

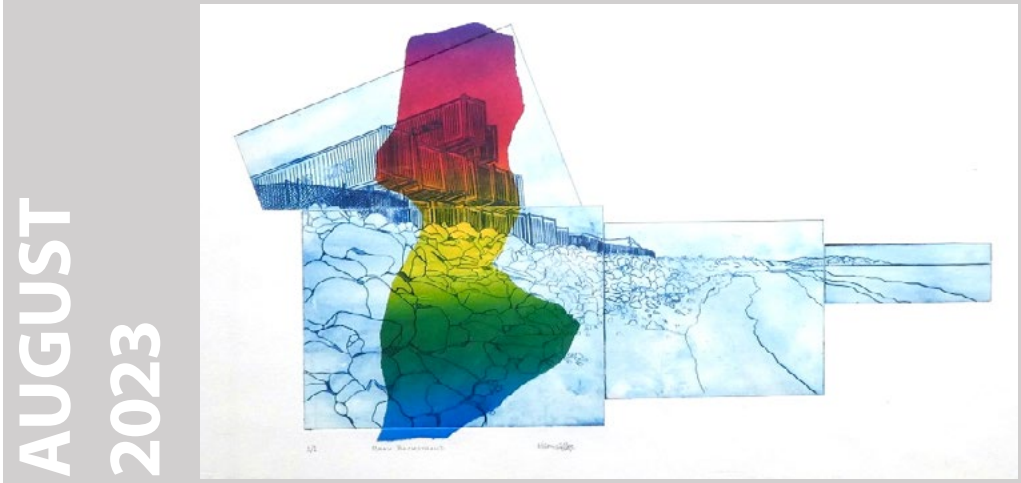
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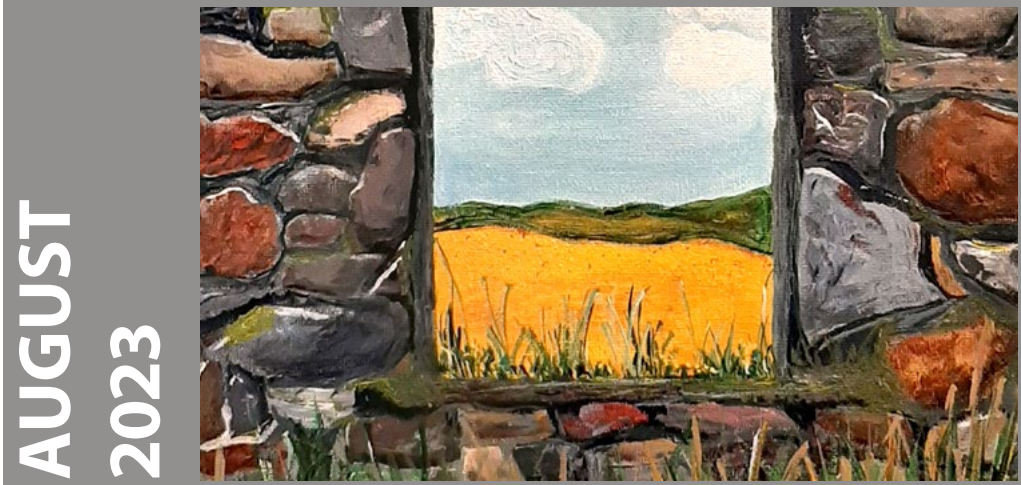
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## Mo Roantree NOT ABOUT ANY ONE THING

**Date:** 26th June – 9th July  
**Opening:** Thursday 29th June 7pm – 9pm

“Not about any one thing” is an exhibition where Mo Roantree explores how she can reconcile her fears for the planet and her work as an artist. She addresses concerns about the despoilment and scarring of the Landscape and questions about the human condition. She is guided by Carl Jung’s quote “All energy can only proceed from the tensions of opposites.” Through her work she explores how Forms emerging through chaos interact, how neighbourly or unsettled they become. How these disparate forms and tensions become reconciled or not. Her work is based on her immediate surroundings living on an organic smallholding on the Galway Mayo borders. She arrives at images through play and experimentation allowing the material to speak, sometimes leaving her pieces outside for weathering and chewing by snails. The effects of wear and tear are important. Her work is made with recycled paper, old envelopes, rice paper, leaves, canvas. Guache, tempera, inks, emulsion. These landscapes of the imagination are redolent of her memories and her experiences. A feeling connected by a tenuous memory might be rediscovered through reconciling each individual image with its Title. They may be surreal and abstract; the title shifts them into the real world.

## Imperfect Collective PICKING UP THE PIECES

**Date:** 10th to 23rd July  
**Opening:** Thursday 13th July 7pm – 9pm

**Ann Marie Webb • Darina Meaher • Cathy Hayes**

A three woman show about (im) perfection. This work is concerned with a collective pressure to avoid failure, in all its guises. As women, mothers, artists and humans, we struggle to reach societal perfection. We are exhausted and yet still fall short of the excellence we have been inculcated to seek. Fascinated by the significance of the evening meal, the rituals, apparatus and symbolism surrounding it, we have adopted the china dinner service as symbolic of such unattainable excellence. By applying the philosophy of Kintsugi, we transform the classic dinner service, into unconventional and compelling objects with cracks and scars, in a practice of acceptance, celebration and an embrace of imperfect. Through a combination of breaking and re-making, we explore our collective angst at the ongoing and repetitive burdens of domestic perfectionism. Breaking and re-making is cathartic, representing a path to appreciating ‘mended’ things and an acknowledgment of the beauty in the narrative of breakage and scars. Working with installation, photography and paint we have created the unperfect dinner table, symbolic of the thousands of breaks and remakes in all of our lives. An acceptance of ourselves and our own imperfections.

## Andrew Freeland WIND

**Date:** 24th July – 6th August  
**Opening:** Friday 28th July 7pm – 9pm

The act of strolling is the role that the flâneur holds within the world. While remaining hidden, lost among the crowd. During the act of strolling the flâneur accumulates knowledge of the urban space. A Photograph taken within the confines of the street reflects the feelings from the photographer. So an unintentional self-portrait can be created and hidden within the imagery. The artist Andrew Freeland is an IADT Graduate, former Staff Artist at Signal and is a local Wicklow Artist. The underlying element for the exhibition will be exploring the flâneur of street photography and other new elements. Andrew invites you to critic and enjoy his work while it is being hosted by the Signal Arts Centre.

*“Freeland’s montage of street photographs had a terrific, gritty, open-ended narrative quality. Working in Dublin and Paris, he became a flâneur, absorbing and capturing the energy, drift and flow of urban life and character.”*  
(Aidan Dunne, The Irish Times)

## Signal Open EXHIBITION

**Date:** 8th to 20th August  
**Opening:** Friday 11th August 7pm – 9pm

Over the last 250 years ‘Open Submission’ exhibitions have become established as an essential element of Arts infrastructure. They act as one of the most accessible routes for artists to have their work seen by the public and are almost invariably amongst the stepping stones in an artist’s career. These exhibitions provide an opportunity for artists to come together as a community to show and sell their work and provide the public with an eclectic insight into what’s happening in the arts both locally and nationally. A founding tenet of Signal Arts Centre is the belief that there is a huge amount of talent that goes unrecognised and that an opportunity should be there for all artists to exhibit their work. The Signal Open is just such an opportunity. The Signal Open Exhibition is now in its 11th year and has become an annual event in artists’ calendars. We have been delighted by the response and the quality of work submitted each year and we are very grateful to all of the artists for their support.

## Papillon EVOLUTION

**Date:** 21st August to 3rd September  
**Opening:** Friday 25th August, 7pm – 9pm

Papillon Art Group is an eclectic group of artists from a wide range of artistic backgrounds and practices. They meet in the Signal Arts Centre on Saturday mornings, and work on their own projects and subjects of interest. The group was originally founded by artist and tutor Gill Mac, who sadly passed-away in 2019. Being a socially close-knit team, the artists decided to continue painting together at Signal and to invite other artists to give occasional workshops in different disciplines. The Exhibition will represent the group’s transformation from having a much-missed friend and tutor to individual learning and exploration within the framework of a supportive and motive team. Being a group show it will contain a diverse range of content. It draws on memories of iconic images & captures movements in nature, showing the extraordinariness of the ordinary. It moves seamlessly from the abstract to the quirky, awakening an imaginative and magical illusion of what surrounds us. It will be colourful and vibrant, depicting various subjects, such as marinescapes, landscapes, still life, abstract and nature. Exhibiting Artists: Aisling McMorro, Carol McMorro, Catherine Finn, Catherine Russell, Ciara Nolan, David Swail, Mark Diggin, Declan Vaughan, Gerry Parle, Jennifer Moran.

## Dylan Lucas MISERY LOVES POTTERY

**Date:** 4th to 17th September  
**Opening:** Friday 8th September 7pm – 9pm

Misery Loves Pottery is a small collection of ceramic pieces by Signal staff artist Dylan Lucas. Dylan was a graphic designer who became addicted to pottery after being coaxed into trying the wheel by his uncle. While he was exploring ceramics, Dylan suffered a collapsed lung for which he needed major surgery. As a result, he became miserable and depressed but discovered that pottery gave him an incentive to move forward. The opportunity to immerse himself in art made his recovery time more bearable. This collection mainly consists of wheel-thrown pieces and trimmed pots made with terracotta clay. They reflect Dylan’s love of graphic design and graphic-based aesthetics. Misery Loves Pottery is the artist’s reflection on his journey through the pain of recovery, and his evolving relationship between his own health and his clay creations.

A CURRENT SIGNAL ARTS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP CARD  
MUST BE SHOWN TO AVAIL OF DISCOUNTS.



## SIGNAL SKETCHERS

### Every Sunday - 2pm

Follow on [Instagram](#) @signalsketchers  
For more information and the WhatsApp link  
Contact: [info@signalartscentre.ie](mailto:info@signalartscentre.ie)



The eighteenth edition of Culture Night  
will take place on Friday 22 September 2023.

ONE NIGHT FOR ALL



### WILL START IN SEPTEMBER:

- Art Classes for Teenagers;
- Life Drawing;
- Availability of NEW Dark Room.

COMING BACK FOR NEW SEASON

## Classical Drawing



Registration for classes and  
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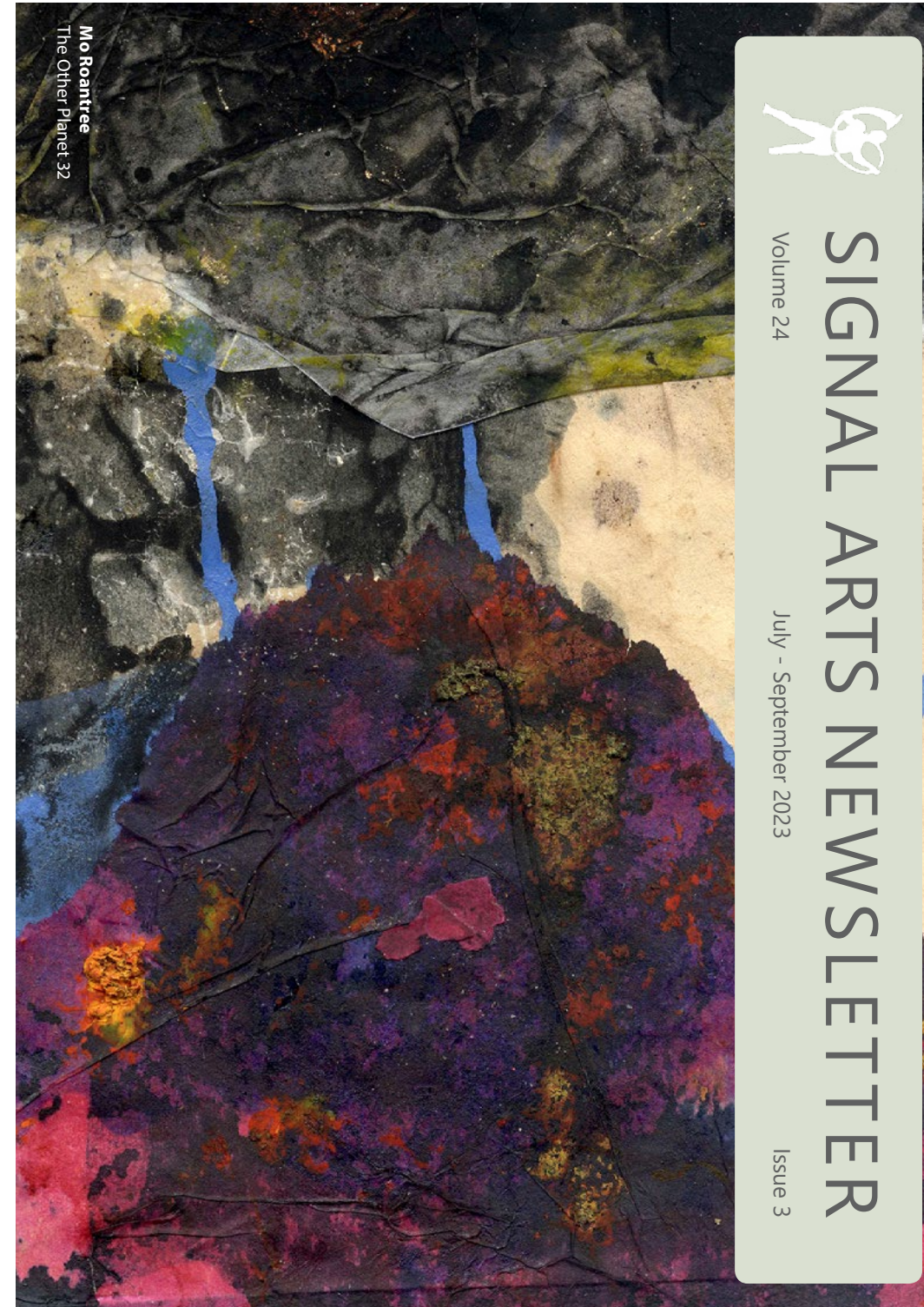
## Call out to creatives Signal needs your help

### WATCH OUT MAJOR SIGNAL FUNDRAISER COMING YOUR WAY

For those of you who took the Grand Tour of Signal this year you will already know that our building is in dire need of some TLC. And while we have worked with Amanda Bone on plans for a fabulous new building, it will still take some years before we get to lay the first brick. So in the meantime we need to do some work to make our current building more energy efficient, leak free and comfortable for everyone to work in. Over the next 12 months we will be running a number of different fundraisers, from the relatively small to the more ambitious. The ambitious one will need YOUR involvement as we will be looking for donations of work on a postcard and run a major online campaign. Keep an eye out for announcements in the near future.

And as always - if you have ideas, projects or suggestions that you want to talk about come see me!

Eleanor  
Director



## SIGNAL ARTS NEWSLETTER

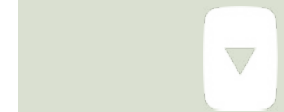
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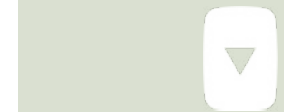


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# EVENTS

## JULY

### Kaleidoscope Festival 2023

Music and arts camping festival for families and friends  
Russborough House, Co. Wicklow  
June 30 – July 2nd 2023

### Rathdrum International Cartoon Festival

The 25th anniversary of international cartoon festival  
Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow  
29th July - 30th of July

### Bray Air Display

The award-winning show will make a welcome return  
Bray, Co. Wicklow Seafront  
29th - 30th of July

## AUGUST

### Signal Open Exhibition 2023

Commencing Monday 3rd to the 16th  
Opening Friday 7th from 7pm - 9pm  
Open to view everyday 10am - 5pm

### Groove Music Festival

Family event combining music, food, and fun activities  
Kilruddery House, Bray, Co Wicklow  
19th - 20th of August

### Sarah Pierce: Scene of the Myth

Curated by Rike Frank and the European Kunsthalle  
Irish Museum of Modern Art  
Until 3th of September

### Kilkenny Arts Festival 2023

One of the biggest and longest established festivals  
Kilkenny, Co Kilkenny  
10th - 20th of August

## SEPTEMBER

### It Took a Century: Women Artists

National Gallery of Ireland/Royal Hibernian Academy  
collaboration  
Until 22nd October

### Dublin Theatre Festival 2023

Over 350 world-class performances to showcase the best  
of Irish theatre in some 20+ venues  
28th September - 15th October

### Culture Night 2023 at Signal Arts Centre

Friday the 22nd of September  
Open from 6pm



**2013**

Old woman with two pearl earrings  
by Olivia Bartlett



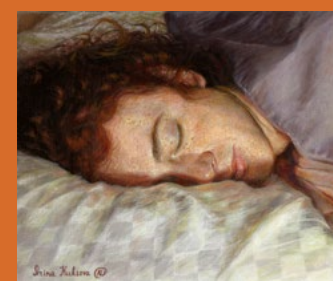
**2014**

Psychosis  
by Donal Geheran



**2015**

Self-portrait  
by Brian Manning



**2016**

Safe Home  
by Irina Kuksova



**2017**

The Trap Rooms 1  
by Dianne White



**2018**

Garden of Eden  
by Brian Manning



**2019**

Enjoy Yourself It's Later Than You Think  
by Laurance O'Toole



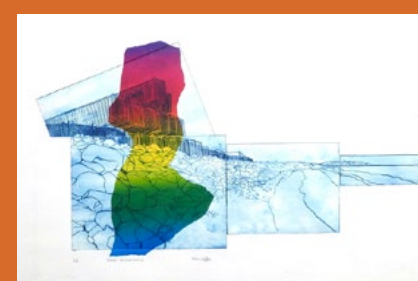
**2020**

Portrait of an Artist  
by Lynn Kennedy



**2021**

Fanta, Lemons  
by Michael O'Leary



**2022**

Bray Backstrand  
by Willian Caffrey