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Art at The Ivy House
114 Upper Drumcondra Road

Scary Monsters and Super Creeps
an exhibition of new work by
Ian Keaveny

27th July – 1st November 2010

Exhibition Launch: Thursday 5th August 6.30 – 8.30pm

Art at The Ivy House is pleased to present ***Scary Monsters and Supercreeps*** - a solo exhibition of new work by **Ian Keaveny**. Ian collects old toys, discarded things, and listens to what they have to say to him, trying to find the demon and the story within them, the process of collection triggering themes based on his childhood and experience of growing up with the feeling of being an observer and outsider disconnected from the mainstream of society. He makes stage sets on which he allows his imagination and the objects collected to act out their dramas based on an enquiry into his own past or that which the objects suggest. He tries to listen to the voices that they might have, the paintings are a record of these plays.

"De Chirico said "one must find the demon in everything" and "one must discover the eye in everything", I am neither exotic or foreign but the world I inhabit strikes me as being a strange place often on the edge of revealing a darker or brighter truth. I am neither exotic or foreign, I don't have a political or conceptual theory to sell, I haven't won awards or dazzled from an early age, I paint and continue to paint in the face of a world gone mad in search of novelty.

Visual work does not need the mediation of description to validate it, it works or it does not, and we find what we find there in the medium in which the search was initiated. The only thing I can give you is a title, the only description is within the work itself, if you cannot find it there then I have failed, and that is the only criteria that matters, that and painting."

Ian Keaveny 2010

Ian Keaveny graduated from Winchester School of Art in 1991 with a degree in Fine Art Painting and Printing. Recent solo exhibitions include *Angelheart* at The Mill Theatre, Dundrum and *Demons of the city opened their way to me* at Birr Theatre and Arts Centre. Ian's work has been included in many group shows including group exhibitions at The Maltings, Birr; Tin Jug Gallery, Birr, Aras an Chontae, Tullamore and Cavan Court House.

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