

SELF-PORTRAIT COLLECTION GOES ON TOUR

THE UNIVERSITY of Limerick has played a major role in the development of the national Self-Portrait collection, which begins its first national Exhibition Tour this week, opening this Tuesday night at the National Gallery of Ireland.

The Collection, one of the few of its kind in the world, grew from the 1977 purchase by the University of Limerick (then the N.I.H.E.), of 15 self-portraits from the late John Kneafsey.

In 1982, a Board of Trustees was appointed and the National Self-Portrait Collection was officially established with the opening of the Kneafsey Gallery at the NIHE.

Every year since, some of Ireland's most distinguished artists have been invited to contribute to the Collection. Self-portraits of noted deceased artists have also been acquired, thus broadening the scope of the Collection.

The earliest portrait — that of the eighteenth century landscape artist, John Butts, was painted in 1760, the most recent, a drawing by Jim Allen, was completed in the early part of this year.

Theme

The 123 works which comprise this exhibition represent a range of approaches to the

theme of self-portraiture, from abstract stained glass to the academic oil painting.

As well as providing a unique document of the developments and trends in the visual arts in Ireland, the National Self-Portrait Collection offers the viewer a rare insight into how artists see themselves.

A 260 page full colour catalogue, illustrating each of the works in the collection, will be published to coincide with the exhibition. Edited by Sara Finlay and designed by John O'Regan, the cloth-bound edition will sell at £19.50, the paperback at £12.50.

The exhibition, which continues in the National Gallery until Sunday, October 15, will be opened by the Minister for Education, Mrs. Mary O'Rourke, this Tuesday evening. The exhibition will also visit the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, Belfast, from December 7 until January 6 and the Crawford Municipal Art Gallery from January 13 until February 3, 1990.



Self-portrait of Sean Keating.

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THE ANNUAL Convention of the I.A.B.A. was held at the National Stadium on Sunday. The result of the election of officers was as follows:

President: Felix Jones Dublin, outgoing, unopposed
secretary: Art O'Brien, Dublin, outgoing, unopposed
treasurer: John Whitelaw Dublin, outgoing, unopposed
vice-president: Brendan C Connaire, outgoing, 237; Victor Aston, Cork, 39; registrar George Peters, outgoing, 196
Billy O'Connor, Wexford, 86

Members (8): Gerry Storey Belfast, outgoing, 208, El; Joe Kirwin, Dublin, outgoing 192, El; Martin Power, Dublin, outgoing, 192, El; Joe McGovern, Limerick, outgoing, 187, El; Sean Honkan Castlebar, outgoing, 177, El; Harry Doherty, Belfast, outgoing, 175, El; Christ McKenna, Drogheda, outgoing, 162, El; Tom Foxe Roscommon, outgoing, 156 El; Jackie Boucher, Ulster 126; Albie Murphy, Cork, 93; Paddy Muldowney, Dublin 87; T. J. Richmond, Tipperary, 70; John Martin, Cork 55.

Motion

A notice of motion that White Medical Card must have a doctor's official stamp and signature before a box can be registered was passed unanimously. A motion that the referees and judges consist of qualified referees an

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