

LIAM BUTLER
DAVIN BUTLER
LISA BUTLER
RONAN BUTLER

copper roots



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August 12 – September 13 | Liam Butler, Davin Butler, Lisa Butler & Ronan Butler

Copper Roots, New Sculpture

Copper Roots marks Liam Butler's first exhibition in over ten years, and the first time exhibiting alongside his three children Davin, Lisa and Ronan. Liam is a completely self-taught sculptor who has been creating and exhibiting his works for almost 30 years. He has been generous with his knowledge, and has passed on his craft to the next generation, training each of them in techniques he developed throughout his career. Liam has passed on not only his skills, but also a love of copper and exploring the possibilities of this material.

In 2020, the whole Butler family found themselves together in Galway for the first time in many years. During this unplanned period at home, they were all drawn to sculpture with a renewed appreciation, and spent more and more time in the workshop creating alongside one another. This period made for a lot of learning and creativity, as well as experimentation with new

techniques. This exhibition is a celebration of reconnecting with family roots, and of passions passed on from one generation to the next. Kenny's were the first gallery to exhibit Liam's work in 1997, so it holds great significance to return and exhibit many years later as a family.

Liam Butler grew up on a small farm in County Kilkenny. He is a welder by trade and worked abroad in Germany and America for many years before returning to Ireland. Once settled in Galway, Liam began experimenting with using the skills he learned as an industrial welder to create simple sculptures from steel. He soon discovered copper as a medium, drawn to its beautiful colour and versatility. This discovery transformed his work, giving him more freedom of expression and leading him to develop his signature style. He created his early work inspired by his immediate surroundings in Connemara, birds, currachs, fishermen, farmers, musicians and dancers. Liam has now exhibited his work all over Ireland, and his pieces can be found in public and private collections worldwide. Liam is continually inspired by the beauty and elegance of the natural world, and his love of nature sings from each piece.

Davin Butler started sculpting in his teens and continued to do so part-time throughout his studies in web development. Upon spending more time in the family workshop during the pandemic, Davin realised that his passion lies in creativity, and decided to focus on his art full time. His recent works are inspired by his love for the outdoors, swimming in the Atlantic and spending time amongst nature. Davin's work has been displayed in galleries across Ireland, as well as in the 2 Michelin Star Restaurant, Aimsir, in Kildare.

Lisa Butler is currently based in Berlin, creating her recent work in the artist studios at Kulturwerk das BBK. Her sculpture is influenced by folklore, surrealism, organic art and storytelling. Lisa has a strong connection to words, with books, poetry and her own creative writing inspiring her pieces. Alongside her artistic pursuits, Lisa works in the area of inclusive arts.

Ronan Butler is the oldest Butler sibling and was the first to learn the art of welding and copper sculpture from Liam. He has been a full-time artist since 2016, exhibiting his unique work at galleries around Ireland. Ronan has spent time travelling in Canada and Australia, and is inspired by the landscapes, nature and people he encountered on his travels. In particular, Ronan is influenced by the woodlands where he spends his time foraging, walking and camping.

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Ronan, Lisa and Davin Butler at an early Liam Butler exhibition at Kenny's



This exciting family exhibition is to be officially opened by yet another Butler, the author and playwright JAMES BUTLER, brother of Liam, on Friday the 12th August at 6:00pm at the Kenny Gallery, Liosbán, Galway (H91 N5P8).

Admission is free, refreshments will be served and all are warmly welcome.

The artworks are available for sale, and the exhibition continues Monday to Saturday 9:00-17:00 until 13th September.

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No	Artist	Title	Medium	Size (in)	€
1	Liam Butler	<i>Nature's Pull</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	49x20x10in	2,750
2	Liam Butler	<i>Above the Canopy</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	41x17x20in	2,750
3	Liam Butler	<i>Parade Day</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	37x17x6in	1,650
4	Liam Butler	<i>The Little Prince</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	23x5x5in	995
5	Liam Butler	<i>Hula Hoop</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	27x8x5.5in	1,200
6	Liam Butler	<i>Tangled</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	30x16x7in	1,650
7	Liam Butler	<i>Nesting</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	17x9x4in	1,275
8	Liam Butler	<i>Hidden Faces</i>	Welded Copper on Bog Oak on Limestone	28x20x11in	2,200
9	Liam Butler	<i>Robin Oak</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	40x14x13in	2,750
10	Davin Butler	<i>Beach Day</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	20x19x12in	2,100
11	Davin Butler	<i>Flowers</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	22x18x6in	2,100
12	Davin Butler	<i>An Bradán Feasa</i>	Welded Copper	18x18x1in	1,500
13	Davin Butler	<i>Sa Choill</i>	Welded Copper	21x25x2in	1,500
14	Davin Butler	<i>Birds on a Branch</i>	Welded Copper with Enamel	12x12x1in	850
15	Davin Butler	<i>Shelter</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	29x9.5x8in	1,650
16	Davin Butler	<i>Pecking Order</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	27x13x9in	1,650
17	Lisa Butler	<i>Almost</i>	Welded Copper (pair)	19x11x7in / 18x17x6in	895
18	Lisa Butler	<i>Sanctuary</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	36x11x13in	1,395
19	Lisa Butler	<i>Sprawl</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	36x19x10in	1,395
20	Lisa Butler	<i>Drift</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	48x18x9in	1,795
21	Ronan Butler	<i>Forever</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	33.5x47.5x12.5in	2,395
22	Ronan Butler	<i>Lovebirds</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	51x21x8in	1,850
23	Ronan Butler	<i>Lamplighter</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	30.5x7x8in	1,200
24	Ronan Butler	<i>Diver</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	41.5x9.5x5.5in	1,850
25	Ronan Butler	<i>Dancer</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	29x9.5x6in	895
26	Ronan Butler	<i>Watchtower</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	19x5x5in	550
27	Ronan Butler	<i>Mirage</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	40x21x7in	2,375
28	Ronan Butler	<i>Heron</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	58x10x9in	2,550
29	Ronan Butler	<i>Taurus</i>	Welded Copper on Limestone	24x8x8in	895



Liam Butler, *Nesting*, Welded Copper, 17x9x4in



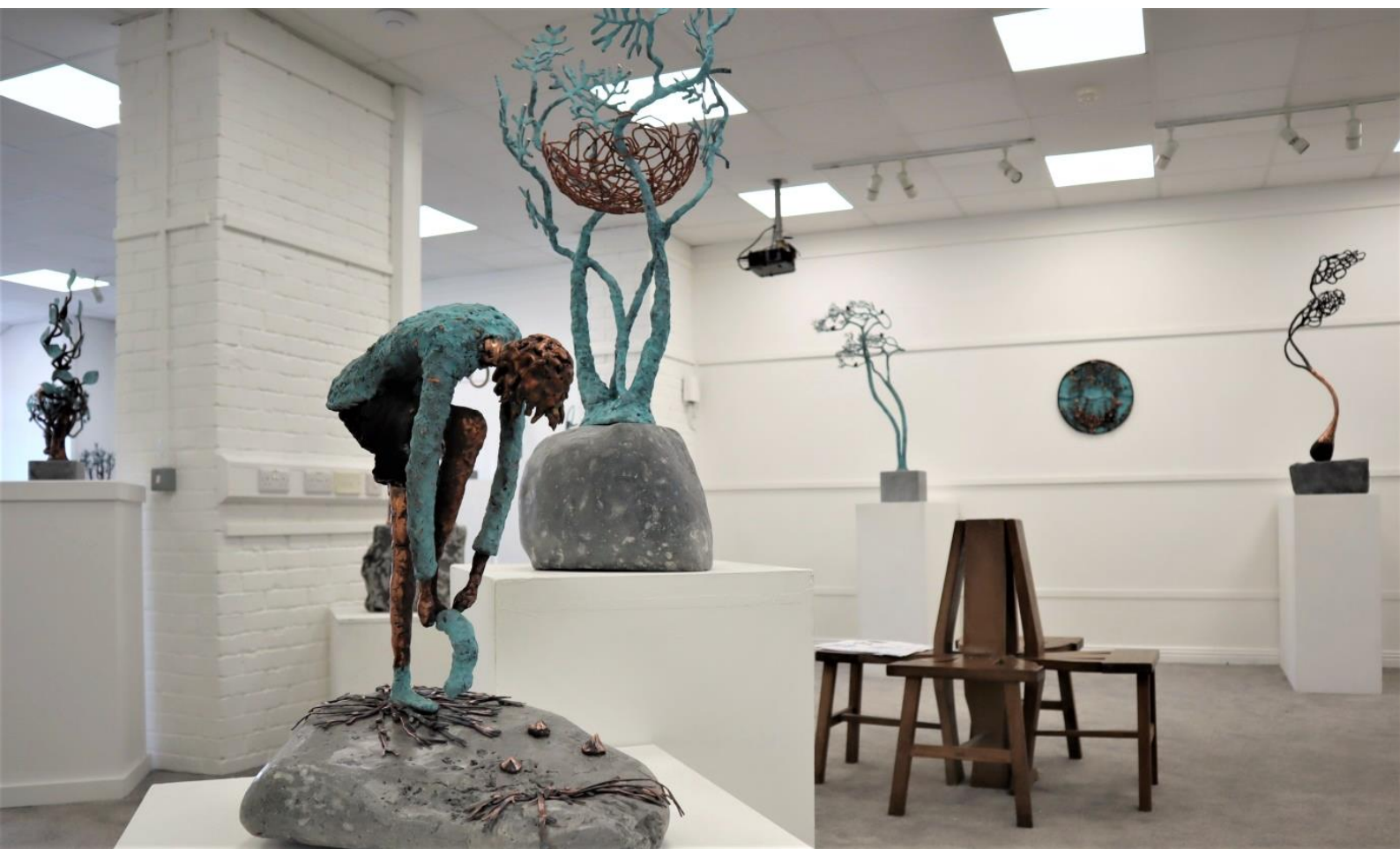
Davin Butler, *Shelter*, Welded Copper, Limestone, 29x9.5x8in



Ronan Butler, *Mirage* (detail), Copper, Limestone, 40x21x7in

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