APERTURES - creating NEW, collecting NOW

Our current exhibition introduces ten new artists to the collections whose work we have purchased and received by donation this year. By selecting contemporary art for the University, we hope to ‘open up’ new kinds of opportunities – or apertures - for contemplation, stimulation and inspiration across the campus. Art has the power to foster new ways to connect creatively with our own thoughts and with artists whose work and ideas are new to us or to the collections.

Donations - The Douglas Hyde Gallery

A significant proportion of the Art Collections at Trinity College Dublin has been donated. This is a tradition begun in the 18th century and which continues to the present day.

At Trinity, we celebrate creativity, the artist and the donor, who are often one in the same person. Many donations also come from our former students. As alumni, they seek to honour the University by sharing work evoking how they were inspired by individuals and ideas during their time here. We are hugely appreciative of the ongoing support of all our patrons in deepening the scope of our historic collections while simultaneously striving forth in the contemporary.

Between 2014 and 2017, John Hutchinson, Director of the Douglas Hyde Gallery 1991-2016, donated 14 contemporary artists’ works from his personal collection to the University. Most of these artists’ work is new to the collections and have connections to John and the Douglas Hyde Gallery exhibition programme. In the past nearly 40 years of the gallery, Trinity has acquired contemporary works from the exhibitions, by purchase or donation. This exhibition panel is to honour John’s generosity from his own donations and also his initiation of the conversation with artist Alec Soth who kindly selected and donated exhibition prints from his recent Douglas Hyde Gallery show.

List of artworks, from left to right

**Erik Andriesse**

*Untitled*

watercolour on paper


**Alec Soth**

‘Mary’ (2014)

exhibition print

*Donated in 2016 by the Artist; facilitated by the Douglas Hyde Gallery*

**Alec Soth**

‘Laura’ (2014)

exhibition print

**Alec Soth**

‘2008_02z0189’ (2008)

exhibition print

*Donated in 2016 by the Artist; facilitated by the Douglas Hyde Gallery*