



ARTLINK PROGRAMME February – August 2010

Hospital Building: 15th - 22nd June
Saldanha - two galleries: 12th July - 11th August
Hospital Building 13th August - 14th September
Total fee = €700.

Exhibitions at Artlink Gallery Fort Dunree

***Buyers Regret* Martin Boyle** **Fort Dunree Hospital Gallery** **(Gallery Rent €100)**
Dates: 13th August – 14th September
Opening Hours: Thursday – Saturday 2PM – 5PM

Martin Boyle, from Letterkenny produces work that is both playful and performative. Boyle's work represents mass-produced quirky objects and packaging in multiple forms through video and sculptural installations. His work highlights a preoccupation with ideas of value, or lack off, through the use of consumer goods. Always preferring to understate his point, he creates a context where the viewer requires time in order to view the work. Through subtle manipulation or illusion he plays on our need for immediate gratification, with expectation to reveal, to unfold, to expose.
One of four New Art competition winners.

***Babel* by Sam Keogh**
Fort Dunree Hospital Gallery **(Gallery Rent €100)**
Dates: 15th May – 22nd June
Opening Hours: Thursday – Saturday 2PM – 5PM
Dublin based. Keogh's art is made from cheap material, which is pushed beyond its recognizable form, to become imbued with a strange decadence.
Strange objects, which appear to be precious stone, reveal to be made of wax, plastic and tinfoil on closer inspection. The making process of the work raises the question of currency and value.
One of four New Art competition winners.

EARAGAIL ARTS FESTIVAL

***"We will say it has nothing to do with us"* by Jim Ricks**
Fort Dunree Saldanha Gallery 1 **(Gallery Rent €250)**

Dates: 12th July – 11th August
Opening Hours: Thursday – Saturday 2PM – 5PM
Jim Ricks is a native Californian and has lived in the west of Ireland for the last four years. His predisposition for travel and trouble has informed his political perspective and heightened his love of the vernacular aesthetic. Jim received his BFA from the California College of the Arts in photography and his MFA from the NUI, Galway and Burren College of Art programme.
Part of EARAGAIL ARTS FESTIVAL EXHIBITION
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Ursula Burke

Fort Dunree Saldanha Gallery 1 (Gallery Rent €250)

Dates: 12th July – 11th August

Ursula Burke is a multi-media artist based specializing in photography and sculpture. The work contained within this exhibition look's to destabilize representations of Irish cultural authenticity, viewed in contemporary terms.

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Exhibition Data

- **Target:** NW Art & non-art audience & tourists
- **Audience:** 5000
- **Partnerships:** Model Arts and Niland Gallery, Wexford Arts Centre, Pallas Projects, Douglas Hyde, Void, Catalyst Arts EAF & Collective Gallery Edinburgh

Screenings, Events and Festivals

Last Tuesday Movie Night at the Drift Inn, Buncrana

Screening: 7.00 pm on 23rd February, 30th March & 27th April 2010

All welcome, admission is free.

One of the highlights of Artlink programme is *Last Tuesday Movie Night* which as the title suggests is a movie screening on the last Tuesday of the month in the Drift Inn, Buncrana. Each month we provide a selection of music and art movies for you to select – the film that gets the most votes gets shown.

Artlink would like to thank the Drift Inn who kindly allow this monthly event to take place and Kevin McLaughlin who owns this tremendous archive of creative movies.

This project is in partnership with University of Ulster and Void.

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To be confirmed.

Big Pop Children's Art Festival

Dates: 12th – 16th July 10 – 12 daily Early Years (4-6 years) Pop Art €40 per child

Dates: 19th – 23rd July 10.30 – 3pm (7 – 12 years) – Pop Art, Pop Music and Pop Acting €65 per child

Two week children's Art Festival introducing children aged 4 – 12 to art, music and drama. The early years festival will end with a party and showcase in the garden at Tullyarvan Mill on Friday 16th July at 12.30pm. The 7 – 12 years old Big Pop will end with a finale showcase and picnic on the Shorefront on Saturday 24th July 1 – 3pm. Children will showcase carnival costumes in a parade and perform their street art acting techniques plus a music.

Part of Earagail Arts Festival and Buncrana Music and Arts Festival

Facilitators – Crona Lynch, Joanna Mc Glynn and Nicola Keegan

Specials – One-day Workshops

One-day children's workshops

World Community Arts Day

Date: Wednesday 17th February

Time: 4 - 6pm

Age: 14 - 18 yrs

Cost: FREE

The idea behind this event is to create a World Festival Society for a day. Two workshops will be held on the day in the Artlink studios with two of the Artlink staff and qualified artists Elaine Forde and Crona

Lynch. Elaine will introduce young people to street art from around the world, while Crona will focus on process art, to include painting, drawing and collage.

Sunny, Happy Easter Fun

Date: Thursday 8th April

Time: 1 – 4pm

Age Group: 7 – 12 years old

Cost: €10 per child. Booking is essential.

Winter is over, the sun is out and we are full of Easter excitement! So if you fancy joining us to celebrate Easter, come along to our creative spring special art workshop, we will be making lots of sparkling and colourful goodies. This fun day which will inspire children to get making, drawing and painting over the Easter holidays.

Arty Birthday Party

Date: Available on Saturdays

Age Group: 6 – 12 years old

Cost: Cost €10 per child (minimum size per group is seven and maximum is twenty). Booking one week in advance is essential.

If you are looking for a birthday celebration with a difference, why not book a birthday party at Artlink? Our parties offer fun with creativity. The children will work with Artlink staff using art to explore the theme of *celebration*. This party atmosphere is enhanced with party refreshments (juice, fruit and snacks) and a sing-song.

Birthday parties are programmed for Saturday's and are programmed for two hours between the hours of 11am - 3pm. Artlink provide the above party refreshments.

Wake-Up it's Saturday

Date: Saturday 3rd April, 1st May and 5th June

Time: 11AM – 1PM

Age Group: 6 – 12 years old

Cost: €8.00 per child. Booking is essential.

On the first Saturday of every month Artlink invite children from all over Donegal to a special once a month Saturday workshop. Wake-Up it's Saturday will take place in Artlink Buncrana on the first Saturday of every month. Children will learn about famous modern artists and they themselves will become artists for the day. They will mimic the creative style of the artists, learning loads and having great fun.

Day & Evening Classes

Artlink have a variety of day and night classes for children and adults. For a list of classes currently taking place contact Education & Outreach Coordinator Crona Lynch at education@artlink.ie or telephone 074 93 63469.

Children's Art Programmes

OUR TIME

Parent & Toddler Art Club

The aim of Our Time is for parents and their toddlers to spend quality time together once a week while enjoying lots of different arts and crafts activities.

Fridays weekly, 10.30 – 12 noon

Price: €4

EASY LEARNING, EARLY YEARS

Parents / carers and Toddlers

The aim of this 10-week programme is to inspire parents and carers to nurture creativity in children by early intervention through the arts. Two modules will be covered throughout the programme - module one is Art & Creativity and module two will be Imaginative Play. Both are taught by qualified and experienced arts practitioners. During the programme parents / carers will be introduced to the importance of creative and imaginative play in child development by using simple activities to create a fun and safe environment with a hands-on learning approach. This programme is currently happening in Central Library Letterkenny and is funded by Euro Direct.

Youth Art Programmes

HOMEWARD BOUND

This 10-week project is aimed at youth who have an interest in movies and technology. The project offers teenagers the opportunity to discover their locality through new and positive eyes by experimenting with lens-based media while out and about in their locality. This will provide a platform of discovery as the youth search for new places, beauty spots, local knowledge, people and history within their area resulting in a fresh appreciation of their home. This programme is currently happening in Maghera Resource Centre and is funded by Donegal Co.Co. and Údarás na Gaeltacha.

WAYS OF SEEING

This 6-month initiative is aimed at youth interested in art, crafts, design, technology and meeting new people. The programme is focused on contemporary art enabling participants to collaborate with artists, take responsibility in creative decision-making and increase their knowledge of the creative industries. Artistic opportunities include experimenting with different art forms, participating on overnight national gallery trips, visit professional artists in their studio, devising and hosting an exhibition and coordinating their own youth arts day! This programme is currently happening in Buncrana Youth Drop-In Centre and is funded by the Arts Council Young Ensembles Programme. To join this programme contact Coordinator Crona Lynch at education@artlink.ie or telephone the Artlink office on 074 93 63469.

Older Peoples Art Programmes

PICTURE PERFECT

Intergenerational

The aim of this 8-week programme is to engage children with their older community so that a better understanding of each others lives and interests will enable a deeper respect and appreciation within the community. The older people will take on the leadership role by sharing their knowledge of the local area, thus educating the children on the history of their townland. The children will learn about the history of the location and the fashion, games and interests of the children of that time. The result will be a printed postcard of various older peoples memories from the local area. This programme has just finished at Buncrana Nursing Unit and was funded jointly by Buncrana Nursing Unit and Inishowen Development Partnership. To bring this programme to your group contact Crona at the Artlink office on 074 93 63469.

CREATIVE AGEING

Older people and coordinators/leaders

This is a partnership programme between Artlink and Balor DCA. The 10-week programme is aimed at both older people and group leaders working in older peoples services. The objective of the programme is to develop the confidence of the participants in their ability to creatively engage by challenging them to reach their creative and participative potential through having fun and sharing laughter in an arts environment. It is structured so that the initial sessions is led by the facilitator with the group leaders

adopting a wholly participatory role. The facilitators tailor the art forms of drama and the visual arts to the older peoples needs, interests and physical and cognitive abilities. As the programme progresses there is a change in role with the group leaders taking more of an active role, team-teaching with the facilitator by delivering, engaging and eventually leading some activities during the workshops. Some of the activities sampled include decoupage, masked theatre, glass painting, character creations and improvisation, ceramics, card making, exploring folklore and the arts and crafts movement, as well as a gallery trip!

This programme has just finished at St. Johnston Family Resource Centre and was funded by Donegal Local Development Company. To bring this programme to your group contact Crona at the Artlink office on 074 93 63469.

Schools Programmes

Date: Spring Term

Cost: €10 per child. (Minimum group is ten and maximum is sixty)

Booking is essential, dates book up fast, so to avoid disappointment call early.

Artlink's is delighted to be hosting summer school tours for primary schools. The programme for the day has been designed so that children can experience a taste of the visual arts through the sharing of exploration and imagination within an arts environment. These end-of-year visits have always been in great demand and we expect this year to be no different. The workshop can be enjoyed by a variety of ages and will be 2-hours in duration.

The workshops meet the visual arts curriculum learning objectives and curriculum strands such as paint & colour, print and fabric & fibre. The aim is to provide unique and imaginative experiences for children to develop their sensitivity and appreciation of the visual art world.

If your school would like to make a day of its trip to Artlink, the other attractions in Buncrana include the nearby Swan Park, Festival Playpark on the Shorefront, and Dunree Military Museum, which is a 15-minute drive further along the Peninsula.

Telling Tales

Primary Junior

This programme focuses on developing the child's drawing and creative writing skills through the use of ICT to create a digital storyboard. The workshops are designed to nurture the children's imaginations and creativity by combining the strands of drawing, paint and colour, writing and story telling skills through the use of modern technology.

I Love Pop

Primary Senior

This programme has been designed to educate students on the history of Pop Art. Students will look research influential pop artists such as Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Peter Blake, Richard Hamilton, Jasper Johns and Jeff Koons to name a few before designing their own poster in the the Pop Art style.

The City of Superhero's

Primary All Ages

The programme focuses on clay modelling through the use of ICT to create the initial design. Children will create their very own superhero and make your him/her come alive by adapting their drawings on the computer. Once your superhero is finalised on screen begin to make a 3D clay model version to display in the school. The project will end with an exhibition of students work. The strands explored include drawing, clay, ICT, paint and colour, as well as studying a brief history of superheros and comic book creation.

Artist Opportunities / Resources

Artist in Residence

Paul Kerr has been resident artist with Artlink since January 2008. Paul was born in 1965 in Dungannon in the north of Ireland. His love for painting and drawing began in his early teens. By the time he was 16, it was to be an all-consuming passion. He was accepted for Art College in 1983, however he turned down the opportunity, as his life took a different course. It was more than ten years before he started painting again. He moved to Dublin in 1996, determined to devote his time to art, and has been painting professionally since then.

Paul has exhibited throughout Ireland as well as taking part in shows in London, New York, Florence, Milan, Sidney, and Beijing. Paul's work is in Irish and International collections including the Irish Government – Office of Public Works. His online exhibition hosted by the Apollo Gallery, Dublin, in 2003, resulted in an Omni award.

Paul is available to host studio visits and talks to artists, individuals and groups by appointment only via Artlink.

Artist in the Community Programme

Cocoon Project

Artlink will commission artist Joanna Mc Glynn to collaborate with the residents of White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre for a period of 3-months.

Inishowen based artist Joanna Mc Glynn will enable residents to collaborate with her by chronicling their time and experiences at the centre. The outcome will be a sequence of object based works / installations / audio pieces. The collaborative partnership will work with Artlink to curate a final event / exhibition which will take place in Artlink Gallery, Fort Dunree.

Supported by the **Arts Council's Artist in the Community Scheme** managed by **Create**.

Exhibition Opportunities

New Art 2010

New Art is an annual project piloted by Artlink in 2009 to give emerging artists a platform to exhibit their work in a solo exhibition at Artlink Gallery Fort Dunree in 2011. The 2009 winners are Sam Keogh, Jim Ricks, Martin Boyle and Ursula Burke.

New Art 2010 will be launched in spring.

Artist Resources

Artlink has a variety of resources available to artists or interested individuals. These include;

- Artist Studios
- Library
- Digital media suite
- Ceramic and glass kilns
- Professional development advice
- Exhibition and residency opportunities

Artist in the Community

Artists placed each - White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre, Buncrana Nursing Unit & I.C.A.R.E. appropriate to their practice to develop work in collaboration with residents/users.

New Art 2010-11

Piloted by Artlink in 2009, seeks to offer four emerging artists a one-month exhibition, one in 2010 and three in 2011.