

Are you an art novice?

Ask yourself the below questions while looking at each art piece.

1. What draws the eye? What is the first thing you noticed when looking at this art work?
2. What emotions or feelings does this artwork evoke?
3. What is the artist trying to communicate or express?
4. How does the composition or arrangement of elements contribute to the overall impact of the artwork?
5. What techniques or materials did the artist use?
6. What personal connections or interpretations do I have with this artwork?



For the Kiddies

We have hidden 10 animal friends throughout the exhibition space. Can you find them all?



Year of Arts

FIRST ANNUAL EXHIBITION

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

Nelson Mandela

About Year of Arts



Year of Arts (YofA) is a new not-for-profit organisation that runs an annual art programme. Focusing on the visual arts, we provide online resources, live workshops and gallery tours to children, teens, and adults of all ages in collaboration with professional artists.

We believe that active engagement with art teaches valuable skills and insights that are valid in all facets of life. At Year of Arts we encourage:

Critical Thinking: Analysing and interpreting art requires critical thinking skills, including observation, analysis, and evaluation.

Cultural Awareness: Art reflects the cultural, historical, and social context in which it was created, fostering understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures and perspectives.

Personal Reflection: Engaging with art can encourage self-reflection and introspection, prompting individuals to consider their own values, beliefs, and experiences.

Communication Skills: Discussing and interpreting art with others fosters communication skills, including articulating ideas, listening, and engaging in dialogue.

Historical Understanding: Art provides insights into different historical periods, events, and movements, enriching one's understanding of history and society.

Emotional Intelligence: Art can evoke a wide range of emotions and feelings, helping individuals develop emotional intelligence and empathy.

Problem-Solving: Exploring art challenges individuals to think creatively and solve visual and structural problems, enhancing problem-solving skills.

Cognitive Development: Studies have shown that exposure to art can stimulate cognitive development, including improved observation skills, memory, and pattern recognition.

List of Exhibition Pieces

- ARTIST: Chloë Casciani (8)
TITLE: Strawberry Sunrise
MEDIUM: Oil on Canvas, Clingfilm
- ARTIST: Sinéad Halpenny (7)
TITLE: Newgrange I
MEDIUM: Aquarel and Pencil on Paper
- ARTIST: Sinéad Halpenny (7)
TITLE: Newgrange II
MEDIUM: Acrylic on Clay
- ARTIST: Meghan Casciani (4)
TITLE: Cool
MEDIUM: Mixed Media
- ARTIST: Lana Casciani (6)
TITLE: Always Love Your Art
MEDIUM: Mixed Media
- ARTIST: Lana Casciani (6)
TITLE: Not Faceless
MEDIUM: Mixed Media
- ARTIST: Rebecca Dolan (3)
TITLE: Rebecca's Realm
MEDIUM: Mixed Media
- ARTIST: Matthew Halpenny (10)
TITLE: Endless Hole
MEDIUM: Charcoal on Card
- ARTIST: Penny O'Reilly (17)
TITLE: Betrayal
MEDIUM: Acrylic on Canvas
- ARTIST: Edith Byrne (9)
TITLE: Marvelo's Magnifique Mouse
MEDIUM: Mixed Media Diorama
- ARTIST: Edith Byrne (9)
TITLE: Cherry Blossom Spring
MEDIUM: Mixed Media
- ARTIST: Edith Byrne (9)
TITLE: Sailing Home
MEDIUM: Clay, Paint, Fabric, Wood
- ARTIST: Leon Leavy Rigot-Muller (9)
TITLE: Mother and Son
MEDIUM: Wirework
- ARTIST: Grace Dollard-Breen (7)
TITLE: The Borrowers
MEDIUM: Mixed Media
- ARTIST: Chloë Casciani (8)
TITLE: Girl with the Headscarf
MEDIUM: Mixed Media
- ARTIST: Grace Dollard-Breen (7)
TITLE: Sunrise
MEDIUM: Charcoal on Paper
- ARTIST: Quinn Dollard-Breen (4)
TITLE: LOL
MEDIUM: Pencil on Paper
- ARTIST: Matthew Halpenny (10)
TITLE: Still Life
MEDIUM: Pencil on Paper
- ARTIST: Sam Dolan (9)
TITLE: Viking Helmet
MEDIUM: Leather, Wire, Cardboard, Card
- ARTIST: Sofia Casciani (17)
TITLE: Eye of the Storm
MEDIUM: Acrylic on Canvas
- ARTIST: San Casciani (33)
TITLE: Untitled
MEDIUM: Gesso and Oil on Canvas
- ARTIST: Edith (9), Thomas (7), and Lisa (mum) Byrne
TITLE: Untitled
MEDIUM: Acrylic Paint on Paper
- ARTIST: Leon Leavy Rigot-Muller (9)
TITLE: Love
MEDIUM: Embroidery
- ARTIST: Meghan Casciani (4)
TITLE: Bird
MEDIUM: Gesso on Clay
- ARTIST: Quinn Dollard-Breen (5)
TITLE: In Spring
MEDIUM: Mixed Media
- ARTIST: Christine de Paor (artist)
TITLE: Untitled
MEDIUM: Mixed Media
- ARTIST: Christine de Paor (artist)
TITLE: Untitled
MEDIUM: Mixed Media

Want to get involved? Email San@YofA.ie to chat!