

Charles Harper

Born

- 1943 Valencia Island, Co Kerry, Ireland.
- 1982 Elected to Aosdana
- 1997 Elected Associate Member of the Royal Hibernian Academy
- 2003 Elected Full Member of the Royal Hibernian Academy

Studied

- 1958-9 Studied Film Making at Fisherkoesen Film Studios, Bonn, Germany
- 1961-7 National College of Art, Dublin, Limerick School of Art,
- 1965-6 Awarded Study/Scholarship at the Dublin Graphic Studio.
- 1967-8 Studied Principles of Teaching, NCAD, Dublin.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 1966 Thomond Gallery, Limerick
- 1967 Molesworth Gallery, Dublin
- 1968 Brown Thomas Gallery, Dublin
- 1970 Gerald Davis Gallery, Dublin
- 1971 Gerald Davis Gallery, Dublin

- 1974 Emmet Gallery, Dublin: United Arts Club, Dublin: Grafikuset Futura AC, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1975 The Tom Caldwell Gallery, Dublin
- 1976 The Kevin Gallery, Limerick: Tom Caldwell Gallery, Belfast
- 1978 The Funge Arts Centre, Gorey, Co Wexford: The Tom Caldwell Gallery Dublin: The Stone Art Gallery, Co. Galway
- 1979 The Tom Caldwell Gallery, Dublin: The Triskel Arts Centre, Cork
- 1980 Allied Irish Banks, Limerick: Butler Gallery, Kilkenny: The Kenny Gallery, Galway
- 1981 The Tara Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland: The Tom Caldwell Gallery, Dublin
- 1982 The Triskel Arts Centre, Cork
- 1983 Belltable Arts Centre, Limerick: The Tom Caldwell Gallery, Dublin
- 1986 The Grafton Gallery, Dublin
- 1987 Foynes Library Gallery, Co. Limerick: Newcastlewest Library, Co Limerick: United Arts Club, Dublin: Bank of Ireland, (Citizens II), Dublin: Carroll Gallery, Longford
- 1988 The Doolan Moore Gallery, Athlone: Garter Lane Arts Centre, Waterford
- 1989 United Arts Club, Dublin
- 1990 Carroll Gallery, Longford: Riverrun Gallery, Four Views, Limerick
Riverrun Gallery, Four Views, Dublin: Carroll Gallery, Longford:
Claremorris Residency Exhibition, Co Mayo
- 1992 Vanguard Gallery, Macroom Co Cork: Carroll Gallery, Longford
- 1993 Rigas Gallery Riga, Latvia: Hallward Gallery, Dublin: United Arts Club, Dublin
- 1995 Hallward Gallery, Dublin
- 1996 The Vanguard Gallery, Macroom, Co Cork: Dolmon Gallery, Limerick.

- Hallward Gallery, Dublin. The United Arts Club, Dublin.
- 1997 A Retrospective, Sligo Art Gallery, Sligo Travelling to Limerick & Cork. Hallward Gallery, Dublin.
- 1999 Belltable Arts Center Limerick. Hallward Gallery, Dublin
- 2001 The Doswell Gallery, Limerick
- 2002 Hallward Gallery. Dublin.
- 2003 Hallward Gallery, Dublin
- 2004 United Arts Club, Dublin.
- 2005 Gormley Fine Art, Dublin
- 2006 Gormleys Fine Art, Belfast. (April/May)
- 2007 Rearview Mirror, Gormley Fine Art, Dublin
- 2008 United Arts Club, Dublin. United Arts Club, Dublin.
- 2016 One Man Show, The Hamilton Gallery, Sligo
- 2018 Charles Harper **Retrospective**, RHA Gallagher Gallery, Dublin.
- 2019 **Retrospective**, Limerick City Gallery of Art, Limerick. (in preparation)

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 1961** Irish Artists Winter Exhibition, Limerick
- 1963** Young Irish Artists Foundation, (Travelling)
- 1964** Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin: Irish Artists Winter Exhibition, Limerick.
- 1965** Dante Divine Comedy Competition and Exhibition, (Awarded First Prize), Italian Institute, Dublin:
Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin: Young Irish Artists Foundation, (Travelling): Young Irish Artists

Foundation, (Travelling).

1966 Commemoration of 1916 Rising Competition & Exhibition, (Awarded First prize artist under 25 years. Municipal Gallery of Modern Art, Dublin.

1967 Irish Artists, Boston, USA: Oireachtas Art Exhibition, Dublin: Dutch/Irish Artists Exhibition, Municipal Gallery of Modern Art, Dublin: First International Triennale, New Delhi, India

1968 Irish Exhibition of Living Art, Dublin: Oireachtas Art Exhibition, Dublin

1969 Irish Exhibition of Living Art, Cork: Oireachtas Art Exhibition, Dublin

1970 Irish Exhibition of Living Art, Dublin: Oireachtas Art Exhibition, Dublin

1971 Independent Artists Exhibition, Dublin: Irish Exhibition of Living Art, Dublin: Oireachtas Art Exhibition, Dublin

1972 Independent Artists Exhibition, Dublin: Irish Exhibition of Living Art, (Awarded) Dublin: Oireachtas Art Exhibition, Dublin

1973 Irish Exhibition of Living Art, Dublin: Oireachtas Art Exhibition, Dublin: 1974 Writers Week Exhibition, Listowel, (Awarded) Independent Artists Exhibition, Dublin: Irish Exhibition of Living Art, Dublin.

1976 Irish Exhibition of Living Art, Dublin: Oireachtas Art Exhibition, Dublin: Listowel Graphics, Co. Kerry

1977 Exhibition of Living Art, Dublin: Independent Artists Exhibition, Dublin: Oireachtas Art Exhibition, Dublin, Belfast & Letterkenny: Exhibition of Visual Art, Limerick.

1978 7 Irish Artists, Stockholm, Sweden: Independent Artists Exhibition, Dublin: Irish Exhibition of Living Art, Dublin: Oireachtas Art Exhibition, Dublin

1979 Harper-Meagher-Walsh Show, Galway: Irish Exhibition of Living Art, Dublin: Oireachtas Art Exhibition, Dublin: Independent Artists, Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin: Exhibition of Visual Art, Limerick:

1980 Grafika 2 Ireland, Dublin: Irish Exhibition of Living Art, Dublin: Oireachtas Art Exhibition, Dublin: Claremorris Art Exhibition, Co. Mayo: Exhibition of Visual Art, Limerick: Works on Paper, Angela Flowers Gallery, London

1981 Drawing Towards, (Arts Council Touring Exhibition): Independent Artists Exhibition, Dublin: Irish

Exhibition of Living Art, Dublin: Oireachtas Art Exhibition, Dublin: 6 Limerick Artists, (Touring): Exhibition of Visual Art, Limerick: Gallery Artists, Caldwell, Dublin: A Personal Choice, Belltable Arts Centre, Limerick.

1982 ARTDER Muestra Internacional de Obara Grafica, Bilbao, Spain: AND PRINT, Waterloo Gallery, London: SADE 82 Cork

1983 BELTINE, Quimper, France: Art in Schools 5, (Touring mid west): Plassy Art Days, All+10 Sorts, Limerick University: TCD Collection, Douglas Hyde Gallery, Dublin: Independent Artists Exhibition, Dublin:

Gallery Artists, Hammerquist New York: George Dawson Collection, Dublin

1985 All+10 Sorts, NIHE, Limerick & Ennis:

1986 Miniature Art, Del Bello Gallery, Toronto, Canada: Murray/Harper, Belltable Arts Centre, Limerick:

NCAD Decade Show 1975-85, Hop Store, Dublin

1987 Independent Artist's Exhibition, Dublin: Exhibition of Visual Art, Limerick: Citizens II, Bank of Ireland, Dublin: Western Artists, Time Stone Gallery, Touring Ireland & Australia: Claremorris Art Exhibition, Co Mayo: *DISPOSITIONS 87*, Brussels, Belgium: Munster Fine Art Society, Cork: Living Landscape 87 Skibbereen & Cork: Riverrun Gallery Inauguration Show, Limerick

1988 Trees of Life, Touring Ireland :Western Artists, Touring Australia:

1989 National Self Portrait Collection, Dublin: Trees of Life, IMMA, Dublin & Donegal: Gallery Artists, Riverrun Gallery, Dublin

1990 George Moore Memorial Exhibition Claremorris, Co. Mayo: *IMPRESSIONS III* Galway Arts Festival, Galway:

STARPTAUTISKAIS AKVARELISTU PLENERIS, Cecis Art Museum, Latvia, USSR: *CESU* Plenera,

Riga, Latvia

1991 Gateway to Art, AER Rianta Arts Festival, Dublin Airport, Dublin: Oireachtas Art Exhibition, Dublin: Gallery Artists, Riverrun Galleries, Limerick, Dublin & Galway.

1992 Oireachtas Art Exhibition, (Invited) Dublin: Gallery Artists, Riverrun Galleries, Limerick, Dublin & Galway: Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin: *Starptautiskais Akvarelistu*, Pleners, Cecis Art Museum, Cecis, Latvia.

1993 **Erasmus European Artists Exhibition**, University of Kingston, London: 4 Limerick Artists,

1994 **Royal Hibernian Academy**, Dublin: Living Landscape, Skibbereen, Limerick & Dublin.

1995 "**Altered States**" Exhibition, (Art's Council Travelling Exhibition) **RHA** Dublin.

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1997 **The Art of the Book**, National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin,

1999 **FITZGERALD HARPER SHINNORS SLADE**, Vanguard Gallery, Cork. **As I See Myself**, Hunt Museum, Limerick.

Art for Amnesty Show, Dublin.

2005 **Bank of Ireland Collection Show**, Crawford Art Gallery Cork.

2006 **RHA** Dublin, **Hunt The Postcard**, Hunt Museum, Limerick.

2007 **.Modern Irish Art 1960s-1990s, Bank of Ireland Collection**, Ormeau Baths Gallery' Belfast

2010 **Celebrating 21 years in art**, Gormleys Fine Art, Dublin:

2011 RHA, Dublin

2012 DUNAIRE , Cross Gallery, Dublin

2013 Irish Prints Berlin Germany. Landscapes Curated by Bernadette Madden, Gormley Galleries, Dublin & Belfast..

2014 **Synergy** Bourn Vincent Gallery UL, Limerick.

2016 **RHA16** Dublin, **Selection RHA**, Clifton festival, Co Galway.

2017 Crazy Jane, Hamilton Gallery, Sligo,

Awards

- 1965 First Prize, Interpretations of the Devine Comedy, Commemorating Dante's birth, presented by Institute Italiano de Cultura, Dublin.
- 1966 First Prize for painting by artist (under 26 years) Commemorating the 50th. Anniversary of the 1916 Rising, Municipal Gallery of Modern Art, Dublin.
- 1971 The **Carrolls Open Award**, Irish Exhibition of Living Art, National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin.
- 1994 The Arts Council's **Bonn an Uachtarain de Hide**, at The Oireachtas, Douglas Hide Gallery, Dublin.
- 1980 **Joint First Prize**, Claremorris Open, Claremorris Co Mayo.
- 1990 Awarded Artist-in-Residence Claremorris Co Mayo.
- 1997 Painting Award at **Iontas 97**, RHA Gallery, Dublin.
- 2007 **Bulbulia Award** at RHA, Dublin.
- 2015 **Friends of the RHA Award for Senior Artist**. RHA Annual 2015.

Represented Ireland

- 1968 Bianco e Nero, Lugano, Switzerland
- 1968 First Triennial India, National Gallery of Modern Art and Lalit Kala Gallery New Delhi, India.
- 1972 International Biennial of Graphic Art Florence, Italy.
- 1975 Die International Kunstmesse. Basel, Switzerland.

- 1978 Seven Irish Painters, Gallery R Stockholm, Sweden
- 1980 Contemporary Irish Art, Angela Flowers Gallery, London.
- 1982 ARTEDER 82 Muestra Internacional de Opra Grafica, Bilboa, Spain.
- 1983 BELTINE Quimper Brittany, France
- 1990 PLENERA, Cecis, Cesu Museum & Riga. Latvia. USSR
- 1992 CESU PLENERA, Cesu Museum & Riga, Latvia.
- 1993 CESU PLENERA, Cesu Museum & Riga, Latvia.
- 1996 Lithuania Plenera Irish Artists

Public Collections

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, USA	The Arts Council of Ireland
Cecis Art Museum, Latvia	The Arts Council of Northern Ireland
The Latvian Ministry of Culture, Riga, Latvia	AIB Collection, Bank Center, Dublin
Limerick City Gallery of Art	Crawford Municipal Art Gallery, Cork
Pontravedra Museum of Art, Spain	
Kingston University, London	
Office of Public Works, Ireland	
National Self Portrait Collection, University of Limerick	Hugh Lane Municipal Gallery, Dublin
Irish Aviation Authority, Dublin	Modern Irish Art Collection, AIT, Athlone
National Collection of Contemporary Drawings,, LCGA	Ulster Museum, Belfast
Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin	University of Limerick
The Modern Art Collection, Trinity College Dublin	
Bank of Ireland Collection, Dublin	Mary Immaculate College, Limerick

Wexford County Council, Wexford

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Art in Ulster 2, Mike Catto, 1977.

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Contemporary Irish Art, Roderick Knowles, WH Press; 1982

The Arts in Ireland: a Chronology, Christopher Fitz Simon, Gill&Macmillan 1982;

Robert Ballagh, Ciaran Carty, 1986.

History of Irish Art Revision by Ursula O'Meara & Theresa Hegarty, Folens, 1994.

AIB ART, a selection from the collection, Frances Ruane, 1995.

Modern Irish Lives, Dictionary of 20th-Century Biography Ed. Louis McRedmond, 1996.

Appreciation and History of Art, Aidan O Sullivan, Gill & Macmillan, 1998.

Modern Art in Ireland, Dorothy Walker, Lilliput Press 1997.

Five hundred years of the art of the book in Ireland, 1500 to the present, Joseph McDonnell, Merrill Holberton publishers London, 1997

Charles Harper Profile, Aiden Dunne & Gerry Walker, Gandon Editions, 1998.

Catalogue of the collection, Irish Museum of Modern Art, May 1991- May 1998.

Dictionary of Living Irish Artists, Robert O' Byrne, Plurabelle Publishing 2010.

