



KENNY  
GALLERY



**Kennys Bookshop & Art Gallery**  
Exhibitions Schedule | June – December, 2023



**Kennys' has its foundation in books, established as a bookshop in Galway in 1940 - however we have also exhibited visual art from the very beginning.**

The Kenny Gallery was formally established as the first commercial art gallery in the West of Ireland over 50 years ago, and we host solo and group exhibitions each year, and we actively promote emerging talent.

Over the years we have showcased the work of emerging Irish artists, many of whom have become household names - the works of Jack Yeats, Paul Henry, Sean Keating, George Campbell, Louis le Brocqy, Andy Warhol, Salvador Dalí, Sidney Nolan and many others have hung on the walls of Kennys.

*Cover image: Mario Sughi, Summer Rest, 2016, digital painting on canvas, mounted on dibond (unique), 68.4x62.7cm. To be exhibited, Summer Show from June 16.*

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July 14 – August 8 | **Monarch, Luke McMullan** *New paintings, Galway International Arts Festival*

August 12 – 29 | **Tom Kenny's Old Galway** *Photographs, Heritage Week 2023*

September 1 – 26 | **Kenneth Webb** *New paintings, celebrating 70 years*

September 30 – October 24 | **John Behan RHA** *New sculpture*

October 27 – November 21 | **Lorna's Garden, Jay Murphy** *New paintings*

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Shane Berkery, *Upon Reflection*, oil on canvas, 120x120cm

## June 16 – July 11 | **Summer Show**

### *Various Artists*

*In the first of two major annual group exhibitions this year, our **Summer Show** will feature a host of artists representing Italy, Germany, Australia, Japan and the US, as well as Ireland.*

*Wide-ranging styles and media will excite all tastes - paintings, sculpture, graphics and more will feature.*

*Established artists invited include Lola Donoghue, Shane Berkery, John Morris, Mario Sughi, George Callaghan, Susan Hazard, Bernadette Madden and many more, and the exhibition will showcase some artists exhibiting with us for the first time.*

*All of the works included are available for sale, and a broad scale of prices to suit all budgets will offer wonderful investment opportunities and chances for those dipping their toe for the first time.*

**Open from Friday June 16, gallery hours 9:00-17:00, Monday to Saturday.**







Luke McMullan, *Long Live The King*, 32x12in (2022) | Gerry Hanberry and Luke McMullan pictured at the official opening

July 14 – August 8 | **Monarch, Luke McMullan**

*New paintings, Galway International Arts Festival*

Official opening Friday July 14, 18:00

Opening Friday, 14 July as part of Galway International Arts Festival 2023, Monarch is a collection of new paintings by Luke McMullan that celebrates the transformative power of renewal and invites the viewer to reflect on their own potential for growth and transformation.

Monarch butterflies, crowns or halos, and the ensō all symbolise fragility and strength, a celebration of life, absolute enlightenment, elegance, the universe, and mu (the void).

Featuring a diverse range of mediums and techniques, the exhibition invites the viewer to find beauty and hope in even the darkest moments and to embrace the endless possibilities for growth and change within us all.

Luke McMullan's introduction to art came through writing graffiti in the 90s when he adopted the pseudonym 'Stix'. He has been honing his craft ever since, and although he no longer paints on walls, graffiti's organic and adaptive nature is at the foundation of the art he produces today.







# Tom Kenny's

# OLD GALWAY

## AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS

Celebrating 50 years of  
Tom's *Galway Advertiser*  
newspaper column

**August 12 – 29, 2023**

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MRS & MRS BRODREICK FROM BALLINTEMPLE ON WILLIAMSGATE ST., GALWAY, C. 1885

August 12 – 29 | **Tom Kenny's Old Galway** *Heritage Week 2023*

*An Exhibition of Photographs, celebrating 50 years of Tom's Galway Advertiser newspaper column. Forty-five Galway City images from the 19th and 20th centuries.*

**Official opening by the Mayor of Galway City, Cllr Eddie Hoare on Saturday August 12, at 3:00pm.**

Curated by local historian Tom Kenny, the images will depict a social history of Galway city in the late 19th and 20th centuries. Photographs of various city streets including Quay Street and Cross Street, market scenes, old shops and residences, workers, sporting activities and transport are all represented. Many of the images are printed on a very large scale, every detail a talking point!

Tom Kenny has been a local historian in Galway for most of his life and this year sees the celebration of his fiftieth year writing weekly Old Galway columns on the city's history for the Galway Advertiser newspaper. He also co-hosts a weekly Old Galway Diary podcast together with Ronnie O'Gorman.

The exhibition will be launched at 3pm on Saturday, August 12th by Mayor of Galway city, Cllr Eddie Hoare and all are welcome. The exhibition is being funded by Galway City Council.

Tom Kenny's Old Galway will run from Saturday August 12th-29th at The Kenny Gallery, Liosbán Retail Park, Tuam Road, Galway (open Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm). A selection of the images are for sale.

*Some of the images included in the exhibition, from the collection of Tom Kenny:*



THE POTATO MARKET, THE SMALL CRANE c.1900





*'CHECKING OUT THE COMPETITION' AT THE FAIR, EYRE SQUARE c.1880*



*CLASSROOMS DIVIDED BY PARTITIONS IN ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE, c.1900*





*SOME PUNTERS AT THE GALWAY RACES c.1950*



*THE CHRISTMAS MARKET c.1950*





*BUTTERMILK LANE c.1900*



Tom Kenny has been publishing old photographs of Galway every week in the Galway Advertiser since the early 1970s, marking 50 years in 2023. He has built up an important archive of images which could be said to represent a visual social history of the city over a period of about 150 years. This exhibition is a kind of trawl through our heritage, a selection of photographs of different vintages and illustrating the changing streetscapes, the fairs and markets, some of the games and pastimes, the different styles of dress and some of the characters of yesteryear.





*Kenneth Webb, Footsteps in a Bog, Oil on Canvas, 16x40in*

September 1 – 26 | **Kenneth Webb**

*Webb, 70 Years at Kennys*

Official opening Friday September 1

A 70-year relationship between an artist and a gallery is likely unprecedented, certainly in Irish terms, but that is how long the painter Kenneth Webb and Kennys have been working together.

Since he first walked in their door in Galway, both the gallery and the artist's work have gone through many changes. He has painted his way through a variety of themes and into a world-wide reputation.

In all those years there has always been one constant in his work, colour!

For Webb, at 96 years of age, colour is still magical and exciting, and induces in him great bouts of painting.

His work has been described as 'homage to the secret life of colour', and he's certainly a dedicated painter, always driven to bold new experiments in paint.

This exhibition includes a return to some favourite subjects for Kenneth, the bogs and bog pools, the wildflowers and rocks of Connemara – and we also have a number of important retrospective works to augment the vibrant new paintings.

**The exhibition will continue daily 9.00-5.00, Monday to Saturday until September 26 - admission is free and all are welcome.**

[View or download the catalogue for the Webb, 70 Years at Kennys >](#)

*Drone Destroyer, Bronze, Unique, 26x14x6in © John Behan (2023)*

# John Behan RHA Across the Bitter Sea

New Sculpture  
The Kenny Gallery, Galway



30 SEPTEMBER - 24 OCTOBER 2023

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*John Behan, Woman Alone: Kherson, Bronze, Unique, 18x14x10in*





*John Behan, Dedalus, Bronze, Unique, 12x23x4.5in*

## **John Behan RHA** **Across the Bitter Sea**

New Sculpture | September 30 – October 24, 2023 | The Kenny Gallery, Galway

*Across the Bitter Sea* is a collection of new works in bronze by renowned sculptor John Behan.

Behan, who recently featured in a major film documentary biography by Donald Taylor Black, perhaps Ireland's pre-eminent artist in his medium, celebrates 50 years exhibiting at Kennys.

Primarily a continuation of the artist's important 'migrants' work, including striking new versions of his iconic famine ship, the exhibition will also feature explorations of Ukrainian migrant themes.

Classic Behans, in the form of flights of birds and bulls, will also be exhibited in what demonstrates an artist at the height of his powers.

The exhibition will be officially opened at the Kenny Gallery on Saturday 30th September by poet John F. Deane.

*The artist dedicates this exhibition to the memory of Fr. Kevin O'Neill.*

You are cordially invited  
to the official opening  
of  
Across the Bitter Sea  
An exhibition of new works in bronze  
by  
JOHN BEHAN RHA  
at the Kenny Gallery, Galway  
on  
Saturday 30th September, 2023  
at 2:30 for 3:00pm

Guest Speaker:  
JOHN F. DEANE  
Poet

- Free Admission - Refreshments will be served



*John Behan, Famine Ship, Bronze, 18x18x10in*



**A small selection of the sculptures in the exhibition:**



*John Behan, Winged Bull, Bronze, Unique, 12x14x9in*



*John Behan, Mayo Bull, Bronze, Unique, 9x16x5in*

*John Behan, Van Gogh and Gauguin on the  
Road to Tarascon, Bronze, Unique, 16x8x8.5in*







*John Behan, Wheeled Oarboat, Bronze, Unique, 26x21x5in*



*John Behan, Dancing Buddhists, Bronze, Edition of 9, 11x23x7in (and detail below)*







*John Behan pictured at the Kenny Gallery, 2022*

**All of the works in the exhibition will appear  
online prior to the opening on 30<sup>st</sup> September**



*John Behan, The Dog of Bucha, Bronze, Unique, 16x23x7.5in*





*Cover image: John Behan, Drone Destroyer, Bronze, Unique, 26x14x6in*



October 27 – November 21 | **Lorna's Garden, Jay Murphy**

*New paintings*

Official opening Friday October 27, 18:00

*Jay Murphy was born in Dublin in 1952. She studied at the Dun Laoghaire School of Art and the Central School in London. She travelled in Switzerland and Bavaria before returning to Ireland to live in Connemara.*

*She is a founder member of Fioruisce and of Western Artists. She has illustrated a number of books, notably *Gonella* and *Litany for the Pig* by Eva Bourke.*

*Her work has appeared in numerous group shows, and one person exhibitions in the Stone Gallery, at An Dámhlann in Spiddal, the Lincoln Gallery, Dublin, the Carroll Gallery, Longford, the Kenny Gallery, Galway and the Galway Arts Festival.*

*Recently enchanted and inspired by a particular magical place, this collection is a tribute to the garden landscape created by Lorna McMahon in Galway. **Lorna's Garden**, a collection of oils and pastels comes to the Kenny Gallery at the end of October and runs for almost four weeks, don't miss it!*

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November 24, through January 2024 | **Christmas and New Year Show**

### *Various Artists*

In a Christmas and New Year exhibition that's bigger than ever, we exhibit several hundred artworks in our 'Magic Rooms' - oils, watercolours, sculpture, ceramics, photography and graphics.

Artists included are Gertrude Degenhardt, Fiona Concannon, Thelma Mansfield, Leah Beggs, Marja van Kampen, Martina Furlong, Manus Walsh, Katarzyna Gajewska, Michael McAloran, Hilary Morley, Nina Patterson, Jane Seymour, Frank Sullivan, Jim McKee and many more!

**The show opens November 24 and runs through January 2024 at Kennys' Liosbán Gallery in Galway City, 9:00-17:00, Monday to Saturday.**





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