

# RECENT PICTURES

## JOHN COFFEY

*Disused Pier, Belfast Harbour, Acrylic on Wood, 40.5 x 60.5 cm.*



# ARTISANN GALLERY

**4<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

## JOHN COFFEY

John studied BA Fine Art in London, graduating in 1996 with First Class Honours. Also in that year, his work was selected for the New Contemporaries exhibition at the Tate Gallery Liverpool and Camden Arts Centre, London. More recently, his paintings have been added to private collections in the UK, Ireland and United States. They are also held in the permanent collection of the NICS.



The title for this exhibition is intended to suggest both painting and photography. John explains: ‘While I would never expect my paintings to be mistaken for photographs, I might reasonably expect photography to be in the thoughts of a viewer. Over time, I have taken a large number of photographs at each of the locations depicted, usually recording a variety of lighting conditions, the ways in which shadows fall at different times of year and details of textures and weathering.

My cityscape subjects are of interest to me mainly for their formal properties, however, the use of similar subjects by 1970’s Photorealist painters is also an important reference point, as is the critical re-evaluation of that movement in, for example, the writing of Hanneke Grootenboer, who asks the question, “What does it mean for a painter to commit fully to following a medium that was said to have killed painting, or at least replace it in terms of a truthful recording of reality, and which has changed our perception of the world forever?”

John was supported by the National Lottery through the Arts Council of Northern Ireland.





*The Rotterdam Bar, Acrylic on Wood, 31 x 21 cm*



*Sirocco Site, Belfast, Acrylic on Wood, 40.5 x 81 cm*



*Retail Units and Tower Block, Shore Road, Belfast, Acrylic on Wood, 40.5 x 81 cm*



*Station Road and Bridge End Flyover, Acrylic on Wood, 30 x 60 cm*



*Smith Autos, Acrylic on Wood, 20 x 40.5 cm*

*JAUNTING CAR SERVICE STATION*



*Jaunting Car Service Station, Acrylic on Wood, 30 x 60 cm*

# FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS

## SENIOR ACADEMICIANS

### GROUP SHOW

**1<sup>st</sup> November - 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

A Collection of prints and paintings by senior members of the RUA, proving – if there were any doubt - that art improves with age!



## COLIN MCGOOKIN, RUA

### THE CHARGE OF THE DARK BRIGADE

**3<sup>rd</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024**

A solo show by one of the founding members of the Queen Street Studios.



## NI SCIENCE FESTIVAL

### In association with the RUA

**7<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

The Artisann Gallery was delighted to offer a prize to the best Science or Technical work in the RUA Annual Show. The winner will be announced shortly and will have a solo show in the Gallery.



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# ARTISTS SHOWING AT ARTISANN

## **Painting:**

Sophie Aghajanian, RUA  
Barbara Allen, RUA  
James Allen, RUA  
Neisha Allen, RUA  
Keith Ayton  
Brian Ballard, RUA  
Lisa Ballard, ARUA  
John Coffey  
Richard Croft, RUA  
Jackie Crooks  
Karen Daye-Hutchinson, ARUA, ARE  
Frank Eyre  
Dan Ferguson  
Valerie Giannandrea McKeag  
Cara Gordon, ARUA  
Carol Graham, RUA  
Andrew Haslett  
Trina Hobson  
Gail Kennedy  
Santa Leimane  
Rachel Lawell  
James MacKeever, ARUA  
Sam McCready  
Colin McGookin, RUA  
Rosie McGurran, RUA  
Harry McMahan  
Connor Maguire  
Aimee Melaugh  
Saffron Monks-Smith  
Amber Rossi  
Gary Shaw  
Stephen Shaw, ARUA

## **Cont.:**

Neil Shawcross, RHA, RUA  
SMEaton  
Matthew Smyth  
Irene Sweeney  
Jennifer Trouton, RUA  
Raymond Watson

## **Pencil, Paper and Charcoal:**

Lenka Davidikova  
Terry McAllister

## **Sculpture, Ceramics and Glass:**

Ursula Burke, ARUA  
Patrick Colhoun, MRSS  
Alison Lowry  
James McKeever, ARUA  
Alan Milligan  
Raymond Watson  
Chris Wilson, RUA

## **Photography, Prints and Mixed Media:**

Margaret Arthur, RUA  
Ann and Ken Bartley  
Julie Corcoran  
Jackie Crooks  
Karen Daye-Hutchinson, ARUA, ARE  
Rory McVeigh  
Tracey Moberly  
Aimée Nelson  
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Tues – Friday 11am – 6pm

Saturday 12pm – 5pm

**Viewing also by appointment**