

## Deirdre Brennan

Deirdre was born in Gaoth Dobhair in the Donegal Gaeltacht and received her education in the Ursuline Convent, Sligo. She holds a Diploma in Fine Arts from Letterkenny Institute of Technology which involved the study of painting, sculpture, photography and printmaking and a B.A in Printmaking from the National College of Art and Design (N.C.A.D.). In 1990 she became Resident Community Artist in Derry and also with the Orchard Gallery, where she facilitated workshops with minority groups such as the deaf and hard of hearing and Foyle Special School. Since then Deirdre has illustrated children's books, conducted cross-border master watercolour classes, designed CD covers, and produced paintings for a play at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. She is also an accomplished singer, recently performing with thirteen musicians and dancers at an international cultural event in Kerala, India. She has toured and performed with her brothers and sisters, in the world renowned band, Clannad. She exhibits regularly and continues to conduct painting workshops in the locality.

## Seamus Kennedy

Seamus was born in Kenya and moved to Co. Donegal at the age of seven. He became a fluent speaker of Gaelic while attending his local National School and went on to secondary school in Waterford. After attending Dun Laoghaire College of Art in Dublin, he moved to London where he worked for eight years. He then took up study again, completing a Foundation Course in Art at Coventry University and an Honours Degree in Design and Design History at Staffordshire University. In 1994 Seamus moved back to Donegal and has since worked in a range of arts related activities. He has exhibited his work in ten exhibitions throughout Ireland and has created sculptures for An Cosán Glas since its inception in 1995. In 2000, he organised and curated an exhibition comprising 27 Gaeltacht artists which travelled to France and Germany. Seamus is interested in culture, heritage, design and architecture and enjoys travel, having visited 21 countries to date. He is conversant in Irish, Spanish, and French.

## Annjo Carr

Annjo Carr, from Falcarragh, received her secondary education at Pobailscoil Chloich Ceann Fhaola in Falcarragh. She attended the North West Institute of Further and Higher Education 1990-1992 gaining a BTEC Diploma in General Art and Design followed by an Honours Degree in Three Dimensional Design from the University of Ulster, Belfast in 1996. She was co-founder of the Ceardlann na gCroishbhealach, artists studios and gallery in Falcarragh which gained recognition for exhibiting varied and challenging art to the local community. Annjo's area of speciality is photography. The wild landscape of Donegal from Boglands to sand dunes, through the seasons and ever changing light create a stunning backdrop to record nature and provide the source for her photography collages and prints. She has participated in group exhibitions in Donegal, Belfast, Dublin France and Germany and her work is included in the collections of the Donegal County Council and The Office of Public Works.