme
2015	Nevill Johnson Award - UCD Art in Science
2015	Travel and Training Award - Arts Council of Ireland
2014	Artist in the Community Award - CREATE and Arts Council of Ireland
2011	Kilkenny County Council Bursary Award
2008	Artist Bursary Award - Galway County Council Arts Office

Artist Residencies

2018/21	The Fire Station Artists' Studios, Dublin.
2017	Recipient of the Temple Bar Gallery and Studios 'Project Studio Award'
2017	Sirius Arts Centre, Co Cork in August
2016	Digital Residency at the Fire Station Artists' Studios, Dublin
2015/16	UCD Art in Science, UCD, Belfield, Dublin
2015	Resort Case Study II - Lynders Mobile Home Park. Co Fingal Arts Office
2015	Channel Surf- 202K floating residency on the Rideau Canal, Canada
2014	RHA studio residency January - June
2013	Research Residency - Studio 468 Common Ground, Rialto
2011	Studio residency - Endangered Artist Studios, Kilkenny
2010	Artist in Residence - Áras Éanna, Inis Oirr, Co Galway
2009	Artist in Residence - Kilkenny Arts Office

Solo Exhibitions and Events

2022	“At Home in the Water” Fabrica Gallery, Brighton Autumn
2022	“Swim Procession” part of “Swimming a Long Way Together” Salthill, Galway
2022	“Eight” part of “Swimming a Long Way Together” Donaghadee, Northern Ireland
2021	“30 Hour Endurance Swim and Performance” “Swimming a Long Way Together” Cork

2021 "Swimposium" part of "Swimming a Long Way Together" A swim journey across Dublin

2021 "Swimming a Long Way Together" Project Launch performance on the River Liffey

2019 "Beyond Islands" a nighttime journey, by land or water Skerries, Co Dublin

2018 "The Magic of Water" performed twice by the young swimmers from SeaMcDermott Swimming Pool with NEIC Community Grant Award & The 5 Lamps Arts Festival.

2017 "The South Wall Swim" The River Liffey

2017 "Other Space" Underwater explorations of the RMS Tayleur, Portrane Fingal Arts Office

2016 "What is a Lake?" UCD Lake, Belfield Campus, Dublin. UCD Art in Science residency.

2016 "Lambay Circumnavigational Swim" The Irish Sea, Dublin Bay

2015 "Lambay Solo Swim Expedition" The Irish Sea, Dublin Bay

2015 "In as Well as On" The Rideau Canal, Canada

2015 "The 1st Solo crossing of UCD Lake" UCD Lake at the Belfield Campus, Dublin

2014 "Psychoswimography: Santa Barbara" California USA

2014 "Uncharted" Low Rock, Malahide, Co Dublin

2014 "Lambay Swim a Shared Journey" The Irish Sea, Dublin Bay

2013 "Slippery Pole Competition - Grand Canal Basin, Dublin

2012 "Urban Swimming" A swim intervention exploring city's fountains. Multi locational

2011 "Kings River to Guillamene" The Garter Lane Arts Centre, Waterford

2010 "Swim to Work Day - An experiment in beating the morning traffic" River Nore Kilkenny

2010 "Cascade" The Linenhall Arts Centre, Co Mayo

2010 "The Three Sisters" Kilkenny Arts Office

2009 "Volute" Ballina Arts Centre, Co Mayo

2009 "Swirlpool" The South Tipperary Arts Centre

2009 "Escapade" The Courthouse Gallery, Co Clare

2009 "Layers" The Norman Villa Gallery, Galway

2008 "Faoi Scáth" Gnó Mhaigh Eo, Westport Arts Festival

2007 "Chrysalis" Galway Town Hall Theatre Gallery

1998 "Adventures in Wood" Little Killary Adventure Centre, Co Galway

1996 The Tyne Bridge Banner for the Year of Visual Arts, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Recent Group Exhibitions

2023/24 "Channel Crossings" Dover Museum, Dover

2023 "The Art of Sport" The Butler Gallery, Kilkenny

2023 "Water-loop" WARP Contemporary Art Platform, Belgium

2023 RHA 193rd Annual Exhibition, Dublin

2019 "Een Zwemmer is een Ruiters" WARP Contemporary Art Platform, Belgium

2018 "TRESPASS!" The Old Post Office Gallery, Sheffield Institute of Arts

2017 "in -with - along - through" - commissioned by aemi for their "port | river | city" project

2017 "A Different Canal" - as part of Invisible Stories in Allenwood, Co Kildare

2015 "States of Being" Primary Resource #4 Mart - Gallery 126, Galway

2015 "Performing the An-archive" Gallery 101 Ottawa, Canada

2014 "On the Beach" BABEL Working Group, Santa Barbara, United States

2014 RHA 184th Annual Exhibition, Dublin

2014 "Little Kingdoms" Catalyst, Belfast

2013 "Playful Interventions" Kinsale Arts Festival, Co Cork

2013 "Excess Baggage" Tallinn, Estonia

2013 "Zero Sum Games" Mart, Lisbon, Portugal

- 2013 "I Could Read the Sky" Ballycroy, Co Mayo
- 2013 Gasworks Film night on the River Princess, Cody Dock, London
- 2012 "Launch" Performance at Live Stock, Winter Shorts
- 2012 The Water Tower Arts Festival, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2012 "Experimental" Catalyst Arts, Belfast
- 2011 "Gathering Ground" Turlough House, Co Mayo
- 2011 "Making do with Paper Crowns" IMOCA, Dublin
- 2010 "Put a Lid On It" Galway Arts Centre
- 2010 "F.T.L.O. Change" Mill Street Gallery, Dublin
- 2009 "Visual Deflections" Corbet Place, London
- 1991/96 Group shows in the UK including, Fresh Art, London & Treadwell's Art Mill, Bradford.

Selected conferences and artist talks

- 2023 "Basic Talk" with Basic Space at the Hugh Lane Gallery
- 2019 "Talkie-Walkie" A cross-Channel art event at Fructose, Dunkirk, France
- 2018 "Marine Transgressions" Bristol and Bath University
- 2015 "The Geographical Turn" IRC & Space and Place, Maynooth University Geography
- 2015 "Dublin Women and the Sea" National Maritime Museum, Dun Laoghaire
- 2015 "Pathways to New Perspectives" The Lab with UCD Art in Science Residency

Training

- 2011 - 2013 Fine Art Masters Art in the Digital World, NCAD, Dublin
- 2003 - 2004 Higher Diploma in Community Art Education, NCAD, Dublin
- 1989 - 1992 BA Honours Fine Art, Newcastle Upon Tyne Polytechnic

Commissions

- 2019 Illustrations for "Ocean" by Steve Mentz' 'Ocean' Bloomsbury Press: 'Object Lessons'

For over 20 years I've been an arts worker, arts facilitator, community carnival and parade designer. I have designed for 'ALIGHT!' CoisCeim Broadreach project and Culture Connects in 2016. I was a designer for St Patrick's Festival, Dublin with City Fusion and Brighter Futures in 2005/07 and a designer for the Macnas parades in Galway 2003/04.