

Press Release for Not Only Forms

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[Donald Teskey](#)

Not Only Forms is an exhibition of paintings by Donald Teskey made during a residency at Ballinglen Arts Foundation, Summer of 2003.

Venue: Rubicon Gallery, 10 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

Dates: 12 Feb 04 - 6 Mar 04

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 12.00 - 18.00

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The dramatic beauty of the coastline stretching west from Killala to Belmullet exerts an enormous pull on this artist.

Each return visit to Mayo reveals for Teskey a new line of investigation. This is a landscape which reveals secrets slowly and over a long period of time. Time spent looking, probing, revisiting. More akin to palaeontology or archaeology than picture making. The rocks here are very old, 300 million years old in parts, it puts the concept of time and change in perspective. And the coastline is unspoilt, unchanged except for the relentless erosion caused by the hammering of the Atlantic ocean and the often very severe weather. You don't see any leisure sailing, looking out across the sea from the cliffs along the northern coastline. You do see the storms sweeping in, and rainbows, often more than one at a time, arching across the horizon.

No invasive tourism is visible, just homes and farms, families who probably have all been touched by emigration over the generations. The relationship between the landscape and the architecture is an important element in Teskey's work. Creating contexts, rather than narratives in the artists imagination.

The new work for 'Not Only Forms' was made in Mayo during the summer of 2003

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