

## CIAS towards 2012 – 50 years a growing

Dear Members,

The Siar Exhibition at the Irish Museum of Modern Art in 2006 became the public face of the huge success of the Contemporary Irish Art Society as it headed towards its fiftieth anniversary in 2012. As we face into the new millennium however, much has changed in Irish society, and Irish art, since the society's founding moment in 1962. Ireland, like the rest of the world has witnessed an expansion of art forms, and media together with concurrent changes in art practice and forms of exhibition. No longer is art confined to painting and sculpture, but embraces them alongside an expanded field that includes photography, installation, performance, film, video, land art, and new forms of sculpture. The new council wishes to acknowledge these changes at the same time supporting artists across all media, both 'traditional' and new.

1. It is proposed to provide a series of lectures relating to issues and variety of forms of contemporary art.

2. Allied to these will be a number of events that include visits to selected exhibitions. These will not however, preclude exhibitions or artists working in more 'traditional' ways.

3. As a contribution to the work of artists, a modest bursary is proposed which will be given to an artist selected by a special sub-committee. This is envisaged as contributing to the CIAS aim of providing artist support as well as increasing awareness of the CIAS. Thus any literature relating to the artist's work will require acknowledgement of the CIAS Bursary.

4. Allied to 3, it is proposed that a small contribution can be made to selected artist catalogues which would also require acknowledgement.

5. The council also wishes to continue the very successful outings for a modest fee, some of which will be arranged in tandem with other art organisations.

6. Increased collaboration with like organisations in Ireland, Northern Ireland and Britain will be fostered as well as a drive to attract younger members around the country.
7. Artists who have benefited from the CIAS over the years will be involved in the society in various ways.

With the continuing support of existing members and the hope of many more in the future, the CIAS looks forward to strengthening the scope of its work as the only independent body devoted to contemporary art in Ireland with a proud track record.

*The Council of the  
Contemporary Irish Arts  
Society.*

## New council for 2009/2010

At the council meeting held at the Arts Club on 26/08/09 Mary Touhy, was elected as chairwoman, Brenda Moore-McCann, was elected as vice-chairwoman. Council members Adrienne Symes, and Catherine Boland continue their roles as Hon. Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Marcella Senior continues as a council member and we were joined by newly elected member at the AGM, Rossa Hurley, a recent graduate in art history with a special interest in Irish art in the twentieth century. The following new members were co-opted to the council, Desmond Finnegan who counts the late Gordon Lambert as a mentor and who was inspired by his philosophy that art could be enriching, enthralling and enlightening and finally Olivier Cornet, curator and artist representative.

## Remembering Robert Mooney

Robert Mooney, our former Treasurer, passed away in May after a short illness. He and his wife Carmel, were long-time loyal members of the Society. Robert dedicated his time most generously whether by his financial expertise or producing the SIAR DVD which highlighted the Society's achievements during its first fifty years. He was a firm believer in how the CIAS could promote younger artists and act as a forum for members who wished to develop their own art appreciation. Council members past and present share in the loss suffered by Carmel and his family, because it is our loss too. We hope that the CIAS will continue to reflect his aspirations, hopes and dreams for the Society and will thus be a tribute to his memory.  
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## Your views

This newsletter is for you the members and we would like to hear your views, comments and thoughts on the organised events and the society. We would also welcome anybody who would like to write a short review of a particular event. For all the budding photographers amongst you we would love to receive photographs of all our events so that we can include them in future editions. Please let us know if you would like to receive notices by email. Please contact Catherine Boland, Hon. Secretary Email: bolandc@eircom.net Mobile: 086-2480433

## Upcoming Events

Here are our upcoming events for the autumn. Please see booking form enclosed. In the interest of keeping costs low we would encourage those you are driving to out-of-town events to offer lifts to those in need of transport if at all possible.

### 19 September, 2.30 p.m. IMMA

Tour and lecture of Alan Phelan exhibition. (Other exhibitions running at IMMA that can be visited as part of this event - Terry Winters, Artworks from the Bank of Ireland collection)

### 23 October, 2.30 p.m. Royal Hibernian Academy

Tour and talk of Sonia Sheils exhibition.

### 7 November, 2.30p.m. Dublin City Gallery, The Hugh Lane The Hillsboro Gallery

Tour of Francis Bacon Centenary Exhibition

Visit to the Hillsboro Gallery to view the John Noel Smith exhibition

### December 5, 1.30 p.m. sharp, annual gallery trawl.

Its that time of year again and with the continuing cooperation and charming hospitality of our contemporary art galleries in Dublin we have organised the following line-up for this year's trawl:

#### 1.30 p.m. Temple Bar Gallery and Studios

#### 2.00 p.m. Graphic Studio Gallery

#### 3.00 p.m. Hallward Gallery,

#### 3.45 p.m. Peppercanister Gallery

#### 4.15 p.m. Ib Jorgensen Gallery

#### 5.00 p.m. The Arts Club

We would like to invite you to join us for mulled wine and mince pies at the Arts Club to thank you for your continued support and to celebrate a wonderful day of contemporary art in Dublin.

### 2010

Kicking off the New Year in style is a trip to the stunning new Visual Centre for Contemporary Arts in Carlow. Date to be announced.