

## *Doorways and Windows*

A group exhibition with artists Orla Bates, Gemma Browne, John Busher, Serena Caulfield, Helen Gaynor, Mirona Mara, and Ciara Roche.

Curated by Rayne Booth

Stonebridge, Paul's Quay (beside TK MAXX)  
Opening Launch: Saturday 15 October at 2pm

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Wex-Arts Festival  
15 Oct - 1 Nov

Wex-Arts Festival is pleased to present *Doorways and Windows*, a group exhibition at Paul Quay, Wexford Town. The exhibition will open on Saturday 15 October at 2pm and all are welcome to attend.

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### ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES

**Órla Bates'** exhibitions include Cairde Visual, Hamilton Gallery, Sligo Arts Festival (2022), Cotyledon, LA (2022), Winter Open 21, The Courthouse Gallery (2021), Peripheries MEET, Peripheries Space, Gorey School of Art, Wexford, From the Mountain, Wexford Arts Centre and the Arts Council collection (2019), Halftone, The Library Project, Dublin, Cairde Visual, The Model, Sligo and RHA Annual Exhibition, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin.

**Gemma Browne** has exhibited widely in Ireland and internationally and has received many awards including from the Arts Council of Ireland. Recent shows include Irish Art Now, Pallas Contemporary Projects at The Irish Georgian Society, Paper Cuts at Saatchi Gallery, London, SuprEYES at the Lexicon Gallery, Dun Laoghaire, While Supplies Last in Seattle, Faces, Places and Spaces at New Art Projects in London and Got It for Cheap at Agnes B HQ in Paris and The Hole Gallery, New York.

Selected solo exhibitions by **John Busher** include Tidal Ballads Sung Wrong, City Assembly House, Dublin (2022), We Often Forget, The Complex, Dublin (2020), Jostle, Pallas Projects, Dublin (2017), Floorplan, NAG Gallery, Dublin (2015). Selected group exhibitions include SIFT, Wilton Castle, Wexford (2020), Cairde Visual, The Model, Sligo, (2019) Paper Cuts, Saatchi Gallery, London, GIFC, The Hole, New York, Beep Painting Biennial, Elysium gallery, Swansea (2018), Impressions Biennial, CCAM, GMIT, Galway, And Creatures Dream... A New Language..., Wexford County Council & Wexford Arts Centre, Wexford.

Solo shows by **Helen Gaynor** include Wexford Arts Centre; Invited artist at Eigse, Carlow; Garter Lane, Waterford; the Hallward Gallery, Dublin; Newtownbarry House, Bunclody; Peyriac de Mer, France and the Creative Hub, Wexford. She has exhibited in group shows at Velletri, Italy; The West Wales Arts Centre at Fishguard (Cape Sacred in 2022) and Art from Small Nations at Machynlleth, Wales.

**Serena Caulfield** has exhibited regionally and nationally. Recent group shows include BEEP Painting Biennial, Wales, GENERATION2022: New Irish Painting, Butler Gallery, Kilkenny and Zurich Portrait Prize, at the National Gallery of Ireland and Crawford Art Gallery, 140th Annual Royal Ulster Academy Exhibition, Belfast, Crossings at King House, Boyle Arts Festival (2021), and MEET at Periphery Space, Gorey School of Art, (2021). Recent awards include The Arts Council of Ireland Visual Arts Bursary, Platform 31 Artist Bursary, an ArtLinks Visual Arts Bursary and an Arts Council Agility Award. Serena has an MA in Fine Art from NUA, Norwich, UK (2009) and a BA from Gorey School of Art and Wexford Campus School of Art and Design, IT Carlow.

**Mirona Mara's** work is an exploration of the mind's inner landscapes, the various shades of human nature, a continual search for raw emotion. Whether it is messy charcoal, black ink and sepia, watercolour or different types of clay, the message is poetic and genuine, an invitation for introspection, in a mindful, open minded way. Mirona studied art and journalism in Romania and continued her academic studies in Ireland, where she moved in 2003, and graduated with a first class Honours Degree in Fine Art.

**Ciara Roche** is a recipient of Visual Arts - Arts Council and ArtLinks bursaries and was shortlisted for the biannual Hennessy Craig Award with the Royal Hibernian Academy in 2022; she won the Éigse Graduate Prize for outstanding work in VISUAL with Carlow Arts Festival in 2020.

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The exhibition runs to Tuesday 1 November at Unit 2 Paul Quay, Wexford Town (beside TK Maxx) and opening hours are Monday to Sunday, 12-4pm.

The Wex-Arts Festival is supported by the **Arts Council, Wexford County Council** and **Wexford Arts Centre**.

For further information on *Doorways and Windows* and the exhibiting artists please log on to [www.wexfordartscentre.ie](http://www.wexfordartscentre.ie).

