EILIS CREAN

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GALLERY REPRESENTATION

Spalding Nix Fine Art, Atlanta, GA

EDUCATION

2000	Master of Fine Arts, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
1981	Certificate in Teaching, National College of Art & Design, Dublin, Ireland
1980	Diploma in Fine Art, National College of Art & Design, Dublin, Ireland

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025	*Meanderscapes / Synthescapes*, Spalding Nix Fine Art, Atlanta, GA
2024	*Fields of Recognition*, Vault Gallery, Newnan, GA
2023	*Dream Abstractions / Perspective & Perceptions*, Spalding Nix Fine Art, Atlanta, GA
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 and Design, Indianapolis, IN
2015	*From the Sheeffry Pass*, Clifden Arts Festival, Co. Galway, Ireland
2012	*New Paintings*, Cultural Arts Center, Douglasville, GA
2009	*Presence: Votives and Portraits*, Arnold Gallery, Shorter College, Rome, GA
2004	*Votives*, Moving Spirits Gallery, Atlanta, GA
2000	*Messages of Form*, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
1994	*Paintings and Drawings*, Embassy of France, Dublin, Ireland

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025	*Hambidge Art Auction*, Atlanta, GA
2024	*Stand & Witness: Art in the Time of COVID-19*, David J. Sencer CDC Museum, Atlanta, GA
	Ensemble, Spalding Nix Fine Art, Atlanta, GA
	UWG Faculty Exhibition, Center for the Arts, Carrollton, GA
	Irish Fest, Roswell Cultural Arts Center, Roswell, GA
	I, We, and the Space Between, Georgia State University Perimeter College, Clarkston, GA
2023	*ArtFields*, Lake City, SC
	Georgia Lawyers for the Arts Auction, King Plow Arts Center, Atlanta, GA
	Ensemble, Spalding Nix Fine Art, Atlanta, GA
2022	*Gathered V*, Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia (MOCA GA), Atlanta, GA
2021	*Ensemble*, Spalding Nix Fine Art, Atlanta, GA
	Hambidge Art Auction, Atlanta, GA
	MOCA GA Art Auction, Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia, Atlanta, GA
	Home, Vault Gallery, Newnan, GA
2020	*Semblance: 7th Annual Juried Exhibition*, Mint Gallery, Atlanta, GA

	Drawing Discourse, University of North Carolina Asheville, Asheville, NC
	All Terrain, Spartanburg Art Museum, Spartanburg, SC
2019	*Loss, Redemption, Grace*, EBD4, Atlanta, GA
2018	*Fine Art Exhibition*, Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, Atlanta, GA
2017	*RHA Annual Exhibition*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Gallagher Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
2016	*Drawing Never Dies*, RedLine Contemporary Art Center, Denver, CO
	RHA Annual Exhibition (Invitational), Royal Hibernian Academy, Gallagher Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
2015	*Decatur Fine Arts Exhibition*, Dalton Gallery, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA
2014	*Éigse Open Submission Exhibition*, Carlow Arts Festival, VISUAL Centre for Contemporary Art, Carlow, Ireland
2013	*Fables of the Eco Future*, The Weave Shed Gallery, Hambidge Center, Rabun Gap, GA
2012	*100at100*, Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
	National Small Oil Painting Juried Exhibition, Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, KS
2011	*Decatur Fine Arts Exhibition*, Dalton Gallery, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA
	International Painting Annual, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
	Valdosta National, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA
2010	*Ashes to Ashes: Demise and Transformation*, Conrad Wilde Gallery, Tucson, AZ
2009	*All Small Redux*, Dalton Gallery, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA
2008	*LaGrange National Biennial*, LaGrange Art Museum, LaGrange, GA
	23rd Annual International Exhibition, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX
	QX.net Nude International 2008, Lexington Art League, Lexington, KY
2007	*34th Annual Juried Competition*, Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA
	Juried Art Exhibit, Bascom-Louise Gallery, Highlands, NC
	Small Wonders, Maryland Federation of Art, Annapolis, 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 Arts Center, Milwaukee, WI
2005	*Northern National Art Competition*, Nicolet College, Rhinelander, WI
1997	*Vital Chords: Land, Identity and Myth in Contemporary Irish Art*, Sturgis Library Gallery, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA
1995	*Iontas: Small Works*, Sligo Art Gallery; Ormeau Baths Gallery, Belfast; and RHA, Dublin, Ireland
	Arnotts National Portrait Award Exhibition, Dublin, Ireland
	Oireachtas Exhibition, Guinness Hop Store Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
	Trég'Aquarelle, Brittany, France

AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2023	Second Place, Portrait Competition, *ArtFields*, Lake City, SC
2019	Best in Show, *Loss, Redemption, Grace*, EBD4, Atlanta, GA
2012	Hambidge Fellow, Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts, Rabun Gap, GA
2011	Best in Show, *Decatur Fine Arts Exhibition*, Dalton Gallery, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA

2008	Merit Award, *Valdosta National*, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA
2007	Purchase Award, *LaGrange National Biennial*, LaGrange Art Museum, LaGrange, GA
	Honorable Mention, *Juried Art Exhibit*, Bascom-Louise Gallery, Highlands, NC
2006	Merit Award, *PAINT*, South Shore Art Center, Cohasset, MA
	Second Place & Third Place, *National Fine Arts Exhibition*, Douglasville Arts Center, Douglasville, GA
1999	Joseph Perrin Award, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
1996	Travel Grant, Arts Council of Ireland, Irish Representative, *Cēsis Annual International Watercolor Symposium*, Cēsis, Latvia

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY & PRESS

2024	Rees, Nathan. *Fields of Recognition* (exhibition catalog essay). Newnan, GA: Vault Gallery Press.
	Cullum, Jerry. "Cullum's Notebook," *ArtsATL*, February 7.
2020	Dansey, Shelly. Review of *Semblance*, *ArtsATL*, August 14.
2017	Dunne, Aidan. Review of *RHA Annual Exhibition*, *The Irish Times*, May 30.
2012	*Studio Visit Magazine*, Vol. 19, Open Studios Press, Boston, MA.

LECTURES, INTERVIEWS & CURATORIAL PROJECTS

2025	Artist Interview, Live with Spalding Nix Fine Art, November 2
2024	Artist Talk, David J. Sencer CDC Museum, Atlanta, GA
	Curator, *I, We, and the Space Between*, Georgia State University Perimeter College, Clarkston, GA
	Studio Visit, Mary Stanley & The Young Collectors Club, Carrollton, GA
	Artist Interview, *Speaking of Art*, City Lights, WABE 90.1 FM, Atlanta, GA
2023	Artist Interview, Live with Spalding Nix Fine Art
2021	Artist Interview, Live with Spalding Nix Fine Art
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, Department of Art, LaGrange College, LaGrange, GA

RESIDENCIES & WORKSHOPS

2025	Artist Residency, Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts, Rabun Gap, GA
2023	Life Drawing & Figure Painting Workshops (with Siobhán O'Callaghan), Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, Ireland
2006	Timothy Hawksworth Life Drawing Residency, Morristown, NJ

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Irish State Collection, Dublin, Ireland
Latvian State Collection, Latvia
Embassy of France, Dublin, Ireland
LaGrange Art Museum, LaGrange, GA

King & Spalding, Atlanta, GA
Figgis Collection, Dublin, Ireland

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023–Present	Professor Emerita of Art, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA
2019–2022	Professor of Art, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA
2008–2019	Associate Professor of Art, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA
2003–2008	Assistant Professor / Limited Term Instructor of Art, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA
2000–2001	Visiting Instructor, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
1998–2000	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
1989–1996	Instructor of Life Drawing, Stillorgan Senior College, Dublin, Ireland