

ORGANIC GEOMETRY At The National Craft Gallery, Kilkenny, Opens May 2nd.

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Described as *“an exploration of form in contemporary Irish craft”*, this exhibition features 30 contemporary makers who draw inspiration from the natural world to create pure and beautiful forms in crafted design.

Curated by Ann Mulrooney, Organic Geometry features work by well-known craft makers such as Liam Flynn; Mark Hanvey; Sonja Landweer; Inga Reed; Alison Kay and Joseph Walsh. Each of the craft maker’s work is directly inspired by the patterns of growth observed in nature. Wood turner Mark Hanvey, winner of the CCoI Craftsmanship Award 2009, has made a feature of the pith in his sycamore vessels to highlight its vital role in the life of a tree. Institute of Designers in Ireland (IDI) Graduate Award winner Rowena Sheen uses the fractal patterns of nature to create her complex folded neck-pieces. Golden Fleece Award winner Stevan Hartung uses the naturally occurring patterns in wood-grain to create mirrored and repeating motifs in his bespoke chest of drawers. Michael Ray’s fused glass pieces take their inspiration from cellular forms and the natural environments of estuaries and beaches while Peter Scroope's porcelain work captures the fluid energy of water.

“So much of what we know is derived from nature’s endless resources and Organic Geometry shows how our most talented craft makers draw inspiration from the natural world around us to create unique crafted items of beauty in glassware, textiles, wood, and ceramics”, said **Úna Parsons, CEO, Crafts Council of Ireland.**

Organic Geometry runs from 2nd May to 3rd August in the National Craft Gallery, Castle Yard, Kilkenny. Opening times are Mon-Sat from 10am to 6pm. Admission is free.

See Images Here: <http://www.nationalcraftgallery.ie/exhibitions/organic-geometry>

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Note to Editors:

The National Craft Gallery is the Crafts Council of Ireland’s flagship exhibition space which is housed in Castle Yard, the former stables of Kilkenny Castle.