



25th September 2017

Dear Students and Staff,

I hope you are enjoying the return to term and, if you are new to College, we welcome you to enjoy and learn more about the University's Visual Art Collections, developed by students and staff across five centuries, with very special links both to the Department of the History of Art and to the School of Genetics.

The University continues to actively collect with a particular focus on contemporary art, supported by funds from a hire scheme set up in 1959 and, more recently by the significant inauguration of The Provost's Fund for Contemporary Art. The variety of artworks echoes the rich spectrum of diverse disciplines offered at Trinity and their stimulating points of convergence.

Our website www.tcd.ie/artcollections provides you with general information and is updated regularly during the academic year.

To find out more about the highlights of the Modern Art collection on campus,

why not print and follow a Smartphone Tour

in Irish <http://www.tcd.ie/artcollections/art-campus/index.ga.php>

or English <http://www.tcd.ie/artcollections/art-campus/index.php>

Annual College Gallery Art Hire Scheme:

if you are a student with rooms on the main campus, Goldsmith's and Trinity Hall, or a staff member with offices on the main or satellite campuses, did you know we hire out original artworks from the art collections annually. An email notification will be sent in the coming weeks to give you full information but you can find out more here <https://www.tcd.ie/artcollections/art-hire/> and the full web gallery of artworks will be available to view by mid-October.

NEWS - Highlighted Campus Art Projects

- The sculpture in front of the The Berkeley Library - Sfera con Sfera by Arnaldo Pomodoro -

is currently undergoing routine conservation assessments and we are delighted to say that the specialist team who conserved it with us in 2008 will be carrying out some maintenance work during October, after which the surrounding protective fencing will be removed.

-Inside The Berkeley Library, the stunning 9-metre wide wall carpet, entitled Berkeley, by Patrick Scott, commissioned by architect Paul Koralek for the Library 50 years ago this year, has been comprehensively conserved and returned to display this month.

- Elsewhere on campus, have you seen what appear to be new sculptures?

If you have suddenly noticed a beautiful abstract marble sculpture emerging at the corner of the Cricket Pitch near the ramp up to the Berkeley Library, this is by Geoffrey Thornton, untitled, and acquired some decades ago, but we can now appreciate its formal identity as it was intended, thanks to support from College's Estates and Facilities department for its conservation cleaning and changes in the planting and a new sign will be installed this term.

More visible too, thanks to this same project, is the small, almost funereal, marble plaque laid by artist **Beth Moyses** under the apple trees in the park between the Fitzgerald Building and Zoology to commemorate her performance project entitled 'Removing Pain', organised by the College's Equality Office and staged throughout campus on 25 November 2010.

- Eilis O'Connell 'Apples and Atoms':

we will be carrying out a routine check and conservation clean of this sculpture imminently and are awaiting the completion of the campus voltage upgrade project for the area around the sculpture to be improved and a final planting plan to be agreed. Keep any eye in coming weeks for an exciting announcement on a city-wide project involving this sculpture, among others, in which you can participate!



- 'Visualising The Berkeley Library @ 50', Regent House:

a new display of large-scale artworks from the collections by Robert Ballagh, Erik Adriaan van der Grijn, Cecil King, Anne Madden, and Patrick Scott complete during the late 1960s has been installed in the recently refurbished 18th century room, to complement the programme of the 50th Anniversary of The Berkeley Library. Find out more [here](#) and make sure you see the works in the real. We were delighted to have been in a position to support the launch of the Irish representation for the Venice Biennale launched by Minister Heather Humphreys in this room earlier this year surround by this special display.

- New Alumni Rooms:

we were delighted to have been invited to work with Trinity Development and Alumni alongside Sheehan & Barry architects on these beautifully refurbished rooms for Alumni to avail of.

[Full details of the artworks displayed here](#). Further information on the rooms themselves is available from www.tcd.ie/alumni

- New Acquisitions temporary exhibition at The Arts Building

We are currently installing a group of artworks on the exhibition panels in the Arts Building Concourse, purchased by two methods:

Artworks by Alan Butler, Dragana Jurisic, James Kirwan, and Colm MacAthlaoich were recently proposed and supported by the Provost's Fund for Contemporary Art committee.

Artworks by Aideen Barry, Katherine Beucher Beug, Shane Lynam, Oscar Fouz Lopez, and Vera Ryklova were bought with funds from last year's hire scheme, supported by students and staff who hired existing artworks from the collection for their rooms and offices. The work by Alan Butler will be installed in the near future when the works are completed at the new Arts Building cafe. An Initial information is available [here](#) and will be updated on our website next week and on the information panels beside the displays this week.

We hope to set up some events during the year to highlight artists whose work we have acquired in recent years. When the temporary display finishes we will include the works in displays throughout the campus and next year's hire scheme. Should you find a work particularly engaging for your area, let us know!

If you would like to know more about previous focus exhibitions, please see <https://www.tcd.ie/artcollections/exhibitions/arts-building-exhibition-archive.php>

Wishing you a wonderful year ahead,
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