

News Release

Artists On The Edge

Belfast, 17 September 2009 - Local artist, Bronagh Lawson, is set to inject a dose of culture into the city as she launches her new exhibition "On the Edge" this Thursday 17th September at the City East Business Centre, Belfast.

The exhibition, which takes place "on the edge" of the East Belfast peace line, will showcase the talents of seven local artists who have captured Belfast in 2009 with an eclectic mix of paintings, installation, drawing, video and photography.

Bronagh is currently the Artist-in-Residence at the City East Business Centre and this is the first project that she will curate during her residency at the centre. She feels that the location of the exhibition is paramount to the underlying message of her work:

"I've always felt a pull towards interface areas and, having spent thirteen years working on social development projects within these areas and seeing what some of these people have gone through, I wanted to share my experiences artistically.

"The exhibition space at the City East comprises of four rooms with floor-to-ceiling views of the East Belfast Peaceline and provides a living portrait of a community existing in an interface area in 2009.

"All of the exhibiting artists are unique in their backgrounds and their creativity but the one thing they all have in common is that they are "on the edge." On the edge of adversity, of discovery and of an immersing culture in Northern Ireland."

Exhibiting artist, Ngaire Jackson, partook in Antony Gormley's Fourth Plinth Project in London this summer and will showcase her experience in the form of a rubbing she took while on the plinth:

"I stood on the plinth, drew around my feet and took a 13ft by 14ft rubbing. The spaces where my feet have been provide the viewer with an insight into how it feels to be in the spotlight.

"I feel that Belfast's art culture is still very much underground and I think that we should look to cities like London and Glasgow, whose art scenes are continuously evolving, for inspiration.

"This exhibition encourages people from all communities within Northern Ireland to come together through art and to embrace diversity."

"On the Edge" will be exhibiting at the City East Business Centre until 15th October 2009. To arrange a private viewing, please phone Bronagh on 079 847 847 35. Groups are welcome. City East is a business centre based in East Belfast, www.eastbelfast.org

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