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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **CIT ARTS OFFICE PLANS BIG YEAR**

2013 will be a busy year for the Arts at Cork Institute of Technology with an eclectic programme of events for all. Highlights include the Terry O'Neill photography exhibition at the CIT Wandesford Quay Gallery in late January. O'Neill a legendary photographer to the stars will showcase his work for the first time in Cork.

The Registrar's Prize winner exhibition, which opens in late February on the CIT Bishopstown Campus is always a popular show. Artist, Norma Walsh, will create work inspired by the supremacy of the natural elements over human fragility. After her successful sell out degree show this promises to be another wonderful collection of work. It's one to watch.

The Arts Office website will launch in early 2013. This will provide an overview of all arts activities at CIT so one can plan one's arts diary well in advance. The site will also profile the CIT Registrar's Art Collection and the achievements and contribution that CIT's staff, students and graduates contribute to the arts dialogue in 2013.

In April, "Bricks in the Rain", an exhibition of ten ceramic artists featuring work made on their residency in China will take place in CIT Wandesford Quay. They were invited to make work for the new Irish Pavilion in Fule International Ceramic Art in X'ian.

Early Years Education students will present a drama show and art exhibition in Bishopstown in May. This is a free, but ticketed event, and always has a full attendance. A firm favourite with parents and schools keep an eye on the website for booking details.

Throughout 2013 at The CIT Blackrock Castle Observatory Gathering the Gathering event will capture personalised views, opinions and stories throughout the year. At the end of the year all of the messages will be sent to space.

CIT Cork School of Music will also present a wonderful programme of concerts in 2013 while Music Generation Cork is another exciting citywide music project that CIT supports. One of the key aims of this project is "to raise the profile of music in all its forms and to foster a passion for music in all our citizens."

Final year graduates across a number of arts disciplines will showcase their end of year work throughout June. This is always a very exciting time for the arts in Cork as emerging artists and future arts ambassadors and practitioners share their learning at a number of public spaces throughout the city.

2013 presents so many possibilities for arts activities. For a full listing of events do check out [www.cit.ie](http://www.cit.ie) in the New Year for further details.

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