Sands mural in city centre

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An iconic new mural of West Belfast hunger striker Bobby Sands is currently being exhibited in a city centre art gallery.

The mural of the IRA volunteer and MP was painted by West Belfast artist Danny Devenny and is now being shown at the Golden Thread Gallery in Great Patrick Street.

The mural is part of an exhibition called A Shout in the Street: Collective Histories of Northern Irish Art, and is curated by Declan McGonagle.

The exhibition features contemporary and historical paintings, sculpture, lens-based media, a bonfire stack, graphics and also broadcast film.

A Shout in the Street features materials from a wide variety of sources including the Cain Archive and works by mural painters Danny Devenny and Mark Ervine alongside works by a range of artists including Alastair MacLennan, Sandra Johnston, Factotum, Colin Middleton and Philip Napier. Danny says he believes that this is the first time that a mural of Bobby Sands has been exhibited in an art gallery. The mural depicts Bobby Sands surrounded by pages containing excerpts of his poetry.

A Shout in the Street runs until November 6.

Opening hours of the exhibition are Tuesdays to Fridays 10.30am to 5.30pm and Saturdays 1pm to 4pm.