

## **Sinéad Hehir**

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### **Artist Statement:**

Dramatic locations where the exuberance of the water is in contrast with the solid, stagnant, emotionless forms.

My immediate response to these locations occurs with the paint, by varying the weight of paint, different textures, thickness, thinness and relationship of it to the canvas surface. My paintings have always revealed a balance of conflicts, calm amongst the chaotic, line versus form, light against dark, representation opposed to expression, imaginary or real, and instinct over rationale. These contrasting and often contradictory aspects are enhanced by the varied weight of paint.

Different visual languages have emerged where interactions of form, colour and space come up against and ambiguity of form and space. The language of the paint uncovers my visual and emotional responses, there is a continuous struggle to achieve a balance between both. Something else emerges from the paintings, the experience, which comes between both the subject matter and the representation.

### **Education:**

2008 - Present BA Honours Degree in Fine Art, C.I.T. Crawford College of Art & Design, Cork.

2005 - 2008 BA Ordinary Degree in Fine Art, C.I.T. Crawford College of Art & Design, Cork.

2004 - 2005 Portfolio preparation course, Coláiste Chathail Naofa, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.  
Fetac (N.C.V.A) level 5 in Art, Craft, & Design. Distinction.

### **Solo Exhibitions:**

2007

“Feels Like Home”

Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

### **Group Exhibitions:**

**2009**

“Site 46” CCAD Honours Degree Show 09

Crawford College of Art & Design, Cork.

“EASCA Easter Group Show”

Joan Clancy Gallery, Mullinahorna, Ring, Co. Waterford.

“Art of Nurture” all Ireland art awards

Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin.

**2008**

“Christmas Show 08”

Joan Clancy Gallery, Mullinahorna, Ring, Co. Waterford.

“Fledglings”  
Lavitt Gallery, Fr. Matthew St. Cork City.

“SAA artist of the year 2008”  
Waterperry Gardens, Waterperry, Oxfordshire, England.

“3 Degrees” 3rd year Ordinary Degree Show  
Old ESB building, Caroline Street, Cork City.

“Sr/Sd (signifier/signified)”  
James Barry Exhibition Centre, Cork Institute of Technology.

## **2007**

“Blank Space” Exhibition Centre  
Cork Institute of Technology

## **2006**

“Fledglings” Old Market house Arts Centre  
Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

### **Awards and Achievements:**

Finalist in ‘Art of Nurture’ all Ireland art awards 2008 - 2009, Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin, January 15th 2009.

Chairperson of Degree show committee 2009, Crawford College of Art & Design.

Finalist in the SAA (society for all Artists), Artist of the year 2008, highly Commended.

Short listed and selected for Cork University Hospital (CUH), year long exhibition 2008.

‘Best Action Photograph’, New Media end of year show, C.I.T. 2008

Selected as curator for 3rd year exhibition “sr/sd” 2008.

Cork institute of Technology purchased a painting of mine to present to Mr. George Hook.

### **Commissions:**

Commissioned by Dungarvan Town Council for Public Portrait, 2009.

### **Collections:**

George Hook, T.V. personality and Radio Pundit

Árd Scoil na ndéise, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors, South Mall, Cork

St. Josephs Hospital, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

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