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Donald Teskey

Entre Terre et Mer

Exhibition from 30 October to 8 December 13

Opening on 29 October 13, 18.30 – 20.00, admission free

Donald Teskey's paintings of the Irish landscape are dramatic, elemental pictures that distil the power of nature and the rugged beauty of the Irish landscape – and in particular the west coast – into a singular frame. Teskey's images reflect his response to the formal elements of composition but, like other great Irish landscape artists, it is the manner in which he captures light that elevates his work above mere representation. This exhibition of recent paintings, drawings and prints explores the multiple facets of the coastline and the landscape of Mayo and Connemara.

An accomplished draughtsman, Donald Teskey began painting urban landscapes in the early 1990s using large implements – trowels, plasterer's floats, knives – that allowed him to create the sense of urgency and movement found in preparatory drawings. Now braving the elements, with his easel and equipment tied to rocks, Teskey focuses on the point where two opposing elements meet and interact: the structural mass of the coast and the restless energy of the sea. As viewers, we are plunged into the middle of these collisions.

In 2003 Donald Teskey was elected a member of the Royal Hibernian Academy and in 2006 became a member of Aosdána. His work has been exhibited in the UK, USA, South Africa, Canada, Germany and Finland. Teskey is represented in major collections including the Arts Council, Irish Museum of Modern Art, AIB, Limerick City Gallery of Art, KPMG, Butler Gallery, The Ulster Bank, OPW and The Ballinglen Arts Foundation. Donald Teskey lives and works in Dublin.

Further information relating to Donald Teskey's work is available on the table at the entry to the exhibition including the catalogue *Ocean Frequency – Donald Teskey* which can be purchased at the Accueil (10€).

Exhibition opening hours:

Tuesdays to Saturdays 14.00 to 18.00

Wednesdays 14.00 to 20.00

Sundays: 12.30 to 14.30

Closed on Mondays, public holidays and from 14 to 17 November

Admission free

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LIST OF WORKS

Clockwise from left on entry:

1. ***Tideland***, 2006

Oil on canvas – 114 x 127 cm

2. ***Ocean Frequency II***, 2013

Oil on canvas – 132 x 152 cm

3. ***Ocean Narrative Diptych***, 2004

Oil on canvas – 244 x 428 cm

4. ***Ocean Frequency III***, 2013

Oil on canvas – 110 x 130 cm

5. ***Ocean Frequency I***, 2013

Oil on canvas – 163 x 182 cm

6. ***Ocean Frequency Diptych***, 2012

Oil on canvas – 183 x 325 cm

7. ***Now his days*** (from *The Idea of Islands*), 2010

Charcoal on Fabriano – 105 x 153 cm

8. ***The Inagh Valley***, 2013

Oil on canvas – 183 x 214 cm

9. ***Dog's Bay II***, 2013

Oil on canvas – 120 x 150 cm

10. ***Nature Reserve***, 2013

Oil on canvas – 183 x 214 cm

11. ***The Gearagh IV***, 2010

Acrylic on paper – 76 x 100 cm



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