



(L) Vicki Crowley and Dominique Crowley pictured at Vicki's studio in Barna, Co. Galway (R) John Behan RHA pictured at the Kenny Gallery, Galway

## Vicki Crowley & Dominique Crowley

COUNTERPOINT | An exhibition of new paintings at The Kenny Gallery, Galway

On Saturday, March 25th, the Kenny Gallery will officially open a new exhibition of original paintings by artists Vicki Crowley and Dominique Crowley. Mother and daughter exhibit together for the first time, and their 'Counterpoint' collection of more than 40 paintings will be launched at Kennys at 3:00pm on the 25th by sculptor John Behan RHA.

Counterpoint emphasizes by difference, in this case, between the work of well-known artist Vicki Crowley and that of her daughter, Dominique Crowley. On this, their first time exhibiting together, their different styles are heightened by juxtaposition, challenging the viewer to see the common threads, a lifetime of knowledge of each other and a shared love of visual poetry and its narrative potential.

Counterpoint is an exhibition of paintings exploring the artists' relationship with nature and how we live in a time of climate change and biodiversity loss. It celebrates nature's wonder but also highlights how humanity has impacted it and left its mark for the future.

Our place in the world, a prevailing interest to both artists, requires fresh examination in a rapidly changing planet. Here, first hand observations of melting ice in Antarctica contrast with road markings speeding into the distance which, in turn, sit beside man-made markings in bogs. Digital displays remind us of how our experience of the world is digitally mediated through screens. Nature preserved for display in museum specimens brings home how this tendency for display is nothing new but has simply migrated to newer technologies. The works of both artists salutes the wealth of nature that still exists and which, at all cost, must not be forfeited.

Born in Malta, Vicki's extensive travels have informed her broad practice which extends across various media. From oils, to paintings on silk, to an impressive legacy of stained glass church windows, her work often draws from ancient stories, retold in contemporary ways. She shares her love of painting with Dominique who recently trained in fine art after a career in Public Health Medicine. Dominique has won a number of graduate and emerging artist awards including a recently completed residency in the RHA. She is working towards a solo show, in the RHA Ashford Gallery, in 2024.

The exhibition opens daily 9:00-17:00, Monday to Saturday and runs through the month of April at Kennys Bookshop and Art Gallery, Liosbán Retail Park, Galway (H91 N5P8). The works are available for sale, admission is free and all are warmly welcome. The whole collection will also be available to view on www.thekennygallery.ie prior to the opening.



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Works from 'Counterpoint' by Vicki Crowley hanging in her studio



Vicki Crowley, (25) Bog Cuts, oil on canvas, 68x53cm



Dominique Crowley, (3) Cloud Forest, Diptych, oil and acrylic resin on panel, 30x30cm each



Vicki Crowley, (30) Awakening Tree, oil on canvas, 20 x 20cm



Dominique Crowley, (5) *Wasp*, oil and acrylic resin on panel, 30x30cm



Vicki Crowley, (34) Tidal Cave, oil on canvas, 60x50cm



Dominique Crowley, (8) Bog Road, oil and acrylic resin on panel, 40x40cm



Vicki Crowley, (41) Atlantiquarium ,40x50cm, oil on canvas



Dominique Crowley, (15) *Compass 22,* 120x80cm, oil on canvas



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