

## HELEN O'LEARY

Born: 1961 County Wexford, Ireland

Studio: Bushwick Brooklyn and State College, PA

## **EDUCATION**

1994	Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture
1989	School of the Art Institute of Chicago, M.F.A.
1987	School of the Art Institute of Chicago, B.F.A.
1982-8	National College of Art and Design, Dublin, Ireland

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2019	<i>Safe House</i> , Sala Uno, Rome, IT
2018	<i>Sloth</i> Taylor Gallery, Dublin (Helen O' Leary and Janet Mullarney) <i>Safe House</i> University of Maine Museum, Maine <i>Home is a foreign country</i> , Lesley Heller, New York
2016	<i>The Shelf Life of Facts</i> , The MAC, Belfast, Northern Ireland Galerie Euleeulenspiegel, Basel, Switzerland (Helen O' leary and Hanibal Srouji,) <i>Fenderesky Gallery</i> , Belfast, Northern Ireland
2015	<i>Delicate Negotiations</i> , Lesley Heller Gallery, NY
2013	<i>Wexford Art Centre</i> , Wexford Opera, Wexford, Ireland <i>Refusal</i>
2012	<i>The Butler Gallery</i> , Kilkenny Castle, Ireland, <i>The shape of disappointment</i>
2012	<i>The Custom House Quay Gallery</i> , Wexford, Co. Mayo, <i>Grand</i>
2011	<i>Colemanburke Gallery</i> , <i>where things settle</i> , NY, NY
2010	<i>Culturel Irlandais</i> , Paris, FR <i>where things settle</i>
2009	<i>Beverly Art Centre</i> , Chicago, <i>Things you do</i>
2008	<i>Oklahoma State University something for nothing</i> <i>UNCG</i> , Greensboro, <i>The Gatewood Gallery the thing is</i>
2006	<i>University of Limerick</i> , Limerick, Ireland <i>The Dock</i> , Leitrim, Ireland
2005	<i>VCA</i> , Melbourne, Australia
2004	<i>Sanskriti Foundation</i> , New Dehli, <i>In India</i> , with Katie Holten <i>Monaghan Musuem of Art</i> , Monaghan, Ireland <i>In India</i>
2002	<i>Linnenhall</i> , Castlebar, Co.Mayo <i>the way things are</i>
1999	<i>Michael Gold Gallery</i> , New York
1995	<i>Kerlin Gallery</i> , Dublin, Ireland
1993	<i>Zolla/Lieberman Gallery</i> , Chicago

## **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2019	Cinque Mostre, <i>The American Academy in Rome</i> , Italy <i>Unforeseeable thereness</i> , <i>Stanek Gallery</i> , Philadelphia <i>Dance with me</i> , curated by Kyle Staver, <i>Zurcher Gallery</i> , NY
2018	OZIO, <i>Taylor Gallery</i> , Dublin with Janet Mullarney and Natalie Maier <i>Assembled</i> , <i>Patricia Sweetow Gallery</i> , San Fransisco. Julia Couzens, Cornelia Shulz, Helen o' Leary. IMMA Dublin, Ireland, Hennessy Award <i>Becoming American</i> , Gallery E, curated by Fionn Meade and Mary Coyne <i>Fenderesky Gallery</i> , Belfast, Northern Ireland
2017	<i>Nasty Women</i> , Pallas Studios, Dublin, Ireland

2016 American Academy of Arts and Letters, Invitational Spring Show NY  
Contemporary Art Centre, Building with a view, experiments in architecture New Orleans  
*The Marmite Prize* shortlist exhibition, Block 336, London, UK  
 Linda Warren Projects, Chicago, New York- *New Friends* curated by Willie Kohler  
*Two Birds One stone, Farmleigh House, Dublin*

2015 *Unlimited Potential, Lyons Weir Gallery, NY*  
Lost Cat Cape Cod Museum of Art, Dennis, Massachusetts  
Taylor Gallery, Dublin, Ireland  
Fenderesky Gallery, Belfast, Northern Ireland  
*Family Ties, 500x Gallery, Texas* curated by Julie Torres  
Momenta Art Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

2014 *When Dreams become Promises, UP Down Gallery, Kent, UK* curated by Cedric Christie

2013 Taylor Gallery, Dublin, Ireland *Lacuna*  
IAC, NY with Vona Groake and Irene Butler and Eva O' Leary, *Muddle kingdom*  
Hamilton Gallery, Sligo, Ireland, Numberless dreams

2012 Catherine Hammond Gallery, Ireland  
*Amid a space Between, SFMOMA Artist Gallery, San Francisco*  
 Galerie Eulenspiegel, Basel, Switzerland

2010 *The Nature of things, Galerie le Petit Port, Leiden, The Netherlands*

2009 Sydney SNO Contemporary Art., Australia, Sydney Non\_Objective, created my Mark Joyce,  
 traveling to Leiden, The Netherlands 2010

2008 60 x 60 Waddingford Art Centre, Philadelphia, PA

2007 *Cead in China, Travelling exhibition starting in Gallery 411, Shanghai*

2006 *Feast, Hub Galleries, PSU* curated by John Bowman

2005 *Artist as travelor, King House, Boyle, Ireland*  
Diagogue and diversity, Palmer Museum of Art, Penn State University  
Leabhar Mor na Gaeilge, Ulster Museum, Belfast  
*Trunk Show, Sirius Art Centre, Cobh, Ireland*  
*Trunk Show, White Chapel, Women's Library, London*

2004 Scpttpfaffman Gallery, NY, NY *Urgent*  
Zoller gallery, In the year of an election, Penn State University, PA  
National Gallery of Ireland Self Portrait Collect, Limerick, Ireland

2003 Abnext, Southbend Regional Museum of Art, Southbend, Indiana  
Allegheny College, PA, USA, Drawing the Wall  
*Plot with Katie Holten, Butler Gallery, Kilkenny, Ireland*  
 Glasgow Museum of Art, *Leabhar Mor na Gaeilge, Glasgow, Scotland*

2002 Heggarty Museum of Contemporary Art, Miwaukee,  
Museum Of Contemporary Art, Denver, Archipelgo, curated by Ann  
 Shostrum

2001 Island Arts Centre, Lisburn, Northern Ireland  
Lavitt Gallery, Ballinglen Fellows, Cork, Ireland

2000 Stad aan Zee, Ostende Municipal Museum, Belgium June 12-July 28  
SVA, Palmer Museum of Art, State College, PA  
Ostende Municipal Museum, Belgium, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>-Nov 10<sup>th</sup>  
Hosfstra University Gallery, New York  
Michael Gold Gallery, New York  
 Art of the State, Paper Works, travelling show Carrigfergus Castle, Orchard Gallery, National  
Photographic Archive, South Tipperary Arts Centre (catalogue)  
National Institute of Art, Manchester, New Hamshire

1998 *Works on Paper, Michael Gold Gallery, New York*  
 David Beitzel, Skowhegan Show, New York

1997 RHA Gallagher Gallery, Dublin

1996 Limerick City Gallery, Limerick, Ireland

- 1995 Art Space, New Haven, Connecticut; curated by Bill Arning  
Kerlin Gallery, Dublin, Ireland  
Art Space, New haven Connecticut; curated by Bill Arning  
Gallery 450, New York  
Zollar Gallery, University Park, Pennsylvania  
Zolla Lieberman, Chicago, IL
- 1994 Owen Patrick Galley, Philadelphia
- 1992 Helen O'Leary/ Helen O'Toole, Saint Xavier College, Chicago
- 1991 Randolph Street Gallery, Chicago
- 1989 Ellen Campbell, Paul Chidester, Helen O'Leary, Rezac Gallery, Chicago  
Renee Landry and Helen O'Leary, Gallery II, Chicago

## AWARDS

- 2018 Rome Prize, American Academy in Rome  
Hennessy Purchase prize, IMMA, Dublin, Ireland
- 2017 Yaddo, NY, USA  
Golden Paints, Fellowship, New Berlin, NY  
American Academy of Arts and Letters, Purchase Prize
- 2016 Mac Dowell Fellowship, New Hampshire  
Bogliasco Fellowship, Geneo, Italy  
Culture Ireland Grant, Department of Foreign Affairs, Dublin
- 2015 Joan Mitchell inaugural artist in Residence, New Orleans  
Art Swatch Hotel, Shanghai, China
- 2011-12 Penn State Research Grant
- 2010-11 John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship
- 2010 Culturel Irlandaise, Fellowship/residency
- 2009 College of Arts and Architecture, research award
- 2008 Unravelling Development, Curated by Joe lee, Public money award.
- 2001 Sileage, Commissions project, Commissions project, Irish Arts Council
- 2000 Joan Mitchell Award for painting and sculpture
- 1997 Ballinglen Artist Foundation
- 1996 Pollock-Krasner Award
- 1994 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, scholarship
- 1991 Community Arts Assistance Grant, Chicago, Illinois
- 1989 Pollock-Krasner Award
- 1986-89 Tuition Remission, Art Institute of Chicago

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- 2013 Helen O' leary Irregular Activity, Catherine Hammond Gallery, by Sarah Baume  
 Visual Arts News sheet
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Chicago Tribune, June 18
- 1991 *O'Leary on Track with Rigorous New Works*, Alan Artner,  
Chicago Tribune, November 22
- 1990 *Sensitive Debut*, Alan Artner, Chicago Tribune, August 23

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 [http://www.portraitsincreativity.com/helen-oleary]  
 Alfred, Brian. "Episode 6: Helen O'Leary" *Sound and Vision Podcast*.  
 [http://www.soundandvisionpodcast.com/blog/2016/4/29/wa13mpw6zsm9a9yvfkfskf6bb814r9y]
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