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Artist CV

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Cross-disciplinary artist
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Education

2019 - 2021 **MA in Art + Research Collaboration**, Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dún Laoghaire
2011 - 2015 **BA (Honour) in Photography**, Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dún Laoghaire

Solo Exhibitions

2023 ***I*** – *Self-initiated*: The Dean Art Studios, Dublin, *curated by* Sara Muthi
2021 ***Of the Body*** – Custom House Studios + Gallery, Westport
2021 ***Aesthetic Distance*** – *Virtual exhibition*: Cultúrlann Mc Adam Ó Fiaich, Belfast (NI/UK)
2018 ***Aesthetic Distance*** – Triskel Arts Centre, Cork

Selected Group Exhibitions

2026 **Site-specific installation** – invited artist at **K-Visual 2026** Arts Festival, Killorglin, Co. Kerry
2026 Invited artist at ***Cuimhne agus Séadchomhartha (Memory and Monument)*** – Justus Lipsius, Europa Building, Brussels (BE), *curated by* Richard Malone
2025 ***Screenings at the Curve*** with Irish Artists Film Index – Visual Artists Ireland, Dublin, *curated by* Fifi Smith and Dr. Margaret Fitzgibbon (TCD)
2024-25 ***Skin / Deep: Perspectives on the Body*** – Photo Museum Ireland, Dublin, *curated by* Darren Campion
2024 ***Feminine Space*** – The Courthouse Gallery and Studios, Ennistymon
2024 ***Burn the Witch, Still I Rise*** – GOMA Gallery of Modern Art, Waterford, *curated by* Simon Fennessy
2023 **Open Submission Group Show** – Dunamaise Arts Centre, Portlaoise, *guest selector*: Blaise Smith R.H.A.
2023 ***No Place Like Home: The Domestic in Irish Photography*** – Photo Museum Ireland, Dublin
2023 ***If We Could See Ourselves As Others See Us*** – *Co. Meath touring exhibition*: Solstice Arts Centre, Navan; Ashbourne Library & Cultural Centre, Ashbourne; Kells Courthouse – Cultural Hub, Kells
2022-23 ***Person Presence Perception*** – *Annual touring exhibition*: in partnership between the OPW and The Department of Finance Northern Ireland
2022 ***Images Are All We Have*** – PhotoIreland Festival, Printworks, Dublin Castle, Dublin
2021 **Open Submission Group Show** – Dunamaise Arts Centre, Portlaoise, *guest selector*: Sharon Murphy
2021 ***Juncture: a place where things join*** – Pallas Projects/Studios, Dublin
2021 ***cohost*** – *Online exhibition*: IADT ARC Masters Programme & The LAB Gallery, Dublin
2020 **FUTURES Irish Talents 2020** – The Library Project, Dublin
2019 **Winter Open 2019** Annual Exhibition – Rua Red, Dublin
2018 ***FiLiArt100*** – FiLiA 2018 Feminist Conference, Manchester (UK)
2018 **The 188th Annual Exhibition 2018** – Royal Hibernian Academy Gallery, Dublin
2017 ***Lass Struggle*** – FiLiA 2017 Feminist Conference, the Institute of Education, London (UK)
2017 **Hotron ART WORKS'17** – Visual Centre for Contemporary Art, Carlow
2017 **The 187th Annual Exhibition 2017** – Royal Hibernian Academy Gallery, Dublin
2016 **Hennessy Portrait Prize 2016 Exhibition** – National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin
2016 **135th Royal Ulster Academy of Arts Annual Exhibition** – Ulster Museum, Belfast (NI/UK)
2016 **Hotron ART WORKS'16** – Visual Centre for Contemporary Art, Carlow
2016 **The 186th Annual Exhibition 2016** – Royal Hibernian Academy Gallery, Dublin
2015 ***Emergence*** – Steambox Galleries, Dublin

Community Arts Projects

2022 Collaborating artist, ***If We Could See Ourselves As Others See Us***, commissioned by Solstice Arts Centre

Live Performances

2025 ***Wall*** (solo performance), **LiveStock Live 2025** – MART Gallery, Dublin, *curated* by Ljilja
2023 ***Interlinking the Spiritual Body*** (group performance), **Uprooting Tallaght 2023** Performance Art Festival – Rua Red, Dublin, *curated by* Lauren Kelly and Pauline Cummins

Residencies

2026 Annual Studio Space Residency – **International Centre for the Image**, PhotoIreland, Dublin
2025 Five-month Studio Space Residency (inaugural) – **International Centre for the Image**, PhotoIreland, Dublin
2024 One-month Artist Residency, **ÚSÁID Residency** – Brown Mountain Diamond, Co. Kilkenny
2022-24 Artist Studio Residency – **The Dean Art Studios**, Dublin

Selected Artist

2020 **Irish Talent** – representing PhotoIreland at **FUTURES** (European Photography Platform)

Grants & Funding

2026 **Artists Mentorship Scheme** – Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
2024 **Professional Development Grant** – Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
2023 **Visual Arts Bursary Award** – The Arts Council
2021 **Agility Award** – The Arts Council
2017 **Professional Development Grant** – Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Prizes

2022 **Making and Momentum** Artist Prize – Making and Momentum, Wexford
2017 **Hotron ART WORKS Prize** for work by a recent graduate
2016 *shortlisted* **Hennessy Portrait Prize**
2016 *shortlisted* **Hotron ART WORKS Prize** for work by a recent graduate

Features

2025 VAI Event: *Screenings at The Curve* – **VAI News Sheet** May/June 2025
2024 **Skin / Deep: Perspectives on the Body**, exhibition catalogue, Photo Museum Ireland, 2024
2022 **Profiles**, a journal of character-driven writing and portraiture, Profiles Journal, Issue 1
2021 **CCA Introducing 2021**: 24hr social media takeover - CCA Derry – Londonderry (NI/UK)
2020 **Reset**, FUTURES 2020 photography publication, Vandejong Amsterdam, 2020 (NL)
2020 **OVER**, The critical Journal of Photography and Visual Culture, PhotoIreland, Issue 1
2019 Artist Interviews: *Performing the Posthuman Subject* – **VAI News Sheet** September/October 2019

Reviews

2025 Exhibition Review of *Skin / Deep* group exhibition – **Source Magazine** Issue 117 (UK & IRL)
2025 Exhibition Profile: a review of *Skin / Deep* group exhibition – **VAI News Sheet** January / February 2025
2021 Critique: a review of *Aesthetic Distance* solo exhibition – **VAI News Sheet** May/June 2021
2017 Graduate Photography 2007 - 2017: The Long List – **Source Magazine Online** October 2017
2017 Hennessy Portrait Prize 2016 – **VAI News Sheet** January/February 2017
2015 Source Graduate Photography 2015 – **Source Magazine** Issue 83 (UK & IRL)

Artist talks

2025 Visiting lecture, Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dún Laoghaire
2023 Panel discussion: Migration & Displacement, No Place Like Home: The Domestic in Irish Photography, Photo Museum Ireland, Dublin
2020 Visiting lecture, Technological University Dublin, Dublin
2020 *Online*: The Open Mic, Futures Digital Festival, Irish Talents at FUTURES 2020
2019 Panel discussion: Performing the Posthuman Subject in Photography, PhotoIreland Festival, Printworks, Dublin Castle, Dublin
2019 Visiting lecture, Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dún Laoghaire
2018 Aesthetic Distance, Triskel Arts Centre, Cork

Public Art Collections

The Arts Council
Office of Public Works
Trinity College Dublin
Photo Museum Ireland

Curatorial Projects

2017 Group exhibition ***RE:VIEW***, The Complex, Dublin – 15 artists: photography, video and installation
2015 Group exhibition ***Emergence***, Steambox Galleries, Dublin – 13 artists: photography and installation