

## The Mesh Mince of Art Ware

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Now these news stories all about wow

The art world flipped turned upside down

Now they have more minutes

To stay right there

While the C virus brings about the Mesh Mince of art ware.

In Roscommon arts centre, which was last year raised,

In the small gallery, paintings and works left to rot for days

Open calls, workshops and residencies were cool

While those submissions rejected were left like fools

Today during a lockdown people are up to no good

Unnecessary gatherings over streets, parks

and woods,

Holohan and Harris oversaw that and got scared

They said "Restrictions there indefinitely and it's only fair"

Arts curators' lives have been but a breeze

But today their only words heard are "Clean up in the detergent aisle please"

The people pleaded "The economy will burn the next day"

But health chiefs stood firm and put them out of the way,

They gave the Arts council a death kiss, removed their funding and let them kick it,

Putting it in healthcare and giving arty places health centre planning permission tickets.

First class prison, this is bad

Watching Netflix, listening to Leonard Cohen and it's still sad,

Is this what the future of Art looks like?

Hmm, still the same, right.

But wait, it is unsustainable, all that.

Are they cutting out the cool stuff and leaving just the fat?

Don't think so, R0 of below 1, we got there

They won't want to eliminate the art fair.

Well, Restrictions were lifted but we were not out,

Formal exhibitions and shows cannot run while the virus is still about,

A search for arts resources confirmed my fear

When the VAI website showed "This site can't be reached" I.e. disappeared.

I went to the Arts Centre and when it drew near

It said, "Medical Centre" instead and the door sign said "No beer"

They said "It's a Covid 19 treatment and other ailments place for care.

This is far more important. No place for non-essential wares!"

I put my exhibition on my website and pondered my fate,

And I said to my fans "Stay at home, there is no later!"

I looked at my artwork and declared "I've made it there!"

While the Government completes the Mesh Mince of art ware.