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SCULPTOR

I was born in Dublin in 1952 and am a graduate of NCAD. I live in Kells, Co.Meath.

I have been working as a full time professional sculptor since 1989, and have been commissioned to do many public sculptures. I work in bronze, stainless steel, stone and ceramic as appropriate to each piece.

I believe in Public Art and its discourse with people. I think that Art should provoke a reaction and that the people who are going to live around and with the piece should have an input into its development. Thus, wherever possible the engagement of community in the organic process from concept to development to execution is very important to me. I find that the combination of my experience and skill with the views and ideas of others is a formula that works well for me. Furthermore, I believe that public work should engage with the past, present and future.

My oeuvre is dominated by my interest in the human figure, history, myth and nature.

My pieces, both from the studio and in the public forum, relate to man's relationship with his environment and much of my work focuses on that.

I love detail; I want the viewer to continue to find something new in a piece on each subsequent viewing.

I also undertake a lot of private small commissions. For these, I usually work in ceramic, where I can use color and tell stories. I make special presentation pieces as well as birthday and anniversary gifts, all in co-operation with the people who are commissioning them. I try to make something special that talks to, and of that person, incorporating their life and story in the art.

My studio work is my personal response to my environment and experience and has been shown recently in an exhibition called "Ten Thousand Words" at the Solstice Art Centre, Navan, Co. Meath

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EDUCATION

1975 Graduated from the National College of Art and Design, Dublin, majoring in Sculpture.

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

1976 - 1989 Worked in art related positions including teaching art and working as a technician in a bronze foundry. Work has featured in many group and solo exhibitions.

AWARDS & BURSARIES

2014 Carton House prize for best sculpture 2014 at the Vanishing Art Exhibition

2010 Shortlisted for LAMA Award for Best Public Sculpture 2010 for Vere Foster Memorial Sculpture

2010 Annamakerrig Artists Retreat awarded by Meath Co. Council

2009 Shortlisted for LAMA Award for Best Public Sculpture for the JFK Memorial Sculpture

2009 Cill Riallaig Artists Retreat

1999 Annamakerrig Artists Retreat awarded by Meath Co. Council

PUBLIC SCULPTURE

1992 - Present Completed many public sculptures in bronze, steel and stoneware.

CATALOGUE

2014	"Ar Aigh le Cheile"	Ceramic wall panels, 8ft by 4ft, in co-operation with the students Scoil Naomh Muire Primary School, Donore, Co. Meath Commissioned by the school
2013	"Mol an Oige"	Bronze life-size sculptures Athboy Community School, Co. Meath Commissioned by Athboy Community School
2013	"Birr Gateway Sculpture"	Concrete column with life-size stainless steel figures Birr, Co. Offaly Commissioned by Offaly Co. Council
2013	"JFK Podium"	Replica bronze commemorative podium Georges Quay, New Ross, Co. Wexford Commissioned by New Ross Town Council
2012	"Mote Grainne Og"	Replacement stainless steel and bronze sculpture Dun na Si Heritage and Amenity Park, Moate, Co. Westmeath Commissioned by Westmeath Co. Council
2012	Wall Plaques	Ceramic and bronze relief panels St. Mary's Convent Primary School, Trim, Co. Meath Commissioned by St. Mary's Convent Primary School

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2011	Centerpiece	Ceramic panel of High King of Navan & Salmon of Knowledge Town Council Chambers, Navan, Co. Meath Commissioned by Navan Town Council
2010	“Silver Brosna”	Stainless steel and bronze installation Mullingar Town Park, Co. Westmeath Commissioned by Westmeath County Council
2009	“Vere Foster”	Life-size bronze figure Tallanstown, Co. Louth Commissioned by Kildare Co. Council
2009	“Laurence Gilson Memorial Sculpture”	Bronze life-size bronze portrait of school founder with two children Oldcastle, Co. Meath Commissioned by Gilson School Board of Governors
2009	“Spring to Autumn”	Bronze old man with toddler, footprints on limestone base Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath Commissioned by Meath Co. Council
2008	“Marketplace Panels”	Five bronze relief panels depicting market traders Georges St., Newbridge, Co. Kildare Commissioned by Kildare Co. Council
2008	“Mote Grainne Og”	Four metre bronze and stainless steel figure of local Brehon Princess N6 Kilbeggan to Athlone Motorway, Co. Westmeath Commissioned by Westmeath County Council
2007	“JFK Memorial Artwork”	Curved limestone wall with life-size figure and bronze relief New Ross Quay, New Ross, Co. Wexford Commissioned by New Ross Town Council
2006	“At the Canal”	Limestone canal lock with bronze figure of child Kilcock, Co. Kildare Commissioned by Kildare County Council
2005	“Cuchulainn the Warrior”	Nine foot high stoneware and gold figure on limestone wall Loughcrew Historic Gardens, Loughcrew, Co. Meath Commissioned by Emily Naper
2004	“Snamh”	Five foot bronze swimmer Drumsna, Co. Leitrim Commissioned by Leitrim County Council
2003	“O’Carolan”	Larger than life-size bronze sculpture of Turlough O’Carolan Nobber, Co. Meath Commissioned by O’Carolan Harp Festival Committee
2001	“Sea God Manannan”	Eight foot long by fifteen foot high bronze boat Soldiers Point, Dundalk Bay, Dundalk, Co. Louth Commissioned by Louth County Council
2000	“Geall na Mi”	Millenium sculpture Meath County Hall, Navan, Co. Meath Commissioned by Meath County Council
1999	“Spirit of Creativity”	Four foot bronze sculpture on steel ring Loughcrew Historic Gardens, Loughcrew, Co. Meath Commissioned by Emily Naper

1998	“Ferdia and Cuchulainn”	Two seven and a half foot bronze warriors Ardee, Co. Louth Commissioned by Louth County Council
1997	“Travel Through Time”	Nine foot bronze spiral Fiat Ireland Headquarters, Naas Rd. Roundabout, Co. Dublin Commissioned by Fiat Ireland
1995	“Madonna and Child”	Life-size figure of the Madonna and Child Cork City, Co. Cork Commissioned by Cork City Council
1994	“Children Playing Football”	Three life-size figures of children playing football Mayfield, Co. Cork Commissioned by Cork City Council
1993	“Gateway to Meath”	Nine foot bronze man with thirteen foot high bronze gate The Clonee Bypass, Clonee, Co. Meath Commissioned by Meath County Council
1992	“Irish Goat”	Six foot high bronze goat, The Goat, Goatstown, Co. Dublin Commissioned by Charlie Chawke

PRIVATE COMMISSIONS

Private commissions command the majority of my time and energy, and thus make up the main body of my work. This is a direct result of word-of-mouth, an enduring reputation and reliable private collectors.

EXHIBITIONS

My work has been shown in Cork, Dublin, London and Meath in group exhibitions. Larger solo exhibitons have been in Meath and Dublin.