MICHAEL WANN The Old Grieving Fields



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to be opened by Anne Hodge Curator of Prints & Drawings, National Gallery of Ireland

on Thursday 6 February 2025

from 6pm to 8pm

The exhibition continues until Saturday 1 March 2025 Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 10.00am – 5.30pm / Saturday: 11am – 4pm

Artworks may be viewed and acquired in advance at the gallery by appointment, via the Online Viewing Room <u>www.solomonfineart.ie</u> - or simply scan the QR code below with your smartphone for prices and availability.

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front cover: An Older Path, 2024, charcoal on collaged paper, 75 x 105 cm inside cover: Landscape on Fire, 2023, charcoal on paper, 70 x 100 cm

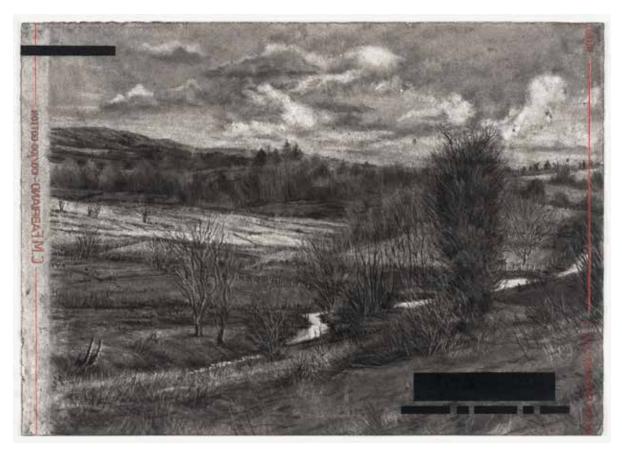




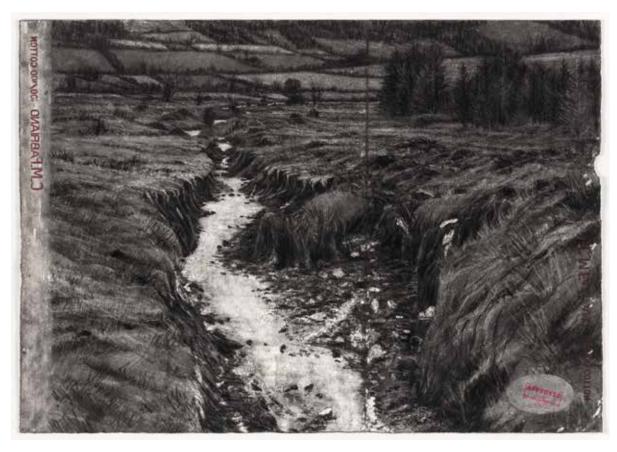


left: Mapping the Terrain 2024 charcoal & mixed media on paper 50 x 70 cm

right: The Old Grieving Fields 2024 charcoal on paper 60 x 70 cm



Following the Watercourse, 2024, charcoal & mixed media on paper, 50 x 70 cm



We Follow Rivers, 2024, charcoal & mixed media on paper, 50 x 70 cm





left: Aerial 1, Approaching Squall, 2024, charcoal & mixed media on collaged paper, 70 x 60 cm right: Aerial 2, Great Clouds Appeared, 2024, charcoal, & mixed media on collaged paper, 70 x 60 cm





left: Aerial 3, Night Visions, 2024, charcoal & mixed media on collaged paper, 70 x 60 cm right: Aerial 4, Banking Right Along the Barrow, 2024, charcoal & mixed media on collaged paper, 70 x 60 cm



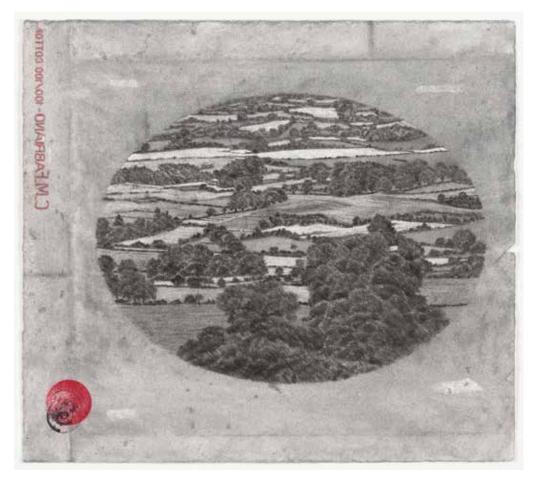


top left: Aerial 5, Fantasy Sky, Late June, 2024, charcoal & mixed media on collaged paper, 70 x 60 cm top right: Aerial 6, The Bloodline of Fields, 2024, charcoal & mixed media on collaged paper, 70 x 60 cm opposite: Mongrel Geometry, 2024, charcoal on collaged paper, 75 x 105 cm





Approved Landscape #1, 2024 charcoal & mixed media on paper 45 x 50 cm



Approved Landscape #2, 2024 charcoal & mixed media on paper 45 x 50 cm





Meteor, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm Contrails, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm





Unexplained Explosion, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm Godbeams, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm





Celestial Bodies Colliding, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm *Exodus,* 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm





Home Fires Burning, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm Controlled Explosion, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm





Pale Moon Rising, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm Balloons, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm





Recon, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm Omens (Crows Arriving), 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm





Deep Dark Night, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm Populated Sky, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm





Eclipse, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm

Freefall, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm





Halo Moon, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm Murmuration, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm





Clouds at Night, 2024 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm Footprints, 2025 charcoal on wood panel 30 x 30 cm



MICHAEL WANN

Michael Wann was born in Dublin in 1969 and currently lives and works in Sligo. He studied under Sean McSweeney at Sligo Institute of Technology, graduating with a Diploma in Fine Art in 1992, and a Bachelor in Fine Art in 2003.

Michael has exhibited his drawing-based work widely in Ireland, including solo exhibitions with the Ashford Gallery, RHA; Cross Gallery, Dublin; Hamilton Gallery, Sligo; The Model, Sligo; Custom House, Westport; Solstice Arts Centre, Navan; Draiocht, Dublin and Claremorris Gallery, Co. Mayo.

His drawings have been selected for the Royal Hibernian Academy's Annual Exhibition every year since 2004. He was awarded the AXA Insurance Drawing Prize at the RHA in 2006, the ESB Sean Keating Prize in 2016 and received the RHA Silver Medal, also in 2016. Michael is a Fellow of the Ballinglen Arts Foundation and has held residencies at Cill Rialig, Co. Kerry and the Heinrich Boll Cottage on Achill, Co. Mayo. In 2023 he was the recipient of a major Visual Arts Bursary Award from the Arts Council of Ireland.

In 2010 Hughie O'Donoghue selected Michael's work for the Tom Caldwell Drawing Prize and the Inaugural Rowel Friers Perpetual Trophy at the Royal Ulster Academy's Annual Exhibition, and in 2012 he was awarded a Merit Prize from the Trustees of The Golden Fleece. His work was acquired by the National Gallery of Ireland in 2023 and subsequently exhibited in the 'In Real Life' exhibition curated by Anne Hodge. In 2024 Wann's portait of Camille Souter was shortlisted for the AIB Portrait Award at the National Gallery of Ireland and he has also recently been shortlisted for the inaugural Sir William Orpen Prize for self portraiture (2025).

Wann's drawings form part of public collections including the National Gallery of Ireland, Boyle Civic Collection, Waterford Municipal Collection, Office of Public Works, Mayo County Council, Fingal County Council, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, AXA Insurance and the Ballinglen Archive, as well as private collections in Ireland, UK, France, Germany, Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

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Left: The High Bog Road, 2024, charcoal on wood panel, 23 x 30 cm



CATALOGUE LIST

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* All works 2024, except #2 (2023), #38 (2025)

INSIDE COVER: The Bridle Path, 2024 charcoal on wood panel, 23 x 30 cm

BACK COVER: The Old Work Road, 2024 charcoal on wood panel, 23 x 30 cm





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