

# THE CILL RIALAIG PROJECT



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## RETURNING

*Paintings by five prominent Cill Rialaig Artists: Elizabeth Cope, Bernie Masterson, John Philip Murray, Dorothy Smith and Niall Wright*

At The  
Cill Rialaig Arts Centre / Siopa Chill Rialaig  
Dun Geagan, Ballinskelligs, Co. Kerry

until May 11, 2011

For more than 18 years, the Cill Rialaig Project has provided the rare experience to visiting artists of living in a restored pre-famine era village where they work uninterrupted except by the stunning surrounding landscape. This exhibition features five prominent artists who visited Cill Rialaig early in its history and returned again several years later. Each addresses issues of landscape in different ways.

Elizabeth Cope is a colourist, and paints domesticated gardens with vibrant energy. Bernie Masterson explores the constantly changing light, weather and textures of the wild Irish landscape. For many years, John Philip Murray has been interested in early Italian Renaissance painting, and melds interior and exterior spaces in his work. Dorothy Smith studies the evocative shadows and structures of agricultural buildings. Niall Wright taps into the experience of "soft," misty weather and the borders between land, sky and water.

The Cill Rialaig Arts Centre is in Dun Geagan village near Ballinskelligs on the Skellig Ring road outside of Waterville and Cahersiveen, Co. Kerry. In the spring, it is on Saturday and Sunday from 11 to 5, except for the Easter and May Bank Holiday weekends when it will be open Thursday to Monday from 11 to 6.

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