



Dave Madigan

Landscapes and Oddities

Image: Dave Madigan, *On the Waterfront*, 2023

An Cathaoirleach Cllr Denis O'Callaghan is delighted to invite you to the launch of a new exhibition

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on Wednesday 13 September 2023,
6.30pm – 8.00pm

Invited speaker: James Hanley RHA

The exhibition continues until 26 November 2023

Municipal Gallery,
dlr Lexicon,
Haigh Terrace, Moran Park,
Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin,
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Opening hours:

Monday-Thursday 10am-8pm
Friday & Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 12noon-4pm
Closed 28 – 30 October inclusive

Note to editors: Photographer Mark Stedman has been commissioned to cover the exhibition launch and will issue accompanying images to photo desks later today.

PRESS RELEASE

Wednesday, 13th September 2023

Impact of modern-day tech on society at centre of new art exhibition at dlr Lexlcon

Artist Dave Madigan blends familiar Dublin landscapes with technological artefacts to create surreal scenes in first solo exhibition

What impact do rapidly advancing ICT technologies have on modern-day society? What are the environmental consequences associated with economic growth? How will climate change and a weakening Gulf Stream affect Ireland? These are among the questions at the centre of a new art exhibition at the dlr Lexlcon, which was launched by [Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council \(dlr\) Arts Office](#) today (13.09.23).

'Landscapes and Oddities' is the first solo exhibition by artist Dave Madigan, and features large-scale paintings, wide vistas and aerial views of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and the wider Dublin area, as well as a large sculpture, which is inspired by the masts and riggings visible in Dún Laoghaire Harbour. By prominently positioning objects such as circuit boards, transmission towers, and other electronic equipment in his paintings, Madigan transforms familiar Dublin locations into surreal scenes, populated with oversized and overrepresented technological components. The relationship between the natural world and the built environment forms a second thematic strand to Madigan's paintings.

Speaking at the exhibition launch, Dave Madigan said: "Information and communications technologies have entirely changed the world we live in and are the leading drivers of all aspects of modern-day society. This has resulted in more efficiency but also comes with unforeseen consequences. These include, for example, effects on the functioning of democracies, the commercialisation of personal data and privacy intrusions, the rapid growth of disinformation campaigns, mass surveillance, and countless other social, financial and political impacts. In my paintings, I show the hardware of this global integrated network overlaid on familiar local landscapes, depicting an urban environment indistinct from electronic information flows."

'Landscapes and Oddities' is the result of the dlr Visual Art Commission, which was awarded to Dave Madigan in 2022. The commission gives artists the opportunity to create a new body of work that is responsive to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. It is funded by the Arts Council and supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Councillor Denis O'Callaghan said: "Dave Madigan paints recognisable landscapes of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County and some of the wider Dublin area with curiosity and inventiveness, presenting us with new

interpretations and meanings to our familiar surroundings. Madigan's painterly skill and expertise is extraordinary, and his paintings highly evocative."

Chief Executive of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Frank Curran added: "The Council was delighted to award the dlr Visual Art Commission to Dave Madigan last year, and we are proud to now host his first solo exhibition with the resulting body of work. We are very grateful to the Arts Council for funding this commission and encourage everyone to visit this exceptional exhibition at dlr Lexlcon."

*'Landscapes at Oddities' opens at the Municipal Gallery, dlr Lexlcon in Dún Laoghaire tomorrow, 14th September 2023 and runs until Sunday, 26th November 2023 (closed 28th – 30th October). Admission is **free of charge**. Alongside the exhibition, dlr Arts Office will run a programme of accompanying talks, workshops and events. For further details, visit: dlrcoco.ie/arts.*

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Note to editors:

- Artist Dave Madigan is available for media interviews on request.
- A selection of photographs of the artwork featured in the exhibition is available for download and media reproduction from the following Dropbox link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pib69wo9jm29e6j/AADFTsaoe3viQ58vpgFLLYnHa?dl=0>

About Dave Madigan

Following a successful career in business, Dave Madigan (born Dublin, Ireland) retrained as a visual artist. In 2009, he graduated from the Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dún Laoghaire with a first-class honours degree in Visual Arts Practice. He has exhibited in several group exhibitions in Ireland and is the recipient of numerous awards. Madigan's work is held in public and private collections including the Office of Public Works, DCU Business School and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland. For further information, visit: <https://davemadigan.ie/>.

About dlr Arts Office

dlr Arts Office supports, programmes and develops a wide range of arts activities and opportunities across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. It works in partnership with early years services, schools, youth services, community organisations and residential care settings, as well as with its colleagues in the Council to develop the arts at local level for those that wish to attend and participate in cultural events and activities. It programmes the Municipal Gallery in dlr Lexlcon and manages several residencies and artform development opportunities in the Studio, dlr Lexlcon. It provides annual arts grants and professional development opportunities for artists and arts organisations, has a significant public art programme and manages the new Baths Artists Studios in Dún Laoghaire. For further information, please visit: www.dlrcoco.ie/en/dlr-arts