

INVITATION TO ART EXHIBITION

NAMING THE CHILDREN

20 Portraits of Children in times of Peace & War



Participating Artists:

Dermot Anderson, Marina Anderson, Carol O'Callaghan, Paul Chamberlain, Daniel Cullen, Nora Duffy, Michael Friel, Walter Hamilton, Philip Mackey, Johnny McCabe, Maura McGlynn, Joan Murray, Sean O'Brogain, Conor Roarty, Myriam Rommers, Deirdre Shanny, Sinead Smyth, Rosemary Sweeney, Mary Toland & Louise Treacy.

Curator:

Christina Rodgers of the school of Tory Island Painters

Saturday

1ST FEBRUARY 2020

Donegal County Museum, High Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

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Opening of Exhibition: 1.00pm

Exhibition continues until 29th February 2020

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INVITATION

The Donegal Justice & Peace Committee, the Connemara Peace Group and Veterans for Peace Ireland welcome you to this Art Exhibition, "Naming the Children".

May 2019, we invited 20 portrait artists resident in Donegal and the North West to participate in this curated art exhibition. Recent wars and conflicts, especially since the launch of the so-called 'War on Terror,' have claimed the lives of up to one million children. Bombs and bullets, made, transported and triggered by human hands, followed by disease and famine, claimed those precious lives.

This exhibition invites us to see reality through the eyes of 20 children who were murdered and through the eyes of their families and friends, if any of the latter survived. These children and teenagers are from countries in Asia, the Americas, Australia, Europe and the Middle East. We are aware that families are still grieving.

These children have a right to be identified, to have their stories told, to take their place in our conscience and in our memories. They died at the hands of others. We want to honour the lives and dignity of these children with a portrait of some of them, symbolically representing all children.

The death of one child is a tragedy.
The death of a million children are a million tragedies.

Why chose portraits? Portraits are always interesting because we are curious about people. The idea of a portrait, that conveys a personality, a sensibility and essence, is always irresistible. These 20 portraits of our slain sisters and brothers appeal to every heart and every conscience and may lead us to act.

We thank the artists for giving freely of their time, skill and sensibility to this unique educational project. We hope this exhibition may tour not only County Donegal but also other venues in Ireland.

The words of martyred Bishop Juan Gerardi Conedera of Guatemala (April 26,1998) are still imperative today:

"To open ourselves to the truth of what is happening in our world, to bring ourselves face to face with our personal and collective reality is not an option that can be accepted or rejected. It is an undeniable requirement of all people and societies that seek to humanize themselves and be free."

OVERVIEW OF PORTRAITS (40 CM X 50 CM DEEP EDGE)

	NAME OF CHILD	COUNTRY/ NATIONALITIES & DOD	AGE	ARTIST	CONTACT DETAIL
1	Ahmad Sabri Abu Abed	Palestine 12.12.2018	4 Years	Dermot Anderson	dermotcat@gmail.com
2	Saffie-Rose Roussos	England 22.05.2017	8 Years	Nora Duffy	noraduffy2013@gmail.com
3	Nawar(Nora) Al-Awlaki	Yemen-USA 26.01.2017	8 Years	Johnny McCabe	johnnymccabeartist@gmail.com
4	Lola Ouzounian	France-Armenia 23.11.2015	17 Years	Marina Anderson	marinaaaa@gmail.com
5	Nasar Mosbeh	Palestine 28.09.2018	12 Years	Sean O'Brogain	seanobrogain@yahoo.ie
6	Juliana Valentine Mc Court	Ireland-USA 11.09.2001	4 Years	Rosemary Sweeney	085 1429908
7	Qusai Issam Al-Batsh	Palestine 12.07.2014	12 Years	Philip Mackey	artyspark@gmail.com
8	Tim Parry	England 20.03.1993	12 Years	Daniel Cullen	daniel007cullen@yahoo.com
9	Rahaf'Alaa Abd Rabo	Palestine 29.07.2014	3 Years	Deirdre Shanny	deemshanny@gmail.com
10	Daniel Tregerman	Israel 22.08.2014	4 Years	Sinead Smyth	sinead@trenbania.ie
11	Hanaa Amer Saleh Tlaa al Rawi	Iraq 02.08.2017	Young Age	Maura McGlynn	mcglynnmaura@hotmail.com
12	Kayla de Assis Ribeiro	Brasil-Switzeland- France 14.07.2016	6 Years	Carol O'Callighan	faynpail@gmail.com
13	Deanna Abdul Moneim Hamidi	Syria 28.04.2017	13 Years	Myriam Rommers	myriamrommers@gmail.com
14	Alma Abdullah Shaheen	Syria 01.10.2014	7 Years	Joan Murray	joanmurray83@gmail.com
15	Maurilia Coc Max	Guatemala 05.10.1995	7 Years	Mary Toland	mdtoland@gmail.com
16	Julian Alessandro Cadman	Britain, Australia Philippines, Spain 06.05.2019	7 Years	Michael Friel	friel.michael@sky.com
17	Kathryn Eakin	Ireland-UK 31.07.1972	8 Years	Walter Hamilton	wc.hamilton@btinternet.com
18	Habibi	Iraq 21.05.2015	4 Years	Paul Chamberlain	paulchamberlain1942@ gmail.com
19	Abdulrahman Al-Awlaki	Yemen-US 11.10.2011	17 Years	Conor Roarty	conor.roarty8@gmail.com
20	Faris Wa'el Abdul	Syria 01.10.2014	8 Years	Louise Treacy	louiset54@gmail.com

The Latin American poet, Eduardo Galeano writes:

THE NOBODIES AND THE NAMELESS /LOS NADIES

“The nobodies: nobody’s children, owners of nothing.
The nobodies: the no-ones, the nobodied, running like rabbits,
dying through life, screwed every which way.

Who are not, but could be.

Who don’t speak languages, but dialects.

Who don’t have religions but superstitions.

Who don’t create art, but handicrafts.

Who don’t have culture, but folklore.

Who are not human beings, but human resources.

Who do not have faces, but arms.

Who do not have names, but numbers.

Who do not appear in the history of the world, but in the police blotter of the local paper. The nobodies, who are not worth the bullet that kills them”.



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