



Bridge of Ages, a painting by Limerick artist Hugh McMahon, which will be on show as part of his exhibition at the County Library from June 7 to July 5

An extraordinary take on Limerick

By ANNE SHERIDAN

MAKING ordinary Limerick scenes appear extraordinary is the focus of a collection of paintings by local artist Hugh McMahon which will be unveiled in the County Library on June 7 by model agent Celia Holman Lee.

Some 15 pieces, which range in price from €500 to €1,200, look at the city's architecture and the scenery surrounding the Shannon in Hugh's exhibition titled River Town.

"The city's history has been inextricably linked to the river as it prospered as a trading port and later, as a military stronghold. The intention is to express the unique physicality of the city's landscape," said the 31-year-old artist from Coonagh.

"Not only does the artwork represent physical locations around the city, but the paintings are intended to impart an internal sensation of experiencing the city's wide panoramas and open river spaces. The paintings are very much in the tradition of Irish landscape painting, but they offer a new perspective on that tradition," he continued.

Mr McMahon said the "paintings are accessible and recognisable, but

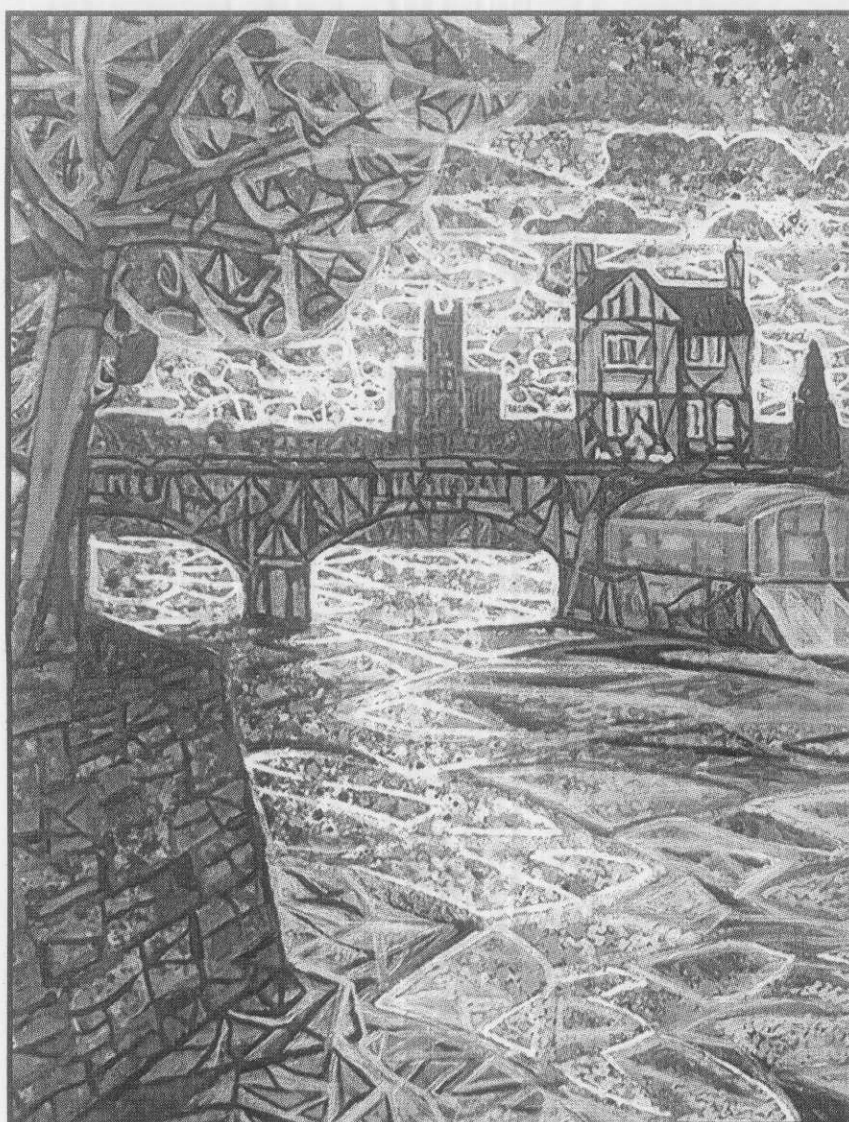
they are also challenging to the viewer." The art teacher, who studied at Limerick School of Art and Design, said he deliberately puts a strong emphasis on drawing in the paintings, to sketch out the scene for the viewer.

The paintings use a mixed media approach as the work is based on sketches produced first hand on location. Afterwards the paintings are constructed using a variety of mediums and different painting techniques. Collage is pasted onto the composition and the image is built up with different brushwork, glazes and palette knife.

Mr McMahon received a BA in Fine Art Painting from Limerick School of Art & Design in 1998 and thereafter spent a number of years travelling in Australia, South East Asia, Africa, India and Europe. On returning home, he became a member of Limerick's Contact Studios and incidentally, one of his previous exhibitions was titled Bringing It All Back Home.

He also works as a community artist and facilitates art classes in adult education, psychiatric hospitals, elderly day care, and local youth clubs. Last June he received a Higher Diploma in Art and Design Teacher Training from Limerick School of Art and Design.

The exhibition opens next Thursday, June 7 at 8pm and will run until July 5.



Hugh McMahon's painting **Red Eyed Evening** will be on display at the County Library from June 7



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COMHAIRLE CATHRACH LUIMNIGH

CITY OF LIMERICK COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND IN THE MATTER OF:- LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NO. 2) ACT, 1960 AND THE HOUSING ACT, 1966 ROADS ACT, 1993 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 AND IN THE MATTER OF:- THE CALLERVIEW AREA COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER, 2007

1. Limerick City Council of City Hall, Limerick, the Local and Planning Authority for the City of Limerick (hereinafter referred to as "the local authority") in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Section 213 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Section 76 of the Housing Act, 1966, and the Third Schedule thereto as extended by Section 10 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960, (as substituted by Section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 6 and the Second Schedule to the Roads Act, 1993 and amended by the Planning and Development Act, 2000), have made an order entitled as above which is about to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for confirmation.
2. If confirmed, the Order will authorise the Local Authority to acquire compulsorily the land described in the First Schedule to this notice for the purposes of
 - (i) Securing the objectives of the Development Plan for the City of Limerick pursuant to Section 15 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.
3. A copy the Order and of the Map referred to in it may be seen at all reasonable hours at the Property Management Department, Limerick City Council, City Hall, Limerick.
4. The order will also authorise the local authority to extinguish the public right of way described in the Second Schedule hereto, by order made by them after they have acquired the land over which there is the said public right of way.
5. The Housing Act, 1966, as amended, provides that if an objection is made to the proposed compulsory acquisition of land, the land in respect of which an objection is duly made by any of the persons upon whom notices of the making of the order are required to be served shall not be acquired compulsorily unless the Board makes an order to confirm the compulsory purchase order, unless:-
 - (a) the objection is withdrawn, or
 - (b) the Board is satisfied that the objection relates exclusively to matters which can be dealt with by the arbitrator by whom the compensation may have to be assessed.
 The Board cannot, however confirm the order in respect of the land until it has caused to be held an oral hearing into the objection and until it has considered the objection and the report of the person who held the oral hearing.

The Housing Act, 1966, as amended, also, provides that if an objection is made to the extinguishment of a public right of way (in circumstances where a Compulsory Purchase Order authorises the extinguishment of a public right of way) and the objection is not withdrawn the Board shall afford an opportunity to the person making the objection to state his case at an oral hearing save where the Board thinks fit not to confirm the Order.

6. Any objection to the said compulsory purchase order and/or the extinguishment of the said public right of way must state in writing the grounds of the objection and be sent addressed to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, so as to reach the said Board before the 16th July, 2007.
7. The Board, if they think fit, may in one or more stages annul the Compulsory Purchase Order or confirm the Order, with or without modification.
8. If no objection is received to the proposed compulsory acquisition of land, the objection is withdrawn or the Board is satisfied that the objection relates exclusively to matters which can be dealt with by the arbitrator by whom the compensation may have to be assessed, the Board shall inform the local authority, which may then confirm the order with or without modification, or refuse to so confirm it.
9. If land to which the order, as confirmed by either the Board or the local authority, relates is acquired by the local authority, compensation will be assessed in respect of the acquisition as the value of the land at the date the relevant notice to treat is served.
10. In the opinion of the local authority, no part of the land in which you have an interest consists of a house or houses which is/are, unfit for human habitation and not capable of being rendered fit for human habitation at reasonable expense. If the land to which the order relates is acquired by the local authority compensation will be assessed in accordance with Part II of the Fourth Schedule to the Housing Act, 1966, and the provisions of the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919 as amended by the Acquisition of Land (Reference Committee) Act, 1925, the Property Values (Arbitrations and Appeals) Act, 1960, and the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 (as applied by Section 265(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000) subject to the modifications contained in the Third Schedule to the Housing Act, 1966.
11. Any dispute in relation to compensation shall be referred to and be determined by a property arbitrator appointed under the Property Values (Arbitration and Appeals) Act, 1960.
12. A claimant for compensation may, at any time after the expiration of fourteen days from the date on which the relevant notice to treat is served, send to the Secretary, the Reference Committee, Four Courts, Dublin, an application in writing for the nomination of a property arbitrator for the purpose of determining the compensation to be paid. The application should be made in accordance with the Property Values (Arbitrations and Appeals) Rules, 1961, (S.I. No. 91 of 1961).

FIRST SCHEDULE

The land to which this Order relates is as follows:-

ALL THAT AND THOSE a piece or plot being

Plot of land 0.2 hectares situated at rear of 1-16 Ashbrook Gardens and 39-58 Ashbrook, Ennis Road, Limerick

DATED THIS 25TH DAY OF MAY 2007

TOM MACKEY, CITY MANAGER

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