

CECILIA DANELL

CV

Born 1985, Motala, Sweden. Lives & Works in Galway, Ireland.

Represented by Kevin Kavanagh, Dublin

Education:

2004 – 2008, BA Honours Degree in Fine Art Painting (1st Class Hons)

Atlantic Technical University ATU, Galway (formerly GMIT)

2012, An introduction to Jungian psychology,

University College Gävle, Sweden, 15 ECTS credits

2014, The films of Ingmar Bergman,

Linnaeus University Kalmar, Sweden, 7.5 ECTS credits

Awards & Residencies

2025, *Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant*, Montreal, CA

2024, *Merrion Plinth Award*, Merrion Hotel, Dublin IRL

2024, *Artworks Prize*, Artworks 2024, Carlow Arts Festival IRL

2024, *Creative Practitioner Bursary Award*, Galway City Council, Ireland

2024 *Interface Inagh*, residency, Connemara IRL

2024, *Aras Eanna Arts Centre*, residency, Inis Oirr, Aran Islands IRL

2024, *Monson Arts*, residency, Monson, Maine, USA

2023, *Bursary Award*, Arts Council, Ireland

2022, *Hennessy Craig Award* for painting, RHA Dublin IRL

2021, *Agility Award*, Arts Council, Ireland

2021 *Invited Fellowship Residency*, Ballinglen Arts Foundation, IRL

2020, *Bursary Award*, Arts Council, Ireland

2020, *ESB Keating Award & Medal for an Outstanding Artwork*, 190th RHA Annual Exhibition, IRL

2020, *Centre Culturel Irlandais*, 2 month residency as recipient of the 2019 VAI Art Prize, Paris FR

2019, *Bursary Award*, Arts Council, Ireland

2017, *Next Generation Award*, Arts Council, Ireland

2017, *Summer Residency*, ATU Galway, IRL

2017, *Project Award* for Solo Exhibition at Galway Arts Centre, Arts Council, Ireland

2016, *Nordic Artists' Centre Dale*, residency, Dale in Sunnfjord, NOR

2015, *Individual Artist Bursary Award* Galway City Council, IRL

2013, *Individual Artist Bursary Award*, Galway City Council, IRL

2012, *The Tyrone Guthrie Centre Residency Award*, Galway City Council, IRL

2011, *Wexford Arts Centre Emergence Award*, IRL

2011, *Project Award 'Build your own: Scandinavian Loneliness'*, Arts Council, Ireland

2010, *Bursary Award*, Arts Council, Ireland

2009, *Young Artists' Training Award*, Liljesonska stiftelsen, Co Östergötland, SWE

2008, *GMIT Paint Student of the Year*, sponsored by Allied Irish Bank, IRL

2007, *Prize Winner*, Claremorris Open Exhibition, IRL. Selected by: Ingrid Swenson

Solo Exhibitions:

2026, *The Upside Down World*, Kevin Kavanagh, Dublin IRL

2026, *Expo Chicago*, Kevin Kavanagh, Chicago, IL, USA

2025, *These Magnetic Magnitudes*, Solstice Arts Centre, Navan IRL Curated by: Brenda McParland

2024, *Kevin Kavanagh Presents: Cecilia Danell*, Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise, IRL

2023, *A Stillness Expanded*, Claremorris Gallery, Mayo IRL

2022, *Brush Lightly Through Fireweed Forests*, Kevin Kavanagh, Dublin IRL

2022, *Tactile Terrain*, Luan Gallery, Athlone, IRL Curated by: Carmel Duffy

2021, *I Trust the Quiet*, Burren College of Art Gallery, Clare IRL

2020, *I set a Bait for the Unknown*, Kevin Kavanagh, Dublin IRL

2019, *In a Landscape*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Ashford Gallery, Dublin. IRL Curated by: Ruth Carroll

2019, *Winter Wanderer*, Kevin Kavanagh, Dublin IRL

2017, *The Last Wilderness*, The Dock Arts Centre, Carrick-on-Shannon, IRL Curated by: Sarah Searson

2017 *The Last Wilderness*, Galway Arts Centre, IRL

2014, *I am a Forest, and a Night of Dark Trees*, Eight Gallery, Dublin, IRL

2012, *Secretly, we Thirst for Reality*, Wexford Arts Centre, IRL

2012, *The Consoling Dream Necessity*, Talbot Gallery, Dublin, IRL

Two-person Exhibitions:

2024 *What the Plants Know*, Galway International Arts Festival, 126 Gallery, Galway IRL

2021, *Mise en scène*, Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris FR

2016, *Adventure Time*, TACTIC, Cork, IRL

2014, *Your Spaces are my Places too*, Motala Konsthall, SWE

2012 (*Non*)*Fiction*, Ballina Arts Centre, IRL

2008, *Here and Elsewhere*, Crow Gallery, Dublin, IRL Curated by: Maeve Mulrennan

Public Art Projects:

2026 (forthcoming) Large scale paintings for a new assisted living building, Linköping Municipality, Sweden.

2025-27 *The Legend of the Wallaby*, outdoor bronze sculptures, Cairn Homes, Donabate, Co Dublin. Curated by Aisling Prior.

Selected Group Exhibitions:

2026, *The Future is Open*, 20th Anniversary Exhibition, Solstice Arts Centre, Navan, IRL

2026, *The 196th RHA Annual Exhibition*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, IRL

2026, *Supermarket Art Fair*, Engage Art Studios, Stockholm, SWE

2025, *Abu Dhabi Art Fair*, The Childe Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE

2025, *New Irish Art*, Lavit Gallery, Cork IRL

2025, *Áras Éanna @ 25*, Inis Oirr, Aran Islands IRL

2025, *In Bloom*, 532 Gallery Thomas Jäckel, Basel, CH

2025, *195th RHA Annual Exhibition*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin IRL

2025, *Salong Östergötland*, Linköping Konsthall Passagen, SWE

2025, *Supermarket Art Fair*, 126 Artist-Run Gallery, Stockholm SWE

2024, *Magic and Loss*, Kevin Kavanagh, Dublin IRL

2024, *Stories of Art: Selected works from the UCC Art Collection*, The Glucksman, Cork IRL

2024, *Behind The Curtain*, Artworks 2024, VISUAL, Carlow, IRL Curator: Benjamin Stafford

2024, *Forging Wild*, The Courthouse Gallery, Ennistymon IRL

2023, *Following Threads*, Crawford Art Gallery, Cork IRL Curated by: Anne Boddaert

2023, *Recent Acquisitions*, Ballinglen Museum of Art, Co Mayo, IRL Curated by: Margo Dolan

2022, *GENERATION2022: New Irish Painting*, Butler Gallery, Kilkenny IRL Curated by: Anna O'Sullivan

2022, *Parklife: Biodiversity in Contemporary Irish Art*, The Glucksman, Cork IRL Curators: Chris Clarke & Fiona Kearney

2022, *Hennessy Craig Award Exhibition*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin. IRL

2021 *The Way That We Went*, Ballinglen Museum of Art, Co Mayo IRL Curated by: Anne Mullee

2020, *190th RHA Annual Exhibition*, Dublin IRL

2020, *Swab Barcelona Art Fair*, Kevin Kavanagh (virtual fair), ES

2020, *London Art Fair*, Kevin Kavanagh, Islington, London, UK

2019, *Our Choice Our World*, selected Kevin Kavanagh artists, Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaois, IRL

2018, *Artist:Wife*, Claremorris Gallery, Co Mayo IRL

2018 *Futures Series 3 Episode 2*, RHA, Dublin. IRL. Curators: Patrick T Murphy & Ruth Carroll.

2018, *Island Life*, Customs House Gallery, Westport. Curated by: Kevin Kavanagh & Ingrid Lyons IRL

2018, *BEEP Painting Biennial*, Elysium Gallery, Swansea, Wales. Selectors: Andre Stitt & Sue Williams UK

2018 *Gathering*, Boyle Arts Festival, King House, IRL Curated by: Paul McKenna

2018, *Island Life*, Kevin Kavanagh Gallery, Dublin IRL

2018, *Narrating Self, translating the Other*, Galway Arts Centre IRL. Curated by: Maeve Mulrennan

2018, *Hermione Exhibition*, Alexandra College, Dublin IRL. Curator: Aisling Prior

2017, *Material Conditions*, Platform Arts, Belfast, NI. Curated by: Hayley Gault & Alex Brunt

2017, *Facing West*, Boyle Arts Festival, King House, Boyle IRL. Curator: Paul McKenna

2017, *Hermione Exhibition*, Alexandra College, Dublin IRL. Curator: Aisling Prior

2016, *COE '16*, Claremorris Open Prizewinners retrospective, Claremorris IRL. Curator: Helen O'Donoghue

2016, *Creative Wave*, Galway City Museum, Galway Arts Festival IRL. Curator: Austin Ivers

2016, *Veins*, Molesworth Gallery, Dublin IRL. Curators: Davey Moor & Peter Prendergast

2016, *Escape*, Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise, IRL Curator: Michelle De Forge

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2016, *Overlap*, Aras Eanna Arts Centre, Inis Oirr, Aran Islands IRL
2015, *Höstsalong 2015*, Juried Annual Autumn Exhibition, Edsvik Konsthall, Sollentuna, SWE
2015, *185th RHA Annual Exhibition*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, IRL
2015, *Wildscreen*, Inagh Valley, Connemara, IRL. Curators: Louise Manifold & Una Quigley.
2014, *Tulca Festival of Visual Arts*, Festival Gallery, Galway, IRL. Curator: Aisling Prior.
2014, *Galway, Gateway to Connaught*, Galerie Du Faouedic, Lorient, FRA.
2014, *I kommunens gömmor*, Motala Municipal Art Collection new acquisitions, Motala Konsthall, SWE.
2013, *Pace*, Clifden Arts Festival, IRL. Curator: Shelly McDonnell.
2013, *REMEMBER ME (before I forget)*, Galway Arts Centre with Red Bird Youth Collective IRL.
2013, *Kaleidoscope: Contemporary Art From EU Member States*, Representing Sweden. Farmleigh Gallery, Dublin, IRL.
2012, *Tulca Festival of Visual Arts*, The Fairgreen gallery, Galway IRL. Curator: Gregory McCartney.
2012, *Latency*, Engage Studios members, Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar, IRL. Curator: Michaële Cutaya.
2012, *The Museum Of Miniatures*, Skibbereen Arts Festival, IRL. Curators: Tess Leak and Marie Brett.
2012, *Solstice*, Cork Midsummer Festival, The Elysian, Cork, IRL. Curator: Aoife Flynn.
2011, *Live@8 on Tour*, The Exchange, Temple Bar, Dublin, IRL.
2011, *Hammer and feather - experiments in space*, The Niland Gallery, Galway, IRL. Curator: Mary Conlon.
2011, *Re-fabrication*, Live@8 on tour, Occupy Space, Limerick, IRL.
2010, *Tulca festival of Visual Arts*, The Niland Gallery, Galway, IRL. Curator: Michelle Browne.
2010, *Claremorris Open Exhibition*, Claremorris, IRL, Curator: Lisa Le Feuvre.
2010, *Dock Discourse*, 126 Gallery, Galway, IRL. Curator: Aoife Considine.
2010, *{un}familiar*, Galway Arts Centre, IRL. Curator: Maeve Mulrennan.
2010, *{un}familiar*, Red House Arts Center, Syracuse, NY USA. Curator: Maeve Mulrennan.
2009, *126 Gallery Members show swap* Catalyst arts, Belfast, NI and 126 Gallery, Galway, IRL.
2007, *Claremorris Open Exhibition*, IRL, Curator: Ingrid Swenson.

Catalogues/ Press:

These Magnetic Magnitudes, hardcover publication on Danell's work published by Solstice Arts Centre, with essays by Aidan Dunne and Charity Coleman. October 2025.

Niamh NicGabhann Coleman "Transformation" **Irish Arts Review**, Summer Edition 2025.

Rose Comiskey "Cecilia Danell's Award" **Irish Arts Review**, Autumn Edition 2024.

Next Generation Artists' Award 2016-2023, ed. Niamh Dunphy, published by the Arts Council 2024

Encore with Clare O'Brien, interview on **Midlands 103 FM**, 21st March 2024.

"Eminent artist to exhibit her work in Portlaoise" **Laois Nationalist**, 19th March 2024.

Publication cover image, **Visual Artists' News Sheet**, January – February 2024.

Landscape and Environment in Contemporary Irish Art, by Dr Yvonne Scott. Published by Churchill House Press/ Irish Museum of Modern Art. July 2023.

Artist feature on TV programme 'Imeall' **TG4**, 31st October 2022.

"Danell at Kavanagh", **Irish Arts Review**, Autumn Issue 2022.

"Art Pervading Life – Cecilia Danell and Diana Copperwhite chat about their painting routine" **Visual Artists News Sheet**, painting issue, Spring 2022.

The Green and the Grey, exhibition catalogue, essay by Eamonn Maxwell, Luan Gallery, 2022.

The Way That We Went, exhibition catalogue, essay by Joanne Laws. Ballinglen Arts Foundation, 2021.

A Strange Familiar Place, hardcover publication on Danell's work with an essay by Cristín Leach. Published by Kevin Kavanagh, 2021.

Barry McHugh "Constructed Wilderness: Cecilia Danell" **www.paintingintext.com** 30th September 2020.

Aidan Dunne "Art in Focus: The Drenched Forest by Cecilia Danell" **The Irish Times**, 23rd March 2019.

Niall MacMonagle "What lies beneath: Inside a Shadow by Cecilia Danell" **The Sunday Independent**, 3rd February 2019.

Aidan Dunne "The best art exhibitions running across the country" **The Irish Times**, 5th January 2019.

Amelia O'Mahony Brady "Artsdesk: New, Now, Next" **Totally Dublin Magazine**, December 2018.

Padraic E Moore, "Welcome to the Future" **Irish Arts Review**, Winter Issue 2018/2019

Joanne Laws, "Finding the Line" **Visual Artists' News Sheet**, Graduate-themed issue, Sept-Oct 2018

BEEP Painting Biennial Catalogue 2018, Wales UK

Abridged Art/Poetry Journal 0-51 Wormwood issue, November 2017. Edited by: Gregory McCartney

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Amanda Jane Graham, Interview with Cecilia Danell on the Arts Hour **Shannonside FM** Broadcast at 8pm, 7th June 2017.

"The Last Wilderness - Cecilia Danell" **The Leitrim Observer** 2nd June, 2017.

The Last Wilderness, publication on Danell's work with an essay by Sue Rainsford. Funded by an Arts Council Project Award.

Kernan Andrews, "A Swedish woman's Galway view of Scandinavia" **The Galway Advertiser**, 9th March 2017.

Michaële Cutaya, "The Last Wilderness" **Irish Arts Review**, Spring Issue 2017.

Sofia Ek, "Inblick" **Folio Kulturtidning** nummer 2, Vadstena, Sweden, June 2016.

"In Profile: Cecilia Danell" **Moustache Magazine**, Brisbane, June 10th 2015.

"Being an outsider gives me a different view on things other people might take for granted" **The Galway Advertiser** 13th November 2014.

"Access to visual arts tops Festival Agenda" **RTE News** 1pm News broadcast, 12th November 2014.

"Speeds of Life - Aisling Prior discusses her approach to curating Tulca 2014" **The Visual Artists' News Sheet** November - December 2014.

Tulca Festival of Visual Arts Exhibition Catalogue 2014, 2012.

"Cecilia och Helga i duoutställning" **Östgötatidningen Motalamagasinet**, Sweden, Vecka 3 2014.

"Duoutställning med rötter i Motala" **Motala Tidning**, Sweden, 11th January 2014.

Kaleidoscope: Contemporary Art from EU Member States Exhibition Catalogue 2013.

Abridged art/poetry journal 0-29 Primal issue, April 2013.

"Cecilia Danell wins Visual Art Award" **Irish Arts Review** Spring issue (March-May) 2012.

News and views **Image Interiors & Living** January/February 2012.

Mats Persson, "Irländskt konstpris till Cecilia" **Motala & Vadstena Tidning**, Sweden, 28 December 2011.

Claremorris Open Exhibition Catalogue 2010, 2007.

Reviews:

Sarah Long, "Following Threads" **Visual Artists' News Sheet**, January – February 2024.

Cristín Leah "Botany Branches out to art" **The Sunday Times** 29th May 2022.

Aidan Dunne, "Grappling with the age of anxiety" **The Irish Times** 27th November 2018.

Cristín Leah, "Existential show for our times" **The Sunday Times** 25th November 2018.

Aidan Dunne, "The Last Wilderness: Cecilia Danell, Galway Arts Centre" **The Irish Times**, 28th March 2017.

Aidan Dunne, "Veins/ Small...Far away, The Molesworth Gallery, Dublin" **The Irish Times** 26th July 2016.

Aidan Dunne, "No need for anxiety as Tulca engages in Galway" **The Irish Times** 18th November 2014.

Gunnar Lindqvist, "Vackra landskap och mörka träd" **Östgöta Correspondenten** 26th January 2014.

Eileen Hutton, "Engage Art Studios Members 'Latency.'" **Visual Artists' News Sheet** Issue 1 Jan-Feb 2013.

Sinead Rice, "Council's Visual Artist Award winner exhibits in Wexford" **The Wexford Echo Newspaper** 4th December 2012, page 54.

Sue Rainsford, "Cecilia Danell: The Consoling Dream Necessity at Talbot Gallery." **Paper Visual Arts Journal** 9th April 2012.

Jeanette Donnelly, "The award winners Derek Fortas and Cecilia Danell" **www.Artforartssake.org** January 2012.

Aidan Dunne, "Elsewhere at Galway Arts Festival" **The Irish Times** 21st July 2010.

Nancy keefe Rhodes, "Redhouse Irish: Galway Arts Centre returns a second year" **Syracuse City Eagle** 18th March 2010.

Michaële Cutaya, "Degree show Critic's choice", **Circa 125** - contemporary visual culture in Ireland, Autumn 2008 issue, page 62.

Collections:

Arts Council Ireland IRL

The Irish State (OPW) IRL

Trinity College, Dublin IRL

The Cleveland Clinic, USA

Fidelity Investment, Boston, USA

University College Cork IRL

Ballinlen Museum & Arts Foundation, IRL

Wexford County Council, IRL

Galway City Council, IRL,

Motala Municipality, SWE
Kelly Resort Hotel, Rosslare
IRL, **Region Kalmar**, SWE,
The Dean Hotel, Galway IRL
Lyrath Estate, Kilkenny IRL
Leinster Hotel, Dublin IRL
Elgin Energy, Dublin IRL.

Private collections in Sweden, Norway, United Kingdom, Canada, France, Spain, United States and Ireland.

Artist Talks/ Public Speaking/Lecturing

2025/2024, **ATU School of Desig & Creative Arts**, substitute lecturer, part-time BA Fine Art.

2025/2019/2017, **ATU School of Design & Creative Arts**, Galway. Visiting lecturer to the MA and BA students on several occasions.

2025/2021/2020, **Burren College of Art** Visiting lecturer to the MA students

2022, **Kevin Kavanagh**, Dublin. Solo exhibition in-conversation with Cristín Leach.

2022, **Luan Gallery**, Exhibition walk through talk facilitated by Eamonn Maxwell

2022, **Limerick School of Art & Design, TUS**, Visiting lecturer to the Paint Department.

2021, **Burren College of Art**, gallery conversation with Kevin Kavanagh as part of exhibition opening.

2021, **Centre Culturel Irlandais**, in-conversation with Eamon O’Kane and Sophie Sassi-Gorman as part of the opening of ‘Mise en scène’.

2020, **Custom House Gallery**, Westport Co Mayo. Exhibition selection panel.

2019 **Kevin Kavanagh Gallery** Artist talk on the occasion of ‘Silver’ Kevin Kavanagh’s 25th Anniversary Exhibition.

2019, **Visual Artists Ireland Get Together** TU Dublin. Invited to present in the Artists’ Speak strand.

2019, **ATU School of Design & Creative Arts**, Galway. Invited to officially open the 4th Year Degree Show.

2019, **Royal Hibernian Academy**, Dublin. ‘Ashford in Conversation’ with writer Sue Rainsford.

2017, **The Dock**, Carrick-on-Shannon, Conversation with Director Sarah Searson as part of exhibition opening.

2017, **Galway Arts Centre**. Artist talk during the solo exhibition ‘The Last Wilderness’

2014, **Motala Konsthall**, Sweden. Cecilia Danell & Helga Steppan in conversation during the exhibition ‘Your Spaces are my Places too’.

2012, **Talbot Gallery**, Dublin. In-conversation with Jennie Moran during solo exhibition.