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Roisin Fitzpatrick exhibition at Consulate General of Ireland

Irish artist Roisin Fitzpatrick's highly-anticipated *Artist of the Light* exhibition is now on display at the Consulate General of Ireland, New York, following an official opening overseen by American Ireland Fund chair Loretta Brennan Glucksman and Consul General Noel Kilkeny.

Other dignitaries in attendance at the ceremony included Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith, *Riverdance* composer Bill Whelan, "Galway Bay" author Mary Pat Kelly and acclaimed Irish fashion designer and creative director of *Theia*, Don O'Neill.

Following a brain aneurysm and near-death experience, artist Fitzpatrick has turned adversity into a positive life change, using the inspiration which followed to create a series of contemporary artworks which became the *Artist of the Light* collection. Evoking a sense of serenity and peace, the works introduce and share the beauty of the light, creating a sense of well-being in both residential and corporate environments.

The exhibition is open to the public by appointment Monday to Friday from 10 am to 3 pm until November 30, at 345 Park Avenue at 51 Street, New York.



Jeff Cleary (Irish American Heritage Museum), Hanora Kilkeny O'Dea, artist Roisin Fitzpatrick and Noel Kilkeny, Consul General of Ireland.
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Ann Murlagh of the Fitzpatrick Hotel Group and artist Roisin Fitzpatrick
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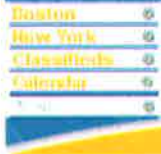
Artist Roisin Fitzpatrick with Bill Whelan, composer of *Riverdance*, and Jean Kennedy Smith, former ambassador to Ireland.
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Artist Roisin Fitzpatrick with Ronan Downes.
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Holiday fashion and art show fundraiser for American Ireland Fund

On Monday November 28 at the Consulate General of Ireland, 345 Park Avenue, New York a reception was held showcasing the best in Irish art and fashion, as renowned Irish artist Roisin Fitzpatrick celebrated the final days of her art exhibition at the Consulate by collaborating with fashion designer Don O' Neill of Theia for a holiday showing.

The crowd of over 150 included actresses Angela Bassett and Melyssa Ford; Ambassador of Ireland to the United Nations Anne Anderson; and Consul General Noel Kilkenny and Hanora O'Dea Kilkenny.

Fitzpatrick has drawn on her Celtic heritage and a near-death experience for the inspiration for her artwork. The 20 works on view provide a contemporary interpretation of light in nature, including the illumination of Newgrange - an ancient Neolithic site in Ireland - during the winter solstice, the Whirlpool Galaxy, water crystals and fractal designs.

The celebration was held in collaboration with the Deputy Consul General, Peter Ryan. A percentage of the sales of Fitzpatrick's artwork will be donated to the American Ireland Fund, expressly for the Barretstown Children's Center and the Laura Lynn Hospice Center.

Fitzpatrick's Artist of the Light artwork is currently featured in the private and public collections of many leading European and US collectors including Mark Burnett, TV producer of *The Apprentice* and *The Voice*, and actress Roma Downey, star of *Touched By An Angel*. Her work is also featured in Richard Branson's resort spa in New Jersey and endorsed by Deepak Chopra. For more

see artistofthelight.com.

Don O' Neill launched THEIA in 2009, an eveningwear collection inspired by Theia, the Goddess of Light. His elegant gowns have been worn by celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey, Nicole Kidman, Natalie Portman, Angela Bassett and Taylor Swift. His latest fan is Ireland's new first lady, Sabina Higgins. Today, the collection is available in over 350 stores across the world including Saks Fifth Ave, Neiman Marcus and specialty outlets. For more see theiacouture.com.



Consul General Noel Kilkenny, Roisin Fitzpatrick, Don O'Neill and Hanora O'Dea Kilkenny.
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