

For Immediate Release

ANOTHER LITTLE LAND

**Laura Fitzgerald &
Laura Byrne**

**At SIAMSA TÍRE, TRALEE
11 February - 19 March**

Another Little Land, an exhibition by artists **Laura Fitzgerald** and **Laura Byrne** will be formally launched at Siamsa Tíre on Friday 11th of February at 6.30pm. The exhibition follows a residency period which began on the 17th of January.

This is the second joint exhibition by the two artists and combines various forms of media, drawing together different strands in each of the artists' practices. *Another Little Land* focuses on the idea of 'worlds within worlds,' both in terms of the physical gallery space and more ephemeral ideas which relate to searching for other spaces in an emotional sense.

The artists have chosen to live and work together for a five week period in order to share ideas and develop work. The gallery has become an experimental testing ground where the ideas generated during the five weeks are projected and formed within the gallery walls. These little lands presented by the artists relate to memory, narratives, the quest for other lands, spaces and the ongoing search for love.

Laura Byrne, a Kildare born artist, graduated in 2010 from **Edinburgh College of Art** having received two prestigious awards from the National Gallery of Scotland. Byrne's practice is centred around painting and drawing, working through ideas of memory, nostalgia, spaces and narrative with a recent move into more sculptural/installation work.

Byrne has previously exhibited with the National Gallery of Scotland in 2008 and 2009 as well as with the **Kensington Gallery** in Toronto and in *Okapi* in the Kaffistofa Gallery in Reykjavik. Byrne's first Irish solo show, *The 9th Square*, was held in the Lighthouse cinema in Dublin as part of the Gaze film festival and she has been selected for the upcoming *New contemporaries 2011* show with the National Gallery Scotland.

Laura Fitzgerald was born in 1983 and graduated with a BA in Fine Art from the **National College of Art & Design**, Dublin in 2007. Fitzgerald's practice combines elements of drawing, installation, works on paper and video. Ideas which inform her work relate to memory, nostalgia, real and imagined histories, perspective, the minute and the unseen. Her work is strongly influenced by growing up in County Kerry and draws from family narratives and personal stories.

Previous exhibitions include; *Holding Together* at the Douglas Hyde Gallery, *Once upon a time* (Waterford Healing Arts Trust), *For our house is the corner of our world* (Talbot Gallery), The RHA Annual Exhibition 2009, and *A Tourist in Reality* with Laura Byrne at the Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.

Both artists will continue working in the gallery spaces at Siamsa Tíre until the 11th of February. Members of the public are also welcome to come in and meet the artists and discuss their work between 2pm and 4pm on the 16th & 17th February.

The artists have invited members of the public to create their own artwork for inclusion in the exhibition. Collect an invitation from Siamsa Tíre or download one from the Current Exhibitions page on www.siamsatire.com, Cut out the shape along the dotted lines, assemble and bring it with you to the opening reception on the 11th.

Another Little Land
11 February to 19 March 2011
Laura Byrne & Laura Fitzgerald
The Galleries, Siamsa Tíre, Town Park, Tralee
The Galleries are open from 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, 10am to 6pm on Saturdays and until late on performance evenings.
Admission is free.
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