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The ladder is always there

Shell/Ter Artist Collective (S/TAC) with 10 Emerging Artists

Fri 08 Dec 2023 — Sat 03 Feb 2024

Ground and First Floor Galleries

Curated by the S/TAC Collective

Shell/Ter Artist Collective (S/TAC): Diana Copperwhite, Allyson Keehan, Niamh McGuinne, Sharon Murphy, Geraldine O'Neill

Ten emerging artists: Maya Brezing, Matthew Coll, Karen Ebbs, Spencer Glover, Ami Jackson, Mary Martin, Fiach McGuinne, Sorcha McNamara, Eileen Leonard Sealy and Catherine Ward

The exhibition's title, the ladder is always there, is from the poem 'Diving into the Wreck' by the feminist American poet Adrienne Rich who conjures the image of a woman preparing for a deep sea scuba dive to explore a shipwreck. The ladder can be understood as both an object and as a metaphor for support and movement, always there.

The main focus of this exhibition is to highlight the role of an artist collective as a form of support for early career artists and to encourage collective action through art. It presents new works by recent graduates alongside more established artists in drawing, painting and its expanded forms - photography, print, film, installation - which take inspiration from or which reference painting, both materially and conceptually.

The Shell/Ter Artist Collective explores the concept of shelter from emotional, psychological, philosophical perspectives and seeks to provide a dynamic space for artists whose work resonates with or delves into the theme of shelter. This is closely aligned with Draíocht's commitment to supporting young, early career artists from Dublin 15, Fingal County and beyond through commissions, exhibitions, studio residencies, bespoke mentoring and international exchange.

Artist Collectives are not new. From ancient sculpture workshops, medieval painter guilds, Renaissance master studios and schools of the French and other European art academies to the modernist collectives of the Dadaists, the Situationists, the Bauhaus and the Fluxus Group, shared identity, common purpose and egalitarian values underpin much of the desire to work as a group.

The Shell/Ter Artist Collective (S/TAC) evolved organically during the 2020 pandemic and was driven by a desire of the artists to talk about the effects, both personal and professional, of a shifting and unpredictable world. In this dynamic space the artists found ways to explore, enrich and diversify their independent practice while supporting one another. S/TAC is delighted to expand this space to enfold ten emerging artists whose work is engaging, dynamic and bold.

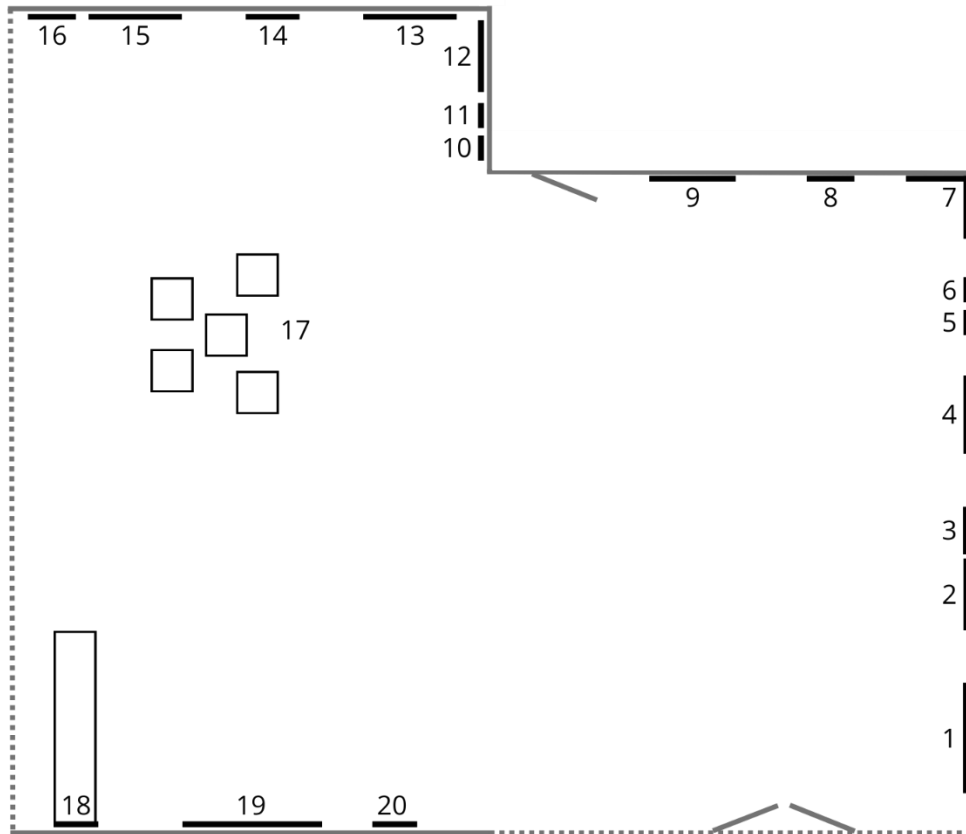
The ladder is always there is accompanied by a programme for children & young people.

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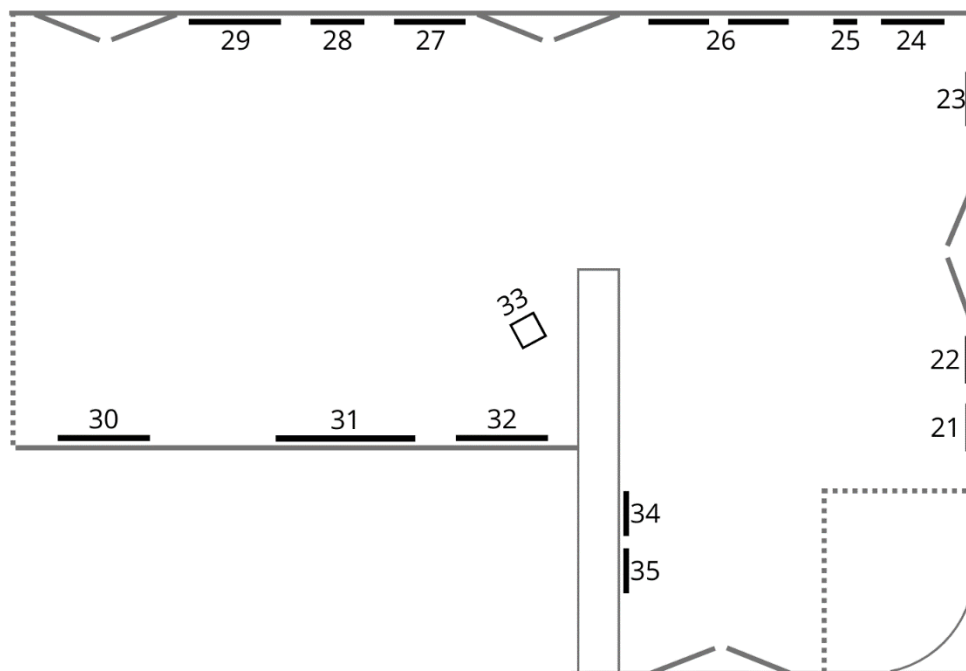
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Ground Floor Gallery



First Floor Gallery



List of Works

Ground Floor Gallery

Anti-clockwise, starting from the right of the entrance

- 1. Remembering old wars, 2023.** Eileen Leonard Sealy
50 x 100 cm, Diptych, Oil & Acrylic on Canvas
€375
- 2. ALLTAR 3, 2023.** Mary Martin
120 x 80 cm, Acrylic and collage on canvas
€800
- 3. ALLTAR 4, 2023.** Mary Martin
60 x 40 cm, Acrylic and collage on canvas
€400
- 4. Cardboard Drape Fantasy No.1 2023.** Allyson Keehan
40 x 105cm, Cardboard
€800
- 5. New Shoots, 2023.** Maya Brezing
16 x 22cm, Photo-etching and acrylic paint on handmade paper
€400 framed | Edition of One
- 6. Gutter Growth, 2023.** Maya Brezing
18 x 23cm, Photo-etching and acrylic paint on handmade paper
€400 framed | Edition of One
- 7. Dusty Sundays, 2023.** Matthew Coll
70 x 120cm, Diptych, Oil painting on canvas
€1000
- 8. Strange Desire: Pink Satin, 2023.** Allyson Keehan
32 x 64cm, Oil on panel with artist frame and chain
€1160
- 9. (Nonesuch) Ensemble, 2023.** Sorcha McNamara
166 x 97 cm, Mixed media installation/assemblage
POA
- 10. Loughshinny (Drumanagh), 2023.** Catherine Ward
20 x 20cm, Oil on canvas
€140
- 11. Island, 2023.** Catherine Ward
20 x 20cm, Oil on canvas
€140
- 12. Sanitary Construction, 2021.** Fiach McGuinne
140 x 100cm, Oil and acrylic on canvas
€950
- 13. bubble, 2023.** Ami Jackson
65 x 90 cm, Oil on canvas, acrylic, collage elements, sumi ink
€580
- 14. Paler Prisms 2, 2023.** Diana Copperwhite
80 x 80 cm, Oil on canvas,
€9000
- 15. Magenta Moon, 2022.** Karen Ebbs
100 x 100 cm, Tondo, inks on handmade paper
Not for sale
- 16. Becoming II, 2022.** Karen Ebbs
30 X 25 cm, Oils on birchwood
Individual price €400 / Collection of 3 €1,050
- 17. Diminished Vision, 2022.** Geraldine O'Neill
Sculptural painting installation
POA
- 18. A word in the ear, 2023.** Niamh McGuinne
600 x 34cm, Transferred monoprint and etching on polyester film
€2750
- 19. Interval, 2017.** Sharon Murphy
135 x 109 cm Large format 5 x 4 photographic print on fine art barayta archival paper
€1,200 framed | €900 unframed
- 20. Made In China 35, 2023.** Spencer Glover
60 x 44cm, Photograph on Photo Rag
€400 unframed | €800 framed

First Floor Gallery

Anti-clockwise, starting from the right of the staircase

- 21. Becoming, 2022.** Karen Ebbs
30 X 25 cm, Diptych, Oils on birchwood
Individual price €400 / Collection of 3 €1,050
- 22. Becoming III, 2022.** Karen Ebbs
30 X 25 cm, Diptych, Oils on birchwood
Individual price €400 / Collection of 3 €1,050
- 23. Péarla, 2022.** Mary Martin
80 x 60 cm, Acrylic on canvas
€650
- 24. MacDara, 2021.** Fiach McGuinne
60 x 80 cm, Oil on satin
€800
- 25. Lazy Eye/Minty, 2021.** Sorcha McNamara
19 x 17.5 cm, Oil painting, perspex, recycled laminate wood
€585
- 26. Doppleganger, Diptych 2022/2023.**
Sharon Murphy & Geraldine O'Neill
140 x 100 cm Photographic print on Photo Rag archival paper with pencil, gouache and acrylic
POA Edition of One
- 27. Aloft, Adrift, 2022.** Sorcha McNamara
76 x 20 cm, Oil and glue, recycled wood
€585
- 28. bighug, 2023.** Ami Jackson
65 x 90 cm, Oil on canvas, acrylic, collage elements, sumi ink
€580
- 29. Windows full of sea light, 2023.** Eileen Leonard Sealy
100 x 100 cm, Oil & Acrylic on Canvas
€900
- 30. Looking Downwards, 2023.** Catherine Ward
80 x 100cm, Oil and acrylic on canvas
€620
- 31. The Constraints of Time Travel, 2023.** Matthew Coll
41.5 x 124.5cm, Triptych, Oil painting on canvas,
€1000
- 32. Jenga, 2023.** Diana Copperwhite
80 x 80 cm, Oil on canvas,
€9000
- 33. Red/Object, 2018.** Allyson Keehan
20 x 23cm, Oil on panel with artist frame and chain
€700
- 34. Made In China 29, 2023.** Spencer Glover
60 x 44cm, Photograph on Photo Rag
€400 unframed | €800 framed | Edition of 12
- 35. Made In China 26, 2023.** Spencer Glover
60 x 44cm, Photograph on Photo Rag
€400 unframed | €800 framed | Edition of 12

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