



JOHN FITZGERALD

Moving Through

Oct 23 – Nov 6, 2021, | Wilton Gallery, 55 Glashule Road, Sandycove, Co Dublin A96 T2 K3 Opening this fall
| Preview Oct 22, 2021 – 5.30 – 8.30 pm

Image:
John Fitzgerald painting in his studio in Co Meath

Oct 2021

Wilton Gallery is pleased to announce a major solo exhibition entitled **Moving Through** by John Fitzgerald; a new series of oil paintings and sculptures are available through the Wilton Gallery, 55 Glashule Road, Sandycove, A96 T2 K3.

PAINTINGS

Fitzgerald has compiled 20 years of painting experience in the equine field to create this exhibition. His enthusiasm for horse racing, the colourful gatherings at racecourses, and the immediate landscape around his studio sparked these works.

He was influenced by "The Taking of Christ" by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio. Moving Through explores the use of *chiaroscuro*, and consequently, it has extended his colour pallet; indigo, violet, burnt sienna, and van dyke brown. The effect is to create a sense of drama.

In order to capture the dynamism of the animals moving at speed (a common subject of his paintings), his method of work is to produce a series of preliminary loose sketches in open-air work, which has found him experimenting with new techniques such as brush and knife, which adds

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texture to the works. Back at the studio, he battles with the endless techniques by way of small canvas studies, working out the elements of the painting.

The final paintings are beautifully colour toned, poetically capturing the energy of the subjects.

SCULPTURES

Fitzgerald's experience as a leading equine painter transcends with ease into his sculptural work. Drawing on his memory, he intuitively captures the energy, movement, and emotion of his subject. His sculptures are made at Cast Foundry in Dublin using the lost wax technique. Fitzgerald's bronzes use rich (colour) and multi-colour patina to create a subtle depth and compliment the texture.

Organised by Ritika, Founder of the Gallery, this exhibition is accompanied by an interactive electronic catalogue.

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Opening Hours for Exhibition	Tue - Wed	11 am - 5 pm
	Thu – Sat	11 am - 6 pm
	Sun	12 am – 3 pm

Preview Day

Preview Day Fri Oct 22, 2021, | 5.30 pm - 8.30 pm at 55 Wilton Gallery, Glasthule Road Sandycove, A96 T2 K3

Biography

John Fitzgerald was born in Co Meath, 1976. Fitzgerald graduated from Letterkenny RTC (1996 Industrial Design) and the University of Wales, Swansea (1997, Industrial Design). Fitzgerald's background in Industrial design has given him a strong understanding of drawing and design and different techniques used in completing a piece from initial sketches and observations. His works are in private collections in Germany, USA, UK, Canada, Sweden, and Australia.

Exhibitions

Solo		Group	
2019- 2020	Cheltenham festival, UK (first Irish Artist to exhibit at The Festival)	2019	Alfred Munnings Museum, Dedham UK, "Behind The Lines" by Invitation, October
2017 - 2019	Punchestown festival, April	2012 – 2019	Dublin Horse Show
2017	Tattersalls Newmarket, UK	2018	Irish National Stud, 2018
2012 -	Tattersalls Ireland presents John to holds exhibitions exclusively on all significant sales days.		

Awards

2012 - Artist in Residence at the Curragh, Co Kildare, Ireland