

# JAMES MCCREARY, Ireland

## Biography

James McCreary was born in Dublin in 1944. He worked at Harry Clarke's Stained Glass Studio from 1960 to 1963. He joined Smith & Pearson's structural steel engineering works in 1964 as a steel erector. In 1973 he joined the Graphic Studio Dublin Studio studying etching and lithography, and became studio manager in 1980. He set up and managed the Graphic Studio's visiting artist's program which introduced many of Ireland's leading artist's to printmaking. Along with Mary Farl Powers and James O' Nolan he was responsible for the setting-up of the Graphic Studio Gallery in Cope Street in 1988. James was a Director of the Graphic Studio from 1979-2000 and a committee member from 1975-2004. In 2004 James left his position as studio manager in order to concentrate solely on making his own work. James is a member of Aosdána.

James was the coordinator of the Visiting Artists for "Art/Art" in the National Gallery and was one of the curators for "The Holy Show" and "The Gardens of Earthly Delights" and one of the artists in "Artist's Proof", all shows which were created by the artists in response to work in the Chester Beatty Collection. James was one of the curators for the Graphic Studio Dublin's "The Cracked Looking Glass" exhibition celebrating the centenary of Bloomsday. Lars Nyberg, Ann Hodge and James were responsible for "From Darkness into Light" an exhibition of Swedish prints from the King's collection in the National Gallery of Ireland which ran in conjunction with an exhibition of contemporary Swedish prints in the Graphic Studio Gallery in 2005.

## Art Education

1960-63 Harry Clarke's stained glass studio

1960-63 National Collage Art-night classes

1973-77 Etching and Lithography at Graphic Studio Dublin

## Public Collections

National Gallery of Ireland

Chester Beatty library

Ulster Museum Belfast

## Exhibitions

## Solo Exhibitions

2015, Custom house Studios. Westport, Co; Mayo

2014, Hamilton Gallery, Sligo  
2011, Taller Galeria Fort, Cadaques, Spain  
2005, Graphic Studio Gallery, Dublin  
2004 Galleri Astley. Utterberg, Sweden  
1976, 77, 78 Emmet Gallery, Dublin  
1974 Project Arts Centre, Dublin

#### Two-person Exhibitions

2014 James McCreary and Ruth O'Donnell, So Fine Art Editions, Dublin  
2011 James McCreary and Leo Higgins, Hamilton Gallery, Sligo  
2010 James McCreary and Leo Higgins, Galleri Astley, Utterberg, Sweden  
2008 James McCreary and Lars Nyberg, Graphic Studio Gallery, Dublin  
1997 James McCreary and Stephen Lawlor, Nordens Ljus, Stockholm  
1993 James McCreary and Jenny Lane, Graphic Studio Gallery, Dublin  
1988 James McCreary and Leo Higgins, Fenderesky Gallery, Belfast  
1983 James McCreary and Margaret Becker, Kilcock Art Gallery, Kildare  
1982 James McCreary and Leo Higgins, Lincoln Gallery, Dublin  
1982 James McCreary and Leo Higgins Bell Gallery, Belfast  
1979 James McCreary and Mary Farl Powers, Bell Gallery, Belfast

#### Three Person Exhibitions

2010 James McCreary, Leo Higgins and Michael Cullen, Graphic Studio gallery  
2012 James McCreary, John Behan and Clare Henderson, Graphic Studio Gallery

#### Selected Group Shows

2015-1992 RHA, Dublin  
2012-2009 RUA, Belfast  
2015-2010 Mini Print International Cadaques, Spain  
2010 "Artist's Proof", Chester Beatty Library  
2005 "The Gardens of Earthly Delights", Chester Beatty Library  
2003 OPW "Impressions" touring show  
2002 "Holy Show", Chester Beatty Library  
2004 "The Cracked Looking Glass" Dublin  
2004 Elkilstuna Art Museum, Sweden  
1999 "Contemporary Irish Print", Galleri Astley, Utterberg  
1998 "Art/Art", National Gallery of Ireland  
1998 National Portrait Collection, National Gallery of Ireland  
1994 L'Orient Biennale, France  
1992 Art of the State, Dublin Castle

1988 Biennale of European Graphic Art, Heidelberg  
International Print Biennale, Baden Baden  
1987 International Print Triennial, East Berlin. Intergrafik Sweden  
1987, 1985 International Print Biennale, Ljubjana  
1985 Central Academy of Fine Art Gallery, Beijing, China  
1985-74 An-Oireachtas Art Exhibition  
1984-75 Independent Artists  
1984 British International Print Biennale, Bradford, England  
1984-75 Listowel Graphics  
1982 "Joyce in Art", Peacock Theatre  
1976 Graphic Studio Retrospective, Municipal Gallery of Modern Art Dublin  
1973 Irish Exhibition of Living Arts

#### Awards

2011 Mini Print International, Caques, Spain  
2007 Dublin Port Print, Exhibition  
1999 Print Award, Iontas, Sligo  
1995 Limerick Small Print Exhibition  
1991 Irish Arts Council bursary  
1984 Irish Arts Council travel grant  
1984 Listowel International Print Biennale  
1984 British International Print Biennale, Bradford, England  
1984 Claremorris Open Exhibition  
1981 Irish Arts Council Bursary  
1981 Listowel Graphics Exhibition  
1974 An-Oireachtas Art Exhibition