

Gerda Czajka-Hughes' Oil painting, African Paradise

Top art in centre's first show

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A HOST of top Irish and international artists are showing their work at the newly built Freemasons Conference and Exhibition Centre opposite King John's Castle.

The show is part of the Market Artists and Friends Winter Exhibition which runs until November 18.

This year's exhibition has a real international flavour with artist such as Ann-Genevieve Hanway from France, Yan Nan Wang from China, Gerda Czajka-Hughes and Kate Vois-Coleman from Germany, Francisco Uribe from Spain, Paul Werrasekera from Sri Lanka and Kurosh Kashani from Iran, exhibiting their work.

While local artists such as Paul Grimes, Margaret Ray, Denise Coppola, Kay Quaid, Mona Lawless and Paul Crowe fly the flag

for Limerick and Ireland with an array of local and traditional scenes.

Paintings of note include Margaret Ray's One for Sorrow which is a timely comment on the threat of terrorism in our time; Gerda Hughes' African Paradise, a colourful, impressionistic memory of an African dusk.

Paul Grimes features his sought-after classic interpretations of local landmarks and landscapes in oils and acrylics. While other impressive works include Frank Bouchier's streetscapes in watercolour, Ann-Genevieve Hanway's expressive and colourful Pomegranate, Ya Nan Wang's flowers in her distinctive style, and Aida O'Kennedy's Connemara scenes in her signature mauve and purple palette. Tomás O'Maoldomhnaigh from Ennis also presents appealing nudes in pencil.

The exhibition reflects the vibrancy of its cosmopolitan influence and is guaranteed to be an enjoyable experience for all who visit the exhibition which is open from 10am to 4pm daily (except Sundays), and runs until November 18.



Market Artists, Ya Nan Wang, Tomás O'Maoldomhnaigh, Ann-Genevieve Hanway, and Margaret Ray

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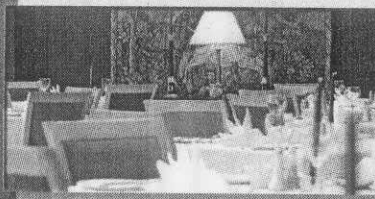
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