

# EILIS CREAN

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## EDUCATION

*MFA* Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 2000

*Certificate in Teaching*, NCAD, National College of Art & Design, Dublin, Ireland, 1981

*Diploma - Fine Art*, National College of Art & Design, Dublin, Ireland. 1980

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 *Dream Abstractions*, President's Office, UWG,

*Fields of Recognition*, Vault Gallery, Newnan, GA,

2023 *Dream Abstractions*, Spalding Nix Fine Art, Atlanta

2021 *Essential Workers/ Out of Place*, Spalding Nix Fine Art, Atlanta, GA

2017 *Above the Sea*, Green Fuse Gallery, Westport, Ireland

2016 *Laborious Conditions*, Herron School of Art, Indianapolis, IN

2015 *From the Sheeffry Pass*, Clifden Arts Week, Co. Galway, Ireland

2012 *New Paintings*, Cultural Art Center, Douglasville, GA

2009 *Presence: Votives and Portraits*, Arnold Gallery, Shorter College, GA

2004 *Votives*, Moving Spirits Gallery, Atlanta, GA,

2000 *Messages of Form*, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA,

1994 *Paintings and Drawings*, French Embassy, Dublin, Ireland,

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024

*Stand & Witness: Art in the Time of COVID-19*, David J Sencer Museum, Centers for Ensemble, Spalding Nix Gallery, Atlanta, GA

*UWG Faculty Exhibition*, Center for the Arts, Carrollton GA

*Irish Fest*, Roswell Cultural Arts Center, GA

*I, We, and the Space Between*, GSU, Georgia Perimeter, Clarkston

*Ensemble*, Spalding Nix Gallery, Atlanta, GA

2023

*Art Fields*, Lake City, SC, 2023

*Georgia Lawyers for the Arts Auction*, King Plow Center, Atlanta

*Ensemble*, Spalding Nix Gallery, Atlanta, GA

2022

*Gathered V*, Museum of Contemporary Art Georgia, Atlanta, GA, (curators: Krista Clark, Lucha Rodriguez, and Gregor Turk),

2021

*Ensemble*, Spalding Nix Gallery, Atlanta, GA,

*Hambidge Art Auction*, Atlanta GA

*MOCA GA Art Auction*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Atlanta, GA,

*Home*, Vault Gallery, Newnan, GA

2020

*Semblance*, Mint Gallery, Atlanta, GA., curator Sarah Higgins, Art Papers

*Drawing Discourse*, University of North Carolina, Asheville, SC., juror William Beckman

*All Terrain*, Spartanburg Art Museum, SC. (invitational)

2019

*Loss Redemption Grace*, EBD4, Atlanta, GA., curators Jerry Cullum and Teresa Bramlette -Reeves (Best in Show Award)

2018 *Fine Art Exhibition*, Callanwolde Arts Center, Atlanta, juror Stephanie Smith

- 2017 *RHA Annual Exhibition*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Gallaher Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
- 2016
- Drawing Never Dies*, Redline Contemporary Art Center, Denver, CO; curators Daisy McGowan & Donald Fodness
- RHA Annual Exhibition*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Gallaher Gallery, Dublin, Ireland (invitational)
- 2015 *Decatur Fine Arts Exhibition*, Dalton Gallery, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA
- 2014 *Eigse-Open Submission Exhibition*, Carlow Arts Festival, The Visual Carlow, Ireland
- 2013
- Fables of the Eco Future*, The Weave Shed Gallery, Hambidge Center, GA., curator Lisa Alembik
- 2012 *100at100*, Juried Alumni Exhibition, Ernest Welch School of Art and Design, GSU, Atlanta
- Studio Visit Magazine*, Volume Nineteen, Open Studios Press, Boston, MA
- National Small Oil Painting Juried Exhibition* – Wichita Center for the Arts, KA
- 2011 *Decatur Fine Arts Exhibition*, Dalton Gallery, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Best in Show Award
- International Painting Annual*, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
- Valdosta National*, Valdosta State University, GA
- 2010 *Ashes to Ashes: Demise and Transformation*, Conrad Wilde Gallery, Tucson, AZ
- 2009 *All Small Redux*, Dalton Gallery, Agnes Scott College, Atlanta GA
- 2008 *LaGrange National Biennial*, LaGrange Museum, LaGrange, GA, curator Jeffery Grove
- 23rd Annual International Exhibition*, The University of Texas at Tyler, TX
- QX.net Nude International 2008*, Lexington Art League, Lexington, KY
- 2007 *34th Annual Juried Competition*, Mazur Museum of Art, LA
- Juried Art Exhibit*, Bascom-Louise Gallery, Highlands, NC
- Small Wonders*, Maryland Federation of Art, Baltimore, MD
- WCAGA, Annual Exhibition*, Stone Mountain, GA
- PAINT* South Shore Art Center, Cohasset, MA,

*20th Annual Juried National Fine Arts Exhibition, Douglasville, GA*

2006 *Domestic Tensions-Axis of Longing*, Gay Center for the Arts, Milwaukee, WI. curator Jeanne Nemeth

2005 *Northern National Art Competition*, Nicolet College, WI

1997 *Vital Chords - Land, Identity and Myth in Contemporary Irish Art*, Sturgis Library Gallery, Kennesaw State University, GA

1995 *Iontas - Small Works*, Touring Exhibition: Sligo Art Gallery, Ormeau Baths Belfast, and R.H.A. Gallery, Dublin, Ireland

1994 *Eigse*, Carlow, Ireland

*Arnotts National Portrait Award Exhibition*, Ireland

*Oireachtas*, Guinness Hop Store Gallery, Dublin, Ireland

*Treg'Aquarelle*, Brittany, France

## **AWARDS & GRANTS**

2023

*Life Drawing Self-directed Sessions*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin Ireland

*Painting Workshop with Siobhan O'Callaghan*, RHA, Dublin, Ireland

*2nd Place*, Art Fields Portrait Competition, Lake City, Georgia, USA

2020 *Faculty Research Grant* University of West Georgia \$5,000

2019 *Best in Show - Loss, Redemption, Grace*, juried by Jerry Cullum and Teresa Bramlette -Reeves; EBD4, Atlanta, GA,

2013 *Faculty Research Grant*, University of West Georgia \$1500

2012 *Hambidge Fellow*, Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts, GA,

2011 *Best in Show*, Decatur Fine Arts Exhibition, Dalton Gallery, Atlanta, GA,

2008 *Merit Award, Valdosta National*, Valdosta State University, GA,

2007 *Purchase Award, LaGrange National Biennial*, LaGrange Museum, GA

*Honorable Mention -Juried Art Exhibit*, Bascom-Louise Gallery, Highlands, NC

2006 *Merit Award – PAINT*, South Shore Art Center, Cohasset, MA

*Third Place*, National Fine Arts Exhibition, Douglasville Arts Center, GA,

*Second Place*, National Fine Arts Exhibition, Douglasville Arts Center, GA  
*Faculty Research Grant*, University of West Georgia \$1,000

1999 *Joseph Perrin Award*, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA,

1996

- *Irish Rep*, Cesis Annual International Watercolor Symposium, Latvia
- Irish Arts Council Travel Grant to Latvia

### **OTHER Professional Engagements, Artist Talks & Publications**

2024 *Artist Talk*, David J Sencer Museum, CDC,

*Mary Stanley Studio* visit with the Young Collectors Club -

*Essay by Nathan Rees, Fields of Recognition*, Catalog, Vault Gallery Press

*Review by Jerry Cullum - Cullum's Notebook*, ArtsAtl Feb 7

*Curator: I, We, and the Space Between*, GSU, Georgia Perimeter, Clarkston, GA

*Artist Interview, Speaking of Art, City Lights WAB*

2023 *Artist interview - live on Instagram* with Spalding Nix Fine Art

2021 *Artist interview - live on Instagram* with Spalding Nix Fine Art

2020 *Review by Shelly Dansy, Semblance*, ArtsAtl, August 14

2017 *Review by Aidan Dunne, RHA Annual Exhibition*, Irish Times, May 30th

2012 *Artist Talk*, Cultural Arts Center, Douglasville, GA

2009 *Artist Talk*, Conrad Wilde Gallery, Tucson, AZ

*Artist Talk*, Shorter College, Rome GA

2004 *Artist Talk*, LaGrange College, Department of Art, GA

### **RESIDENCIES & WORKSHOPS**

2023 *Life Drawing Self-directed Sessions*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin Ireland

Figure *Painting Self-directed Sessions*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, Ireland,  
2006 *Timothy Hawksworth Life Drawing Residency*, Morristown, NJ, USA 2006

## **COLLECTIONS**

La Grange Museum of Art, La Grange, GA, USA

King and Spalding, Atlanta, GA USA

Irish State Collection, Dublin, Ireland

French Embassy, Dublin, Ireland

Latvian State Collection

Figgis Collection, Dublin, Ireland

## **TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS**

*Professor Emerita*, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2023 - current

*Professor of Art*, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2019- 2022

*Associate Professor of Art*, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2008- 2019

*Assistant Professor of Art*, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2003-2008

*Limited Term Instructor of Art*, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2003-2008

*Visiting Instructor of Art* Georgia State University, Atlanta GA, 2000-2001

*Student Assistant*, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, 1998-2000

*Instructor of Life Drawing*, Stillorgan Senior College, Dublin, Ireland, 1989- 1996