

## **Charles Tyrrell Selects**

### **Cork Printmakers**

12 – 20 July 2008

KAW Gallery 1, Mezzanine Londis, Pearse Street, Kinsale

**Johnny Bugler, Lorraine Cooke, Zoe D’Alton, Aisling Dolan, Michael Donovan, Morgan Doyle, June Fairhead, Angela Fewer, Heike Finn, Debbie Godsell, Sean Hanrahan, Marianne Keating, Jo Kelley, Keith Kennedy, David Lilburn, Eimearjean McCormack, Peter McMorris, Donna McNamara, Frieda Meaney, Brid Moynahan, Ben Reilly.**

An exhibition of work from Cork Printmakers selected by the highly-regarded Irish artist Charles Tyrrell will be on show during Kinsale Arts Week from 12 – 20 July 2008. The exhibition will present work from twenty-one artists and members of Cork Printmakers fine art print workshop, featuring a range of printmaking processes, from digital screenprint, etching, monoprint, drypoint to lithography.

Johnny Bugler’s dramatically atmospheric work in drypoint inspired by the stark landscape of the Burren will be represented, and in contrast, etchings by Frieda Meaney embrace the warm tones of Spain in her exploration of the rituals of the bull ring and the ancient symbology which surrounds the bull. The imagined world of mythology and fairy tale combined with the artist’s own personal history are finely executed in the etchings and lithographs of Jo Kelley. Ben Reilly’s large-scale photo intaglio and spit-bite prints use images of wax casts from figures which evoke strong feelings of loss and ultimate solitude. This exhibition of over thirty works exemplifies the strength and skill of printmaking in Ireland today.

**Kinsale Arts Week** is a multi-disciplinary arts festival that takes place annually. It commissions new work in all genres and supports both established and emerging artists. The programme features local, national and international work including visual art, theatre, music, literature, film, dance, architecture, and family entertainment. There is a keen emphasis on community involvement in the festival with many members of the community engaged in year-round festival projects. The festival seeks to use all possible performance spaces in the historic town including the harbour, the streets, boats, churches and any unused spaces available. The audience at home and from abroad is invited to experience the festival and celebrate creativity!

**Cork Printmakers** is a permanent, non-profit making fine art print workshop providing facilities, materials, support and artistic opportunities for both established and emerging artists. Activities include national and international exhibitions of members’ work, comprehensive adult education and artist-in-school programmes, as well as public lectures and artist residencies. Cork Printmakers offers bursaries to graduates of the Crawford College of Art and Design, Waterford Institute of Technology and Limerick School of Art which range from full membership to free participation in the educational programme. The workshop currently facilitates over ninety member artist/printmakers. An ongoing and changing programme of framed and unframed work is on show on the second floor, and opens to the public all year round.

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