

*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*



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