

Stepping out of the Stream of Time

# Martin to step back for a local exhibition

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ACCLAIMED artist Martin Finnin has returned to his home town for what promises to be an exciting exhibition at Limerick Printmakers.

In Stepping out of the Stream of Time, Martin presents work that records the natural landscape and the world around him.

This abstract work is filled with complex and vibrant layers of colour suggesting different landscapes. In the title painting Stepping out of the Stream of Time intense, jewel-like reds, oranges and yellows, contrast to the blue of the stream. A delicate figure appears amidst this riot of colour, almost transparent, above which a head seems to float.

Martin's unique sense of humour shows through in titles such as in Fluffy balls of concrete I, part of a series of smaller

monochromes, and his lyricism in the soulful Hidden in the heavenly breathing tree.

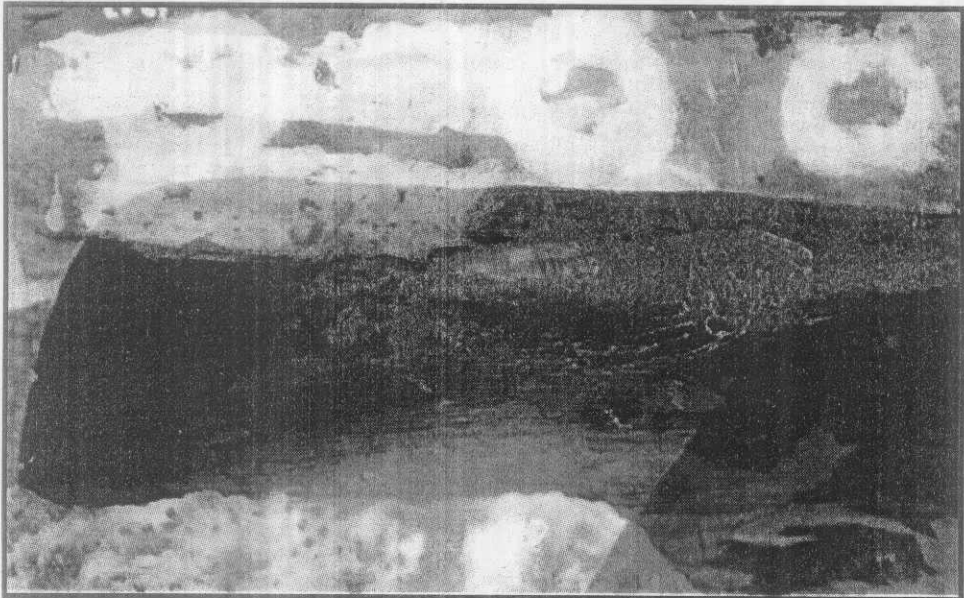
Limerick art collector Joe Buckley will open the exhibition at 8pm on Friday and all are welcome. There will be a preview at 7pm and work will be available for sale from 7pm onwards.

A native of Limerick, Martin studied at the Limerick School of Art and Design and later at NCAD. He now lives in Cork city and has travelled extensively working on exhibitions in Europe, the USA, South America and Asia.

He has won first prize in the prestigious Dedaldo Art competition in Tuscany, Italy, and was the first Irishman to be awarded a scholarship to the Vermont Studio Centre in America.

In the past year he has opened the new Form Gallery in London with 'Miracle outside the Window', had a sell out show in the Origin Gallery in Dublin and sold 10 paintings in 10 minutes in Cill Rialaig.

The exhibition runs from Friday until November 24 at the Robert Street gallery.



Down, down to the clear blue sky

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