

Painting Patrick: after Olympia and Venus
The Heritage Council, Church Lane, Kilkenny

Nick Miller
5th - 14th Aug 2011



Nick Miller :
“**Painting Patrick: after Olympia and Venus**”
HD Video projection, duration 22 Minutes

Music “Trumpet Vibe Cello Piano” by Kevin Volans. **Sitter:** Patrick Perring **Editor** Colm Farrell. **Producer:** Tom Weir/Janey pictures

Film and painting © Nick Miller 2011, Courtesy Rubicon Gallery Dublin Music © Kevin Volans Courtesy of Chester Music

“**Patrick after Olympia and Venus.**
Nick Miller, 2011. Oil on linen 182 x 214cm”

In this multimedia piece **Nick Miller** draws our attention to the tradition of the reclining nude in art. Taking his lead from the canon of reclining Venuses from Titian to Manet, Miller replaces the traditional female object of desire with a matter-of-fact male presence, exploring issues of exposure and modesty. The accompanying film, set to ‘Trumpet Vibe Cello Piano’ by **Kevin Volans** (an internationally-celebrated composer known for his work with artists such as William Kentridge and Jurgen Partenheimer), offers an intimate view of the collaboration between artist and sitter, and the process and practice of applying paint.

Nick Miller is a highly-respected painter, based in Co. Sligo, who exhibits regularly in Ireland, Europe and the USA. This year he showed a large drawing installation at Concord Art Association in Massachusetts and is currently showing in a group exhibition at The Douglas Hyde Gallery entitled *Interlude (Aspects of Irish landscape painting)*. His work, whether in landscape or in portraiture, is always concerned with ‘being there’, his paintings are directly engaged with the presence of the subject. www.nickmiller.ie

Kilkenny Arts Festival is pleased to present these related works for the first time in Ireland.

Venue: The Heritage Council

The Heritage Council, Church Lane, Kilkenny, Ireland

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Accessibility : The Heritage Council offices are located at Church Lane, Kilkenny. Church Lane is the laneway surrounding St Canice’s Cathedral. Access to Church Lane is gained via Dean Street.

Hours: **Friday 5 Aug** 9am - 5pm - **Saturday 6 Aug** 12pm - 5pm - **Sunday 7 Aug** 12pm - 5pm - **Monday 8 Aug** 9am - 5.30pm - **Tuesday 9 Aug** 9am - 5.30pm - **Wednesday 10 Aug** 9am - 5.30pm - **Thursday 11 Aug** 9am - 5.30pm - **Friday 12 Aug** 9am - 5pm - **Saturday 13 Aug** 12pm - 5pm **Sunday 14 Aug** 12pm - 5p

Kilkenny Arts Festival Visual Arts Venues open 12:00 noon on Friday August 5th.

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Artists; Ann Craven, David Beattie, Maria McKinney, Nick Miller, Michael Thomas Murphy, Liam O’Callaghan & Jacco Olivier

Join the artists for a free, informal brunch on Saturday 6th August from 11.30 to 2pm in Cleere’s Bar.

Special guests include curator Hugh Mulholland, art critic Gemm Tipton and journalist and playwright John Waters. This event is ticketed. To book call the Festival box office.

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