# TINA O' CONNELL



## **Contact**

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#### Skills

- Analogue and Digital
   Photography
- Motion Video and Stop
   Motion
- Photoshop and DaVinci Resolve
- Sound Production using Audacity
- Wood and Stone Carving
- Welding
- Ceramic Sculptures
- Mould Making
- Performance Art
- Microsoft Office
- Concrete sculpting

## **Education**

Limerick of School of Art
and Design
Limerck
Bachelor of Arts: Bachelor
Degree in Fine Art

# Experience

## 'Window Shopping'

Dominic Thorpe Performance Art Workshop | Jan 2025 - Jan 2025 This work explores women's vulnerability and internal conflict regarding societal and self-imposed judgments. I measured a dress in a shop window, replicated it on the pavement, and drew my outline to see if it would fit. By asking, "How do I try on a dress without trying it on?" I highlight the struggle with internal judgment and societal expectations, critiquing the fashion industry's exclusive standards and reflecting on self-worth, body image, and social anxiety.

## 'Special Guest'

Dirty Solutions 'Dry Run' | Templebar Gallery & Studios | Oct 2024 - Oct 2024 As part of this one night event my sculpture 'Feach Orm' was a special guest as party of this performative evening held by the group Dirty Solutions, invited by Vaari Claffey Curator.

## **Odysseys of Self**

Limerick City Gallery | Limerick | Sep 2024 - Oct 2024

As the award recipient of the Limerick City Gallery Exhibition through LSAD Degree Show, I exhibited my work Odysseys of Self along with new work at LCGA. 'Feach Orm' was acquisitioned as part of LCGA Permanent Collection.

#### Resident Artist at Inis Oirr

Aras Eanna & RHA | Inis Oirr, Co. Galway | Jul 2024 - Jul 2024

During my residency at Áras Éanna and the RHA, I hosted an open studio event and delivered an artist talk, where I shared the stone carvings I created on the island. These works told stories from my childhood and paid tribute to my grandfather, weaving personal narratives into the art.

## **Odysseys of Self**

TUS LSAD Degree Show | Limerick | May 2024 - Jun 2024

 As part of the Degree Show I exhibited 4 pieces of work, all autobiographical wood carvings, "When you were big and I was small",

#### 2024

- Sculpture and Combined Media Studies
- Thesis in Performance
   Art and Theatre Blurry
   Lines
- Video, Photography,
   Sound, Stop Motion
- Performance Art
- Mould Making, Carving,
   Felting

Ennistymon School of Art Ennistymon, Co. Clare Fetac Level 6: Fine Arts 2019

Development of art practice through painting, sculpture and ceramics

Ennistymon School of Art Ennistymon, Co. Clare Fetac Level 5: Fine Arts 2018 "Self Portrait Head", "Self Portrait Leg" and "Feach Orm".

 I also helped in the curating of our exhibition and invigilating the exhibition.

#### **Bed Memories**

Here and Now | Glor, Ennis | Oct 2023 - Oct 2023

As part of a series of Performance Art Workshops with Rachel McManus over the summer, I performed 'Bed Memories' in our presentation evening at Glor. The work focuses on a mother's struggle for a peaceful evening amongst the chaos of child rearing, alcohol reliance and excessive dieting.

#### **Private Commission**

Ballinalacken Castle Hotel | Doolin, Co. Clare | Jul 2023 - Aug 2023 I carved three smaller tree stumps that were situated beneath the castle, in keeping with the environment and the shape of the wood I choose to carve a squirrel, an owl and plant bowl.

#### **Private Commission**

Helen O' Donnell | Limerick | Jun 2023 - Jul 2023

Helen commissioned me to carved a very large old tree stump in her garden. I spent time with Helen to discover her interests so that I could reflect this in the work.

## **LSAD Exhibitions**

Group Exhibition | Apr 2021 - May 2023

April 2024 - Then & Now, The Church Gallery, LSAD

May 2023 - Milking the Sun, Ballynacourty House & Gardens, Limerick

March 2023 - Through Our Eyes, Athlone

February 2023 - Taking Root, Urban Co-Op, Limerick

April 2022 - This Must Be The Place, LSAD Limerck

December 2022 - A & E Gallery, LSAD

April 2021 - Never Seen Before, The Church Gallery, LSAD

#### Winter Exhibition

The Courthouse Gallery | Ennistymon | Dec 2021 - Dec 2021

Two of my paintings from a series of work were selected in an open call for this winter group exhibition.

#### **Resident Artist**

Cliffs of Moher, Co. Clare | Jul 2021 - Sep 2021

• I created watercolour portraits of visiting guests

- I painted slates for the bird & flower trails
- I painted murals of birds for the children interactive experience
- I was commissioned to paint couples for marriage proposals at the Cliffs of Moher.

#### **Drawn from Borders**

Artlinks, Fort Dunree | Donegal | Oct 2019 - May 2020

The exhibition was a culmination of a nine-month project, reflecting on the centenary of the partition of Ireland and the border. I was amongst 20 artists from across the island of Ireland to participate in a creative programme of presentations, discussions, visits and workshops, to inform my creative response. I created a series of 'heads' from different materials to represent our diverse community amongst the border. I also participated in artist talks online relating to the project.

#### Of Land and Sea

Combined Artist Exhibition | Oh La La, Ennistymon | Jun 2019 - Jun 2019 Myself and two other local artists curated, installed and produced this exhibition with a selection of works in relation to land and sea.

## **Ennistymon School of Art**

Student Exhibition | Courthouse Gallery, Ennistymon | May 2018 - May 2019

- 2018 Student Exhibition
- 2019 Student Exhibition "Beyond Chaos"

## **Affiliations**

- Member, Visual Arts Ireland
- Member Live Arts Ireland

#### Website

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## **Achievements**

- Winner of the Global Travel Award 2024 at LSAD
- Winner of the Limerick City Gallery Award 2024
- Ambassador for LSAD 2024 Degree Show Flux

- Recipient of the Summer Residency 2024 with Áras Éanna & RHA
- Profile Interview with Visual Arts Ireland MiniVan August 2024
- Profiled in Irish Arts Review Graduate 2024

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## References

- Una McCarthy, Director of Limerick City Gallery of Art, Email: una.mccarthy@limerick.ie
- Vaari Claffey, Independent Curator and Lecturer, Telephone: 086 233 8141

# Education

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## Performance Art

During my time at LSAD I discovered my love for Performance Art, I have created many pieces of work and have had the privilege of doing workshops with:

- Amanda Coogan
- BBeyond
- Nigel Rolfe
- Rachel McManus
- Dominic Thorpe