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Rehab Recycling Partnership's sites in Limerick yielded 1.5 million bottles and jars in

80 tonnes of glass deposited at the Parkway Shopping Centre's bottle bank alone, the problems being caused by the less environmentally friendly

dents, Rehab Recycling Partnership and the local authority," explained Conor Counihan, general manager of RRP.

This nationwide prob-

green bin and brown glass in the brown bin - remove lids before recycling and don't deposit any delph, mirrors or light bulbs.

Give empty drink cans,

Top artist to exhibit in Dolmen

SCENES of Limerick and some of the characters so familiar to us all will form the subject matter of an art exhibition in the Dolmen Gallery on Arthur's Quay.

The exhibition opens this Friday and artist Michael Collins is hoping for a big turnout.

Mr Collins has gained quite a reputation in the art world, with his paintings fetching record prices in Dublin, and gracing the collections of such notable public figures as Dick Spring.

A native of Limerick, after training Mr Collins moved to Barcelona, where he was based for 17 years. Now aged 42, he returned to his native city just two years ago.

His family have a pub, Tom Collins' on Cecil Street, and Mr Collins can often be found working in the bar. His paintings also grace the walls.

However it is in the galleries of Dublin that he has made the biggest impact.

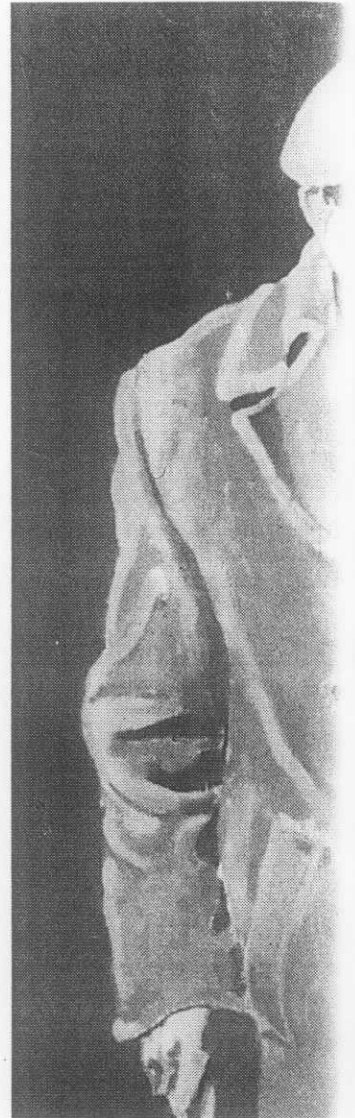
While his exhibition runs in Limerick, another exhibition of his work will run in the Kennedy Gallery on Harcourt Street. He exhibits regularly there, and his paintings sell for well over £1,000.

However there will be pieces in a far more affordable price range at the Limerick exhibition. Prices range from £150 to £1,300.

Some of the paintings depict well known scenes from the city - though not the usual hackneyed images of King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone. City characters also will be featured.

"I have a few of the town characters painted, but I never put their names on the pieces, because that is a recipe for them falling out with you," jokes Mr Collins.

"Everyone is welcome to the opening on Friday night, and I hope to see a lot of old friends there."



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