

# Great Limerick artists

LIMERICK has produced more than its share of distinguished artists over the years. Three presidents of the Royal Hibernian Academy, the RHA, for instance, were well known Limerick artists - Sean Keating, Dermot O'Brien and Thomas Ryan.

But the city's premier painters also include the likes of John Shinnors, Jack Donovan, Tom Greaney, Geraldine O'Brien, Pat Copperwhite, Henry Morgan, Denise Ryan, Robert Ryan, RP Jackson, Andy McCarthy, Roger McCarthy, Sarah Marshall, Pat Quane and Annmarie Bourke.

Now their works will hang side by side next week in a unique exhibition of the best of Limerick art at the launch of the new Gallery 75 basement studio at 65 O'Connell Street - site of the old Bruce College.

The exhibition will be opened by Thomas Ryan PPRHA, on Wednesday, October 11 at 8pm, and will run until October 25.

Some of the works will be for sale but others have been borrowed for the occasion from private collections.

"It will give people a chance to see some of the works of great Limerick artists," said Annmarie Bourke, a director of Gallery 75.

It is also the start of a new phase for Gallery 75 which has moved from its



At the new Gallery 75 this week, one of the renowned exhibitors, Tom Greaney

original premises across the street.

Painter Tom Greaney whose work features in the exhibition said it was an ideal site for the new Gallery 75. A group of

artists had come together 11 years ago to prevent the gallery from closing down and it had gone from strength to strength. This is the first time that the big names in Limerick art

are coming together under the one roof.

"This is history and culture all under the one roof," said Annmarie Bourke.

Art classes are held at

Gallery 75 and Annmarie Bourke said that many people who retire are now discovering hidden artistic talent, as well as painting "for leisure and for pleasure."

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