Four new Limerick faces for national collection

FOUR FAMOUS Limerick names are among the latest eighteen artists to be honoured by the university.

They have been chosen by a high-powered selection board to rank among the latest eighteen additions to the National Selfportrait Collection at Plassey House.

The collection, which started off as just fifteen items fifteen years ago, now occupies both floors of Plassey House, and threatens to overspill. It now has 137 self-portraits, in both painting and sculpture format, and is one of the most popular artistic attractions in the region.

Chosen in the latest selection conference, and now in place, are Tom Fitzgerald, the Limerick abstract sculptor. His self-portrait is a mere sketch on a slate disc, modestly indicating the ephemeral existence of life. Tom is 53.

Pamela Leonard, from Newcastle West, is, with such as Cliodna Cussen, one of a number of women artists who emerged from that district during the 1960s. She now lives in Howth, and specialises ion watercolours, and has been successful recently as a designer of stamps for An Post.

David Lilburn, at 42, is one of the more potent artistic forces born into and living in Limerick. Italiantrained, he is a skilled printmaker. His work already hangs elsewhere in the university.

Henry Morgan, the Glenstal art teacher, was born at Cappamore, and, at 40, is the youngest of the four new exhibitors, and his oil painting of himself is lifelike and intense.

The exhibition may be viewed for free at any time without appointment but groups may wish to arrange for a little guidance.

The selection board comprises Raymond Keavney, the director of the National Gallery, Adrian Munnelly, director of An Comhairle Ealaíonn, James Nolan, keeper of the Royal Hibernian Academy, and President Edward Walsh of the university. Dr Paddy Doran, dean of humanities, is curator.



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