

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DETAILS

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SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Ian Wieczorek is a visual artist living and working in Co. Mayo, Ireland. His practice is based primarily in painting, installation and curation. Since 2003 he has exhibited widely in group/selected shows in Ireland (including RHA Annual Exhibition, CCA:RDS Collective Contemporary Art; COE/Claremorris Open Exhibition, and IONTAS), and internationally in N. Ireland, Germany, France, Portugal, Switzerland, Sweden, USA and China. Recent solo exhibitions include Ireland, N. Ireland, UK and Czech Republic. Public art works include *Sepulchre* and *Everything That Rises Must Converge* (Ireland), and *IUXTA* and *00040* (France). He has also devised and curated a number of shows in Ireland.

Much of Wieczorek's artistic practice is concerned with the dynamics of contemporary society, the implications of the burgeoning digital vernacular and its increasing importance in locating social and cultural identity. A major strand has involved the making of paintings based on low-resolution images harvested from the internet. Stripped of their specific contexts, the images transcend their original documentary intentions and assume more malleable, subjective significance - 'poor' images that embody more powerful associative connotations - while also proposing an aesthetic reappraisal of this found 'digital static' through its rendering in a traditional visual medium. This interest in context has also extended into other areas of Wieczorek's practice including installation and public art, exploring perceived objectivity and how we negotiate 'reality'.

ART-RELATED EDUCATION

2002-8 BA in Art & Design (Fine Art), GMIT, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland

SOLO SHOWS

2015 *SOFT TRUTHS*, Galerie Katakomby, Brno, Czech Republic
2013 *Other Lives*, Courthouse Gallery, Ennistymon, Co. Clare, Ireland
2013 *Out of the Electric Mist*, Custom House, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2012 *Fragments*, Corridor Gallery, University of Leeds School of Design, Leeds, UK
2012 *trace*, Market Place Arts Centre, Armagh, Co. Armagh, N. Ireland
2011 *Citizens of the State of Mediacy*, Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2010 *UNFIXING*, Courthouse Gallery, Ennistymon, Co. Clare, Ireland
2009 *DIS / locate*, Custom House, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2009 *convergence*, Upstairs Gallery, Watergate Theatre, Kilkenny, Ireland
2008 *interstitial*, Patrick Street Gallery, Cork, Ireland
2006 *Intervention/Reinvention*, Custom House, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland

COMMISSIONS/LARGE SCALE WORKS/INSTALLATIONS

2016 *00040*, video installation, Larroque, Tarn, France (Larroque Arts Festival LAF2016)
2015 *IUXTA*, landscape installation, Larroque, Tarn, France (Larroque Arts Festival LAF2015)
2014 *Remnant*, GMIT Castlebar Campus, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland
(with Amanda Rice, Joanna Hopkins & Betty Gannon)
2014 *Everything That Rises Must Converge*, FIND Art Project, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland
(curated by Alice Maher & Aideen Barry in association with Mayo County Council)
2012 *Sepulchre*, Greenway Sculpture Trail 2012, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland

JOINT EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 *IN SITU*, GMIT Castlebar Campus, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland
(with Amanda Rice, Joanna Hopkins & Betty Gannon)
- 2014 *marginalia*, QSS Gallery Belfast, N. Ireland (2-person show with Fergus Jordan)
- 2010 *Bellacorick: Impressions of a Place*, Áras Inis Gluaire, Belmullet, Co. Mayo, Ireland
(3-person show, with Betty Gannon & Michael Gannon)
- 2009 Samhlaíocht Gallery, Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ireland (2-person show, with Niall McCormack)

RECENT GROUP/SELECTED EXHIBITIONS - ABRIDGED

- 2017 *Surface Tension*, Detroit Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden;
Interface Inagh/Clifden Arts Festival, Connemara, Co. Galway, Ireland (curated by Alannah Robins)
250 Works, McGings Bar, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland
Summer Group Show, Custom House, Westport, Co. Mayo
Around the House, Green Fuse Gallery, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland
COE2017, Claremorris Open Exhibition, Claremorris, Co. Mayo, Ireland (curated by Tom Morton)
IMPRESSIONS 2017, Galway International Arts Festival, Galway, Ireland
Boundaries & Borders, LAF2017, Larroque Arts Festival, Larroque, Tarn, France (curated by Prof. Kenneth Hay)
Facing West, King House, Boyle Arts Festival, Boyle, Co. Roscommon (curated by Paul McKenna)
Archiving Activism, The Model, Sligo, Ireland; Aras Inis Gluaire, Belmullet, Co. Mayo, Ireland
(curated by Breda Burns & Linda Shevlin)
Wooden Web, The House of Arts, Brno Czech Republic (curated by Josef Danek)
- 2016 North West Open 2016, Leitrim Sculpture Centre, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim, Ireland
North by Northwest, King House, Boyle Arts Festival, Boyle, Co. Roscommon (curated by Paul McKenna)
The Inexpressible, LAF2016, Larroque Arts Festival, Larroque, Tarn, France (curated by Prof. Kenneth Hay)
186th RHA Annual Exhibition, RHA, Dublin, Ireland
VECTOR, Gallery Culturlann Sweeney, Kilkee, Co. Clare, Ireland (curated by Will O’Kane)
- 2015 *COE15*, Claremorris Open Exhibition, Claremorris, Co. Mayo, Ireland (curated by Brian Cass)
LAF2015, Larroque Arts Festival, Larroque, Tarn, France (curated by Prof. Kenneth Hay)
185th RHA Annual Exhibition, RHA, Dublin, Ireland
The Selfie Show, Museum of New Art, Troy, Michigan, USA (curated by Jef Bourgeau)
Lonely Planet, Luan Gallery, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, Ireland
- 2014 *IN SITU*, GMIT Castlebar Campus, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland
COE14 Claremorris Open Exhibition, Claremorris, Co. Mayo, Ireland (curated by Michelle Cotton)
LAF2014, Larroque Arts Festival, Larroque, Tarn, France (curated by Prof. Kenneth Hay)
North West Open Exhibition 2014, Leitrim Sculpture Centre, Leitrim, Ireland
Unplugged, Clifden Arts Festival 2014, Clifden, Co. Galway, Ireland
FIND, Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland (FIND Art Project associated gallery show)
Exploring Spaces, Mid-Antrim Museum at The Braid, Ballymena, N. Ireland; Roe Valley Arts
and Cultural Centre, Limavady, Co. Londonderry, N. Ireland (curated by Marianne O’Kane Boal)
- 2013 *20:20 VISION*, Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland (curated by Linda Shevlin)
Precursor, Catalyst Arts, Belfast, N. Ireland
Larroque Arts Festival, Tarn, Midi-Pyrénées, France (curated by Prof. Kenneth Hay)
183rd RHA Annual Exhibition, RHA, Dublin, Ireland
- 2012 *Watching the River Flow*, Centro de Artes Visuais, Coimbra, Portugal (curated by Sean Walsh)
Precipitation & Sunshine, La Station, Nice, France
5th Annual 126 Members’ Show, 126 Artist-run Gallery, Galway, Ireland
- 2011 *Undertow*, Ormston House Gallery, Limerick, Ireland (curated Alice Maher & Aideen Barry)
The Academy Project, The Academy, Dublin 2 (curated by Liubov Kadyrova)
Divine Creation, Catalyst Arts Gallery, Belfast, N. Ireland
- 2010 *Put A Lid On It*, Galway Arts Centre, Galway, Ireland (curated by Siobhán McGibbon & Zulaikha Engelbrecht)
CCA:RDS Collective Contemporary Art, RDS, Dublin 4 (curated by Helen Carey)

- 2009 *COE2009*, Claremorris Open Exhibition, Claremorris, Co. Mayo, Ireland (curated by Tom Morton)
WHAT IS EUROPE?, Kornhäuschen, Aschaffenburg, Germany
Intersection Correlation, turn-berlin, Berlin, Germany (curated Jan Hughes/Brian Hackney)
SKART POSTED 4: Private TALK - PUBLIC Space, St Peter's Market, Cork, Ireland
G126 Members Show, G126, Galway; Catalyst Arts, Belfast, N. Ireland

CURATORIAL INITIATIVES: INSTIGATED/DEvised PROJECTS/EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *The Cabinet of Wonders #3/#4/#5*, Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2016 *The Cabinet of Wonders #1/#2*, Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2015 *Landscape In Line*, Linenhall Arts Centre, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2014 *Shrouded Spirits*, McGing's Bar, Westport, Co Mayo, Ireland
2013 *Drawing on the Back of an Envelope*, Linenhall Arts Centre, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2011 *THINGS THAT MATTER*, McGing's Bar, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2010 *Invited*, Hastings Garage, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2010 *Double Vision*, Custom House, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2010 *Seen/Unseen*, McGing's Bar, High Street, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2010 John McHugh / Betty Gannon, Former Bank of Ireland, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2010 *BLINK Visual Art Trail*, Westport Arts Festival, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2008 *My RoolaBoola*, Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2007 *FIRST FIX*, Custom House, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland (co-curator Fintan Friel)

RESIDENCIES

- 2018 AIR-Krems, Krems, Austria (forthcoming)
2016 Larroque International Arts Festival *LAF2016*, Larroque, Tarn, S. France
2015 Larroque International Arts Festival *LAF2015*, Larroque, Tarn, S. France
2015 Heinrich Böll Cottage, Achill Island, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2014 GMIT Castlebar Campus Summer Residence Scheme, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2014 Larroque International Arts Festival *LAF2014*, Larroque, Tarn, S. France
2012 School of Design, University of Leeds, UK
2012 Cill Rialaig, Ballinskelligs, Co. Kerry, Ireland
2011 Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig, Co. Monaghan, Ireland
2004 Heinrich Böll Cottage, Achill Island, Co. Mayo, Ireland

AWARDS

- 2016 North West Open 2016 Award, Leitrim Sculpture Centre, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim, Ireland
2015 Heinrich Böll Residency Award, Achill Island, Co. Mayo, Ireland
2011 Tyrone Guthrie Centre Mayo County Council Regional Bursary Award
2006 Exhibition Assistance Award, Mayo County Council