

ISABEL NOLAN

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EDUCATION

- 2006 MA Visual Arts Practices, Institute of Art, Design & Technology, Dún Laoghaire
2001 Postgraduate, University College Dublin
1995 BA Fine Art & History of Art, National College of Art & Design, Dublin

CURRENT & FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS

- 2027 Bluecoat, Liverpool, UK (Solo)
2026 Ireland at Venice, 61st Venice Biennale, curated by Georgina Jackson and The Douglas Hyde Gallery of Contemporary Art (9 May – 22 November)
Southwark Park Galleries, London, UK (Solo)
2025 BEDROCK, 13th Liverpool Biennial, curated by Marie-Anne McQuay (biennial exhibition, 7 June – 14 September)
Kunst-Station Sankt Peter Köln, Cologne, Germany; curated by Anne Mager

SOLO & TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Material Flux, two-person exhibition with Aleana Egan, Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda, Ireland
Cityscape with Sleeping Dog, public sculpture commission, Temple Bar Square, Dublin, launched 7 June
2023 499 seconds, Château La Coste, Aix-en-Provence, France
Permanent public artwork for Butler Gallery, Kilkenny, Ireland
2022 flotsam, jetsam, lagan and derelict, Void, Derry, Northern Ireland
2021 Spaced Out, Kerlin Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
A delicate bond which is also a gap, Solstice Art Centre, Navan, Ireland
2019 The air between things, two-person exhibition with Stephen McKenna, OCT Boxes Art Museum, Shunde District, Guangzhou, China
2018 Ein Fuß in der Welt / One Foot in the World, Kunstverein Langenhagen, Germany
2017 Another View from Nowhen, London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE, London, UK
Curling up with reality, Grazer Kunstverein, Graz, Austria
Calling on Gravity, Douglas Hyde Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
2016 Run for the Shadows, Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna, Austria
The weakened eye of day, Contemporary Art Gallery (CAG), Vancouver, Canada
The weakened eye of day, Mercer Union, Toronto, Canada

SOLO & TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS CONTD.

- 2015 A Thing Is Mostly Space, Launch Pad New York, USA
Bent knees are a give, Kerlin Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
- 2014 The weakened eye of day, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
An answer about the sky, Sean Kelly Gallery, New York, USA
- 2012 Unmade, The Return Gallery, Goethe-Institut Irland, Dublin, Ireland
A hole into the future, Musée d'art moderne de Saint Etienne, France
- 2011 A hole into the future, The Model, Sligo, Ireland
The Outward Form, permanent public artwork for The Model, Sligo, Ireland
- 2010 Clocks and Seasons and Promises, Gallery Side 2, Tokyo, Japan
Turning Point, permanent public artwork for Terminal 2, Dublin Airport, Ireland; commissioned by the DAA
- 2009 on a perilous margin, Kerlin Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
- 2008 The Paradise [29], Gallery 2, Douglas Hyde Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
Trance in Inaction, Gallery 3, ARTSPACE, New Zealand
- 2007 This time I promise to be more careful, Kerlin Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
- 2006 Gallery 3, Douglas Hyde Gallery, off-site project at Farmleigh House, Dublin, Ireland
Here and Now, The Studio, Glasgow International, Glasgow, Scotland
Rise to the occasion, Four, Dublin, Ireland
Two-person exhibition with Jo McGonigal, Ard Bia, Galway, Ireland
- 2005 Together at last, Studio 6, IADT at Temple Bar Gallery & Studios, Dublin, Ireland
Everything I said let me explain, Project Arts Centre, Dublin, Ireland
- 2003 Death creeps in through the mouth, Goethe Institute, Dublin, Ireland
- 1998 I keep dreaming that I'm a fictional character, Proposition Gallery, Belfast

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Take A Breath, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland; plus related performance with Belinda Quirke at IMMA Chapel
Twilight is a Place of Promise, Esther Schipper, Berlin, Germany
- 2023 Following Threads, Crawford Art Gallery, Cork, Ireland
Finding Form, McKenna Gallery, Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, Ireland, curated by Paula Barrett
- 2022 Odysseys, Crawford Art Gallery, Cork, Ireland
- 2021 Ghosts from the Recent Past, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
Line as Thought, Lines as Universe, Salzburger Kunstverein, Austria
- 2020 Shine Your Light Art Commission, RTE, Dublin, Ireland

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- Double M, Double X, Kerlin Gallery, Ireland
IMMA Screen Showcase, Online exhibition and interview, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Ireland
- 2019 'Inside The Department of Ultimology Radio Essay' Contributor. Commissioned by The Department of Ultimology, produced by RTÉ's Drama On One. Broadcast twice in 2019
Extreme Imagination – inside the mind's eye, Tramway, Glasgow travelling to Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter, UK
- 2018 Sea Change, Dún Laoghaire Lexicon, Dún Laoghaire, Ireland
Die wechselnde Erscheinung / The Changing Appearance, Kunstverein Langenhagen, Langenhagen, Germany
But still, like dust, I'll rise, Galway Arts Centre, Galway, Ireland
Dorothy Cross, Aleana Egan, Siobhán Hapaska, Isabel Nolan, Kathy Prendergast, Kerlin Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
An Act of Hospitality Can Only Be Poetic, Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda, Ireland
EVA International, Limerick, Ireland
- 2017 Drawing Biennial 2017, The Drawing Room, London, UK
Park, Holly's Gallery, Guangzhou & 218 Hollywood Road, Hong Kong (co-presented by Kerlin Gallery & Holly's Gallery)
- 2016 Periodical Review 2016, Pallas Projects/Studios, Dublin, Ireland
- 2015 Engage Arts Festival, Bandon, Co Cork, Ireland
Lofoten International Arts Festival (LIAF), Svolvær, Norway
Überschönheit, Salzburger Kunstverein, Austria
An Imprecise Science, Artspace, Sydney, Australia
- 2014 PULL BITE RALLY, NCAD Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
Re Framing the Domestic in Irish Art, Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda, Ireland
The Retired Architect, Wallspace Gallery, New York, USA
- 2013 Sculpture after Artschwager, David Nolan Gallery, New York, USA
Re/Turn, Studio 10, Temple Bar Gallery + Studios, Barbara Knezevic & Isabel Nolan
The Black Moon, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France
Points of Orientation, Andrew Jensen Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Beasts of England, Beasts of Ireland, VISUAL, Carlow, curated by Stephen Brandes
Sculptrices, Villa Datriis, Fondation pour la Sculpture Contemporaine France
- 2012 Into the Light, Crawford Art Gallery, Cork; The Model, Sligo, Ireland
Kerlin Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
Gracelands: Circling The Square, The Milk Market, Limerick, Ireland

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After the Future, EVA International, Limerick, Ireland

Laurence Callaghan and Isabel Nolan, Rhubaba Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland

Dogs, Ormston House, Limerick, Ireland

2011 Collecting for Ireland, The Hunt Museum, Limerick, Ireland

Gracelands: Substance Abuse, Dromahair, Co. Leitrim, Ireland

Mark Garry and Isabel Nolan, Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK

Beholder, Talbot Rice Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland

2010 Forms of Reason, Lullin + Ferrari, Zurich, Switzerland

Gracelands, I'm Sparticus, Dromahair, Co. Leitrim, Ireland

Instantaneous Personal Magnetism, Galway Arts Centre, Galway, Ireland

something tells me it's all happening at the zoo, Kevin Kavanagh Gallery, Dublin, Ireland

Group Show Summer 2010, Kerlin Gallery, Dublin, Ireland

King Rat, Project Arts Centre, Dublin, Ireland

The Material Consequence, Bluewall Gallery, Cavan, Ireland

Arrivi e Partenze Europa, Mole Vanvitelliana, Italy

Invisible, Original Print Gallery, Dublin, Ireland

What you see is where you're at, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, UK

2009 Fragile, Fields of empathy, Musée d'art moderne de Saint Etienne, France; Accademia d'Ungheria, Rome; The Daejeon Museum of Art, South Korea

Mehr Als ein T-shirt, Bielefelder Kunstverein, Germany

Into Irish Drawing, Limerick City Gallery of Art, Ireland; AkkuH, Hengelo, The Netherlands; Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris; Millennium Court Arts Centre, Portadown, Northern Ireland

Gracelands: Folly, Dromahair, Co. Leitrim, Ireland

Something Else, Rothe House, Kilkenny, Ireland

Gallery for One, Dublin, Ireland

Solas, Naas General Hospital, Naas, Ireland

Doggerfisher, Edinburgh, Scotland

Coalesce: Happenstance, SMART Project Space, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2008 Fifty Percent Solitude, Kerlin Gallery, Dublin, Ireland

Gracelands, Dromahair, Co. Leitrim, Ireland

Mediations Biennale, 'Gardens and Islands', Poznan, Poland

Micro-narratives: tentation des petites réalités, Musée d'art modern et contemporain de Saint Etienne, France

Order, Desire, Light, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland

GROUP EXHIBITIONS CONTD.

- Beijing Art Museum of the Imperial City, Beijing, China
Economic Thought, Ard Bia, Berlin, Germany
10,000 to 50: Contemporary Art from the members of Business to Arts, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
Exploration, an exhibition of drawings, Droichead Arts Centre, Drogheda, Ireland
Self as Selves, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
- 2007 Like Leaves, Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York, USA
Lost Tongues Rediscovered, Stroom Den Haag, The Netherlands
- 2006 If I Can't Dance, I Don't Want to Be Part of Your Revolution, De Appel, Amsterdam
Three person show, Glassbox, Paris, France
100 Tage = 100 Videos, Heidelberger Kunstverein, Germany
Ireland at Venice, Lewis Glucksman Gallery, University College Cork, Ireland
- 2005 Ireland at Venice 2000, Venice Biennale, Italy
K3, Centre of Contemporary Art, Geneva, Switzerland
Superbia 2, St Columbas Boys School, City of Culture, Cork, Ireland
- 2004 Coalesce: With All Due Intent, Model Arts and Niland Gallery, Sligo, Ireland
Thinking about Ideas, Golden Thread Gallery, Belfast, Northern Ireland
Tír na nÓg, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
Yugoslav Biennale of Young Artists, Vršac, Serbia
Room 106, La Stampa Hotel, Dublin, Ireland
Views from an Island, Millennium Monument, Beijing; Shanghai Art Museum, China
- 2003 Flix, Rubicon Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
Superbia, 1 Coultry Gardens, Ballymun, Dublin, Ireland
Hibernia, The Lola Gallery, San Francisco, USA
Permaculture, Project Arts Centre, Dublin, Ireland
- 2002 Body Images, Draíocht Arts Centre, Blanchardstown, Dublin, Ireland
The Holiday Show, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, Ireland
How Things Turn Out, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
- 2001 Perspective, Ormeau Baths Gallery, Belfast, Northern Ireland
- 1999 Pause, Rewind, Fast Forward, Play, Record, Basement Gallery, Dundalk, Ireland
- 1998 EVA International, Limerick, Ireland

COLLECTIONS

Tate Collection, London

National Gallery of Ireland

The Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin

Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin

Crawford Gallery, Cork

Butler Gallery, Kilkenny

Arts Council of Ireland

Bloomberg, London

JP Morgan

Hoffman Collection – LUMA Foundation

European Investment Bank, Luxemburg

Press Up Group, Dublin

Maybourne Group, London

Ard Bia, Berlin

Dublin Airport Authority (DAA)

Office of Public Works (OPW), Dublin

Permanent public artwork for Butler Gallery, Kilkenny, Ireland

Azure Collection, Monaco

Castle Kingdom Ltd, Shanghai

Salama bint Hamdan Al Nahyan Foundation, Abu Dhabi

Allied Irish Bank (AIB), Dublin

Dundalk Urban District Council

Dundalk Institute of Technology

Kildare County Council Municipal Art Collection

Various private collections in Europe and USA

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- 2020 Isabel Nolan: Curling up with reality, Kerlin Gallery and Launch Pad
- 2017 Writing: Cabin Fever, Launch Pad Art, London; short stories by Heman Chong, Travis Jeppesen, Isabel Nolan, Benjamin Seror and Maria Taniguchi
- 2013 Isabel Nolan, Some surfaces on which patterns occur, published by onestar press, Paris, France
- 2012 Lapse, Willie Doherty 'Black and White and Grey'. Published by Kerlin Gallery, Dublin on the occasion of the Willie Doherty exhibition Lapse
'How things meet?' Published by Project Arts Centre, Dublin on the occasion of the exhibition A MacGuffin and Some Other Things, curated by Vaari Claffey
- 2011 Intimately unrelated / Intiment sans rapport. Published by The Model, Sligo and Musée d'art moderne de Saint Etienne; texts by Graham Harman, Seamus Kealy, Declan Long and Isabel Nolan
- 2010 'How was it made?' The Visual Artist's News Sheet, Issue 2. March / April
- 2006 Profile 23: Daphne Wright, Gandon Editions. With essays by Penelope Curtis, Isabel Nolan and interview by Simon Morrissey
- 2002 William McKeown 'The sky begins at our feet' The Ormeau Baths Gallery. With essay by Isabel Nolan

TEACHING

Part-time lecturer (MA Art in the Contemporary World) at National College of Art & Design

SELECTED PRESS

- 2024 Philip Carton, 'Capital exhibitions to see over the festive period', Business Post, 8 December
Philip Carton, 'From mules to mythology: a tour de force of diverse talent shines in Morgan O'Driscoll's eclectic art sale', Business Post, 23 November
'First Pavilions Announced for 2026 Venice Biennale', Artforum, 7 November
Sam Gaskin, 'Isabel Nolan to Represent Ireland at 61st Venice Biennale', Ocula, 7 November
Gareth Harris, 'Isabel Nolan to represent Ireland at the 2026 Venice Biennale', The Art Newspaper, 6 November
Sam Gaskin, 'Liverpool Biennial 2025 Announces Bedrock Theme', Ocula, 5 November
'The Culture File Debate', recorded live from the Irish Museum of Modern Art, Culture File Weekly, RTÉ Lyric FM, 17 August
- 2023 Chris Hayes, 'In Conversation: Chris Hayes and Isabel Nolan', Paper Visual Art, 8 May
Martin Herbert, ArtReview, April

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- Kevin Burns, 'Exhibition profile | flotsam, jetsam, lagan and derelict', Visual Artists News Sheet, January/February (Cover feature)
- 2022 'New writing: Kora of Sicyon by Isabel Nolan', Sunday Miscellany, RTÉ, 11 July
- Cian Ó Broin, 'In pictures: Limerick celebrates Europe as unique 'Belonging' exhibition opens', Limerick Live, 10 February
- Contemporary Art Daily, 12 January
- Kevin Courtney, 'Gig of the Week: First Fortnight powers ahead for its second week', The Irish Times, 10 January
- 2021 Eoghan O'Sullivan, 'GunPlot, The Witness, Joanne McNally: the best new Irish podcasts of the year', 21 December
- Lucy White, 'Self-reflection and strippers – three audio treats ahead of International Podcasts Day', 26 September
- '\$40M Basquiat, 2500-Loaf 'Bread House' Among Highlights at Art Basel', Artfix Daily, 21 September
- Colin Graham, 'Review: Isabel Nolan Curling up with reality', Paper Visual Art, August
- Penny McCormick, 'The Best Art Exhibitions To Visit In Ireland This Summer', The Gloss Magazine, 15 July
- 2020 RTÉ Culture, 'Illuminations - RTÉ explores shades of lockdown', 5 November
- Sinéad Crowley, 'Digital gallery launched as arts move online', RTÉ News, 21 October
- Gemma Tipton, 'The safe way to staycation in Dublin this mid-term', The Irish Times, 17 October
- 2019 'OCT Boxes Art Museum held the Stephen McKenna and Isabel Nolan two-person exhibition', Chinese Culture News [Art and Culture Weekly], 17 May
- 2018 Stephanie Bailey, 'EVA International: Ireland's Biennial Talks About Power', Ocula, 6 July
- Aidan Dunne, 'This week's visual art highlights', The Irish Times, 19 May
- Mary Conlon, 'Dismantling the Monolith', The Visual Artists' News Sheet, 1 May
- Mimi Chu, 'EVA International: A Heavy Duty Show on Limerick's Industrial History', Frieze, 30 April
- Sabrina Mandanici, 'Dam It', Artforum, 25 April
- Aidan Dunne, 'This week's visual art highlights', The Irish Times, 21 April
- Caroline Douglas, Contemporary Art Society, 19 January
- 2017 Harriet Thorpe, 'On the rise: Bloomberg's new HQ ramps it up a notch', Wallpaper*, 11 December
- Kristine Moore, 'A Reconstructed Roman Temple Dedicated To Mithras In 240AD Will Be Opening Its Doors In London', Inquisitr, 10 November

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- Hans Schneider, 'Atelier Van Lieshout & Isabel Nolan at Galerie Krinzinger, Wien', Blouin ArtInfo, 1 December
- Martin Herbert, '10 shows to see on now', ArtReview, September
- Nancy Lanthier, 'Things to do in Vancouver today', Vancouver Sun, 29 July
- Eileen Kinsella, 'What Are Dealers Bringing to Frieze New York 2016?', artnet News, 3 May
- Karina Irvine, 'Isabel Nolan at Mercer Union: When Seeing is Disbelieving', Canadian Art, 14 March
- Murray Whyte, 'On the wall: What's in the galleries this week', The Star, 9 February
- 2015 Olivier Basciano, 'Lofoten International Art Festival: Disappearing Acts', ArtReview, October
- Alan O'Riordan, 'Inspired by the knees of a dying man', The Irish Examiner, 22 September
- John Graham, 'Isabel Nolan, Bent knees are a give', Paper Visual Art, 9 June
- Gemma Tipton, 'Isabel Nolan, Kerlin Gallery', frieze, June
- Isobel Harbison, Review of Bent Knees are a Give, Art Agenda, 12 May
- Aidan Wall, Review of Bent Knees are a Give, Totally Dublin, May
- Aidan Dunne, Review of Bent Knees are a Give, The Irish Times, 14 April
- 2014 Barry Schawabsky, 'Pictures of Icarus', The Nation, 21 October
- Alana Shilling-Janoff, The Brooklyn Rail, 7 October
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- Luke Clancy, *Art Review*, Issue 11, May, pg.12
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- Catherine Leen, *The Sunday Times*, 4 March