

Made in Limerick art is exported to China

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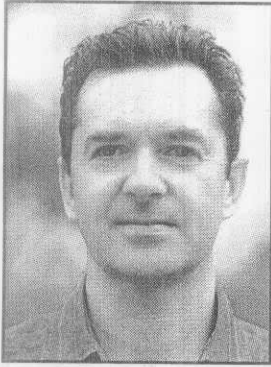
RENOWNED artist John Shinnors will be delving into uncharted water this November when he exhibits his work in Beijing and Shanghai for the first time.

Mr Shinnors is one of nine local artists who has submitted work for the Made in Ireland exhibition which will be opened by the Irish Ambassador in Beijing, Declan Kelliher, on November 1 in the Irish embassy.

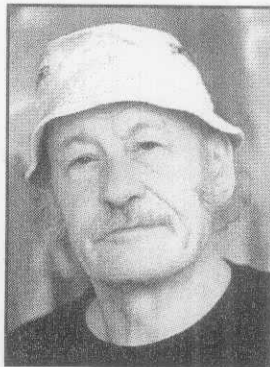
One of the organisers and exhibitors, artist Maurice Quillinan from Corbally, explained that the title of the exhibition "is a play on words, as we are so familiar with seeing the label-Made in China".

The exhibition will move to a further seven venues across both Chinese cities, including a gallery outside Beijing owned by a native of Shannon Banks, James Ryan.

Each artist will exhibit two pieces of work each, with prices ranging from €2,000 to €20,000 for Mr Shinnors work. Mr Quillinan said he expect-



Corbally artist and exhibition organiser Maurice Quillinan who will be exhibiting his work in Shanghai and Beijing from November 1, and John Shinnors, whose artworks are expected to sell for up to €20,000



ed the exhibition will be a sell-out.

"It's a very healthy market out there. They're literally sucking up everything. I've been showing work there since 1990 and Irish work has always sold very well in Hong Kong through the ex-pat community," said Mr Quillinan, who is on the board of the Bourn Vincent Gallery at the University of Limerick.

He said that the Irish ambassador continually fields questions regarding the visual culture in Ireland, due to its strong presence in Asia.

Over a period of two

weeks, each of the nine artists intends to use the city as an impetus for future collections, which they will then display in Limerick and again in China at a later date.

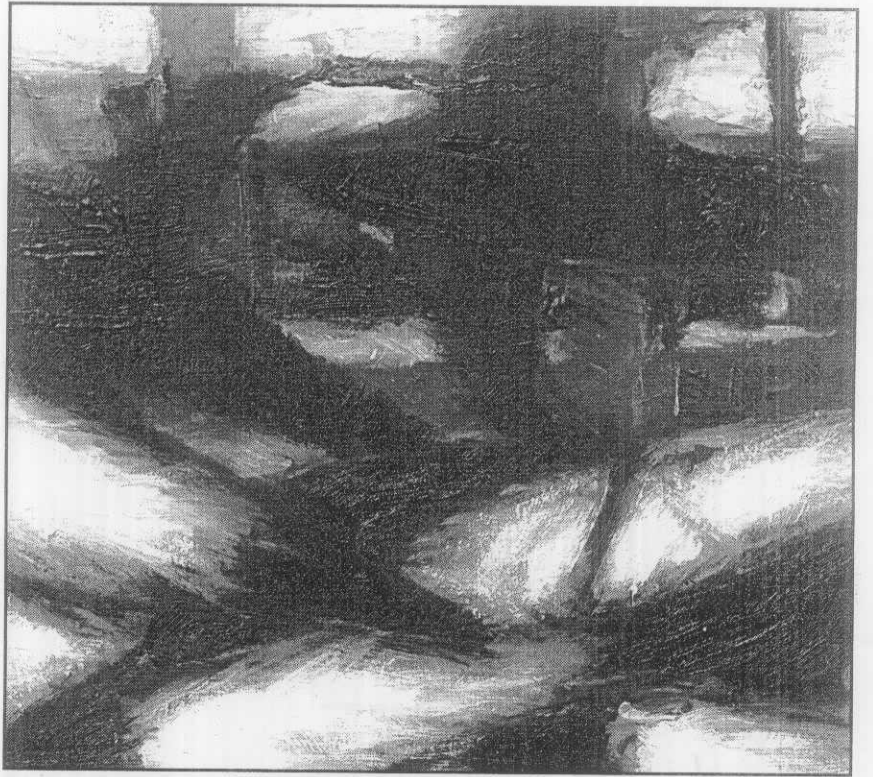
Mairead Tobin, Donald Teskey, Robert Ryan, Mary Yorke, Eithne Carr, Samuel Walsh and Pauline Flynn are among the artists involved in the Made in Ireland exhibition, which received a grant of €22,400 from Culture Ireland, the State agency which promotes the best of Ireland's arts and culture internationally.

Abstract landscape scenes on canvas are the

focus of this exhibition, including coastal scenes from Rathkeale artist Donald Teskey and scenes of Dublin architecture from Mary York.

Closer to home, Limerick artist Jack Donovan is currently exhibiting his work in Dublin's Cross Gallery until October 27. This collection by the former head of Limerick School of Art and Design shows paintings which draw on his childhood memories, as well as taking inspiration from Shakespearean plays, Kilkee beach and local history, whilst simultaneously acknowledging debts to Picasso, Matisse, Velasquez and Bosch.

This Monday, the University of Limerick Photographic Society unveiled the Irish Professional Photographers Association / Royal & SunAlliance National Photographic Exhibition in the Foundation Building. The exhibition comprises a selection of winning entries in the Irish Professional Photographers Association National Photographic Awards, and was opened by Eoin Stevenson, a University of Limerick photographer and IPPA member. It runs until October 29.



A piece by artist John Shinnors which will be viewed by Chinese audiences from November 1



One of the pieces by Corbally artist Maurice Quillinan, which will be viewed by Chinese audiences is a series of exhibition next month

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