

## Cillian Rogers & Imelda Peppard

Artists Cillian Rogers and Imelda Peppard are both graduates of N.C.A.D. They have lived and worked in west Sligo for the past 26 years. Public Sculpture, Performance art and Carnival arts form the core of their art practice. They were founding members of Sligo Community arts group (1984-1994), and 'Bacchanal' Carnival arts group (1997-2001).

Cillian and Imelda have worked in the design, production and direction of Community Arts events both Nationally and Internationally. They have produced and presented entries for the St. Patrick's Day Festival, Dublin from 1996 to 2001, and more recently, in collaboration with Wirligig and Somboeire, formed the group 'West Coast Carnival Co-op' to participate in the 2005 St. Patrick's day parade in Dublin. Cillian and Imelda also have participated in numerous Artists in residence programs and public art commissions. In 1998 they travelled to La Reunion Island, (a French colony off the east coast of Africa) to work on an Artist in residence program under an E.U. arts and culture program. In 2000 Imelda was commissioned to create an artwork as part of Sligo's County Council public art program and more recently, in 2004, to work with a visual interpretation of the Vogler Quartet music in schools project.

They see their art practice as essentially collaborative. "We collaborate with each other and with other visual Artists - Artists who work in other media and community, to widen the skills base in order to be involved in the creation of artwork that is broader than work we could produce as individuals."