# LEAH BEGGS More Than Us



Tara Murphy requests the pleasure of your company at the private view of

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## Thursday 10 February 2022 from 6pm to 8pm

We kindly ask that face coverings be worn indoors. Refreshments will be served outdoors under our awning and heaters.

Artworks may be viewed and acquired in advance at the gallery by appointment, or via the Online Viewing Room on www.solomonfineart.ie. Alternatively, please scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera for prices and availability.

The exhibition continues until Saturday 5 March 2022. Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 10.00am – 5.30pm / Saturday: 11am – 4pm

Front cover: OLD HABITS DIE HARD (*detail*), oil on canvas, 100 x 100 cm Inside cover: OTHER SKIES (*detail*), oil on canvas, 100 x 120 cm

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NOT MY JOURNEY TO MAKE oil on canvas 100 x 100 cm

MORE THAN US oil on canvas 100 x 100 cm





SEA SWIM I oil on canvas 100 x 100 cm SEA SWIM II oil on canvas 100 x 100 cm





STORM IN A TEACUP oil on canvas 100 x 100 cm OLD HABITS DIE HARD oil on canvas 100 x 100 cm





HEARING THE BIRDSONG oil on canvas 150 x 120 cm ANOTHER TRIP AROUND THE SUN oil on canvas 150 x 120 cm





NIGHTFALL WAS LAST oil on canvas 80 x 80 cm STOLEN MOMENTS oil on canvas 80 x 80 cm





DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF oil on canvas 120 x 120 cm

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES oil on canvas 120 x 120 cm





LOTS OF NIBBLES BUT NO BITES oil on canvas 120 x 120 cm

GROUNDED oil on canvas 120 x 120 cm





FEELING JOY oil on canvas 100 x 100 cm

CANDYFLOSS SUNSET oil on canvas 100 x 100 cm



# LEAH BEGGS

Leah graduated from Dun Laoghaire College of Art and Design in Dublin in 1996 with a Diploma in Fine Art. Originally from Dublin, she currently lives and works in Connemara, Co. Galway.

More Than Us is a collection of new paintings that have emerged from her thoughts of imagined places far from the turmoil of the world this past two years. Drawing inspiration from the landscape around her combined with feelings about things that are beyond our control, for her, these new paintings highlight the sense that this world is about more than just us.

Beggs is well known for her large abstract paintings, filled with gestural brush marks and layers of subtle colour. By combining her technical skills as a painter, together with her emotional response to the landscape, brings an immersive and reflective quality to her work. The joyous pinks in More Than Us, Not My Journey to Make and Old Habits Die Hard, in contrast with her signature blues of Wide Open Spaces, Other Skies and Sea Swim I & II come together as a collection, marking her experiences of the past two years.

#### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 More Than Us. Solomon Fine Art. Dublin
- The Space Between, Solomon Fine Art, Dublin 2019
- 2017 A New Light, Oughterard Courthouse, Oughterard, Co. Galway
- Finding Time, Solomon Fine Art, Dublin 2016
- Wherever You Go, There You Are, Solomon Fine Art, Dublin 2014
- Snapshots: A Journey through Connemara, The Market Place Arts Centre, Armagh, N. Ireland 2013
- Soft Day Thank God, Signal Arts Centre, Bray, Co. Wicklow / Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar, Co. Mayo / Kenny Gallery, Galway 2009
- Ard Bia, Café & Artspace, Quay Street, Galway 2006

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- Cuimhní Two person show with Kathleen Furey Oughterard Courthouse, Co. Galway (Online due to COVID 19) 2020 Spring Once Again, with invited Irish female artists celebrating St. Brigid's Day, Contemporary Art Centre, Ankara, Turkey
- Brittle/Fragile, Westival, Westport Arts Festival, Co. Mayo 2019 Impressions 2019, Galway International Arts Festival, Centre for Creative Practices, Galway
- Identity, Westival, Westport Arts Festival, Co. Mayo 2018 Art & Style, Brown Thomas, Galway
- 2018-16 Hermione Exhibition, Alexandra College, Dublin (curated by Aisling Prior)
- Arrival, DLR Biennale Open Exhibition, Lexicon Municipal Gallery, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin (curated by Gemma Tipton) 2017
- 2017, 16 Clifden Arts Festival, Clifden, Co. Galway

- 2017-15 Seaweek, Letterfrack National Park, Co. Galway
- 2017 Process, Oughterard Courhtouse, Oughterard, Co. Galway
- Art Trail, Clifden Arts Festival, Clifden Co. Galway 2016 Impressions 2016, Artists Book Exhibition as part of Galway International Arts Festival, Centre for Creative Practices, Galway Group show with uachtarARTS Artists, Oughterard Courthouse, Co. Galway
- 2015 Mixed Group Exhibition, Barbara Stanley Gallery, London
- M'ait Dhuchais, Group show with uachtarARTS, Oughterard Courthouse, Co. Galway 2015
- 2014, 13 Not the Royal Academy, Llewellyn Alexander Gallery, London
- DLR open Submission, County Hall Concourse, DLR County Council, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin 2013
- Elements of Place, Kenny Gallery, Galway, 3 person show with Charlotte Kelly & Joan Hogan 2012
- 2011 The Art of Fashion, Exhibition of work in Brown Thomas, Galway in association with The Kenny Gallery, Galway
- CCA:RDS, RDS, Dublin, Group Show (curated by Helen Carey) 2010 Connemara Sea Week, Connemara National Park, Letterfrack, Co. Galway, Small Art Works, West Shore Studio Gallery, Oughterard, Co. Galway.
- Ealaíon at Lúnasa', University Hospital Galway, group show in partnership with Galway City Museum, Galway Arts Centre 2009 and Galway University Hospitals Arts Trust Making Waves, Kenny Gallery, Galway
- Royal Ulster Academy Annual Exhibition, Titanic Drawing Offices, Belfast, N. Ireland 2008
- 2008,07 Hallward Gallery, Dublin
- White Sight, Hazel Williams Gallery, Kilkenny 2007 Summer Exhibition, Central Bank & Financial Services Authority of Ireland, Dublin New Works, Kenny Art Gallery, Galway (5 person show with Rod Coyne, Roisin Bateman, Simon Knowles & Bobby McLean) Engage Studios Group Show, Arthouse Gallery, Tuam, Co. Galway
- Town Hall Arts Centre, Charlestown, Co, Mayo (joint show with Christine Meehan) 2006 Tulca 2006, University College Hospital, Galway (curated by Cliodhna Shaffrey, Sarah Searson and Aine Phillips) Market 06, The Old Market Arts Centre, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford Project 06, Engage Arts Studios Group Show, Galway
- 2006 Stone Gallery, Dublin
  - 8 x 8', Fisheries Tower, Galway, group show in conjunction with Galway Civic Trust
- Christmas Group Show, Waterfront Art Gallery, Rosses Point, Sligo 2005 Tulca Arts Festival 2005, Galway, Studio Group Show
- 2005, 04 Waterfront Art Gallery, Rosses Point, Sligo
- Industria Art, Group show in disused buildings around Dublin 1998
- Dun Laoghaire College of Art and Design Diploma Show, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin 1996

Connemara Bog Week, 3 Person show with Mary Hession & Deborah Watkins, Connemara National Park, Letterfrack, Co. Galway

#### AWARDS

2019Two-week Residency, Interface: Inagh, Connemara, Co. Galway2017, 13, 11Galway County Council - Individual Artists Bursary2013DLR Open Submission Purchase Prize

#### COMMISSIONS

- 2000 Commissioned by Angela Rolfe for Office of Public Works: 3 paintings for Department of An Taoiseach, Leinster House, Dublin
- 2000 Commissioned by Angela Rolfe for Office of Public Works: 6 paintings for the National Concert Hall, Dublin
- 1998 Charleville Hotel, Rathmines, Dublin 6: 4 large paintings for lobby and 50 smaller works for each bedroom

#### COLLECTIONS

Department of the Taoiseach, Government Buildings, Dublin An Bord Pleanála, Dublin Office of the Revenue Commissioners, Galway Trinity College Dublin National Concert Hall, Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Art Collection Garda HQ, Dublin IBFC. Microsoft Irish Art Collection Deloitte Art Collection Savills Ireland, Dublin The Doyle Collection (Westbury Hotel, Dublin) Charleville Hotel, Dublin Stephen's Hall Hotel, Dublin The Commons Café, Dublin Various private collections throughout Ireland, USA & UK

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Inside back cover: WIDE OPEN SPACES (detail), oil on canvas, 100 x 120cm / Back cover: OTHER SKIES, oil on canvas, 100 x 120 cm





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