



Donald Teskey Landscapes

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Donald TeskeyDrawing into Painting

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Donald Teskey: Landscapes brings together a selection of signature paintings by one of Ireland's most celebrated artists. His diverse subjects include landscapes he has observed over extended periods of time, such as the varied terrain of Connemara, County Galway; the canals of Venice; Parisian boulevards; and Connecticut woodlands. Although his prolific 39-year career encompasses diverse media, including drawing, painting, printmaking and watercolor, this exhibition focuses on recent paintings inspired by his ongoing fascination with the the rugged coastline of County Mayo as well as inland scenes from County Cork and the Lee Valley. Paintings such as *Tidal Rocks* (2017) convey the vertigo one feels at the edge of a cliff, buffeted by wind, trying to behold the scene below. Such images not only dramatize elemental change; they celebrate the elasticity of painting. Spreading large swaths of pigment across the canvas with trowels and palette knives, Teskey synthesizes drawing and painting, representation and abstraction. As he tacks back and forth between evoking specific sites and responding to the unexpected effects of painting, he conveys protean qualities that are beyond time or place.

Reflecting upon Teskey's gestural seascapes, one might be surprised to learn that he first gained recognition for large

Tidal Rocks (detail), 2017, oil on canvas, $39\frac{1}{4} \times 59$ inches

and meticulously detailed drawings, including urban scenes rendered with carefully gradated layers of pencil. Born in Rathkeale, County Limerick, Ireland, in 1956, he felt an early affinity for art. His father worked as a custom home builder and he grew up assisting in the family's joinery, where he developed an appreciation for craft. Teskey's family encouraged his passion for art, and he matriculated at Limerick School of Art and Design just as Ireland's art curriculum shifted from a focus on producing art educators to training artists dedicated to their own creative practices. His studies emphasized direct observation and figure study and were informed by texts such as Kimon Nicolaides' The Natural Way to Draw. Drawing not only provided him with a way to develop new concepts; it became his primary medium for more than a decade and remains integral to his process.

Teskey broadened such traditional underpinnings when he participated in a program that allowed college students to earn money each summer by picking tobacco in Toronto, Canada. During three trips abroad, he visited New York City, where he was fascinated by artists as diverse as Frank Stella and Chuck Close. Whether looking at representational or abstract works, he felt freed by the pluralism of the art scene. He especially admired artists who activated the spaces between primary forms or motifs, conveying an all-over engagement with space.

Early drawings, such as *Ghosts X* (1979), reflect Teskey's interest in creating a highly structured composition in which he articulates or textures every element. A lateral band of white papers blows across a derelict urban lot, evoking a sense of restlessness, dislocation, and absence. In 1980, he exhibited *Ghosts X* and similar works in his first exhibition at

Lincoln Gallery, Dublin. The staccato quality and horizontal emphasis of such compositions prefigured later paintings, such as *Costal Report* (2017), in which dramatic bands of white surf brighten the surrounding darkness. Early drawings also set the stage for his continuing interest in composing through through strong chiaroscuro, activating the overall surface of works, and exploring the mystery of forms that appear to be in flux.

Moving to Dublin soon after graduating from art school, Teskey encountered a city afflicted by recession and urban blight. Living in Dublin in the 1980s, he found that every second house seemed to border a derelict site filled with wrecked cars and tires. Vacant lots strewn with rubble and detritus provided haunting imagery. He began by making small sketches and taking photographs on site, which he would later assemble into montages in his studio, creating composite and reconfigured views. Teskey developed works such as *Migration* (1981) using hard pencil, gradually building up layers and rendering details with almost obsessive discipline.

The formality, silvery light, and soft touch of Teskey's early drawings contrasts with the harsh desolation of his subject matter. Blowing papers rise like a flock of birds or a cresting wave, and the absence of figures contributes to a surreal or dream-like quality. Recognizing Teskey's ability to capture the larger cultural milieu or zeitgeist, the American art historian Lucy Lippard included him in the exhibition *Divisions, Crossroads, Turns of Mind: Some New Irish Art*, which she organized for Williams College Museum of Art in 1984. His works expressed a sense of absence and alienation endemic to a nation that suffered repeated waves of colonialization, strife, and emigration.



Ghosts X, 1979
Graphite on paper
22 × 31½ inches



Migration, 1981 Graphite on paper $23\frac{1}{4} \times 36$ inches



Kilcummin Head, 2016, acrylic on paper, 30 x 41 inches

Although many of Teskey's drawings portrayed economic hardship, he also remembers the 1980s as a vibrant time in the arts community. Like many of his peers, he survived on the dole and scant meals, but he was soon able to sell drawings, first from Lincoln Gallery and later, Rubicon Gallery in Dublin. He also enjoyed the camaraderie of a

promising group of Irish artists, including Eithne Jordan, Cecily Brennan, Mick O'Dea, and Michael Cullen.

Teskey's work was further catalyzed by the opportunity to teach at the College of Art and Design, which later became the Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT). As he taught life drawing, he urged his students to use all their senses, asking "how do you feel something without touching it?" Increasingly, he followed his own advice, and his drawings became more organic, expressive, and animated by strong contrasts of dark and light. When he began painting as well as drawing, he explored a more improvisational mode, trying to locate forms within an overall atmosphere and embracing unexpected marks, effects of light, and interrelationships. "That's how I still paint today," Teskey has stated, "the subject emerges out of this mass, like something being born, gradually working one's way to the surface. If it's not working, you have to go to the core of the subject. Not fiddling around on the surface."

As Teskey shifted his focus from drawing to painting, he realized that using a plastering float felt similar to drawing with charcoal—like a natural extension of his hand—and he began to rely upon floats, trowels, large palette knives, and sponges more than detailed brushwork. The broad base of the trowel allowed him to spread large swaths of paint, creating generalized forms, and the trowel's long edge and corner helped define crisp edges or incise lines.

Recent works such as *Summer* (2014) and *Longshore VIII* (2017) reflect the way such tools continue to allow him to establish large swaths of tone and color as well as detailed marks that convey a sense of scale. He also uses large tools to drag paint across underlying pigment so that the broken or scumbled layers mix optically, creating a more vibrant and nuanced atmosphere.

Teskey's use of trowels reinforced his preference for selecting and mixing just a few key colors, often emphasizing a panoply of warm and cool greys. His restrained palette minimizes narrative detail and focuses more on the way distinct elements, be they roads, bridges, houses, or fields, merge within an overall atmosphere and mood. Distinct boundaries and identities become blurred amid the volatile weather. The unifying greys in works such as *Erris* (2015) make its single electricity pole and the white rectangular farmstead appear more isolated and desolate. Similarly, the white houses that define the arcing hillside in the middle ground of *Gortbrack, North County Mayo* (2014) stand out starkly against the distant blue-grey mists and ochre-grey foothills.

For more than two decades, artist residencies have catalyzed Teskey's creativity and allowed him to forge a deep connection to particular places and communities. His first residency, a two week stay in 1995 at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig, familiarized him with the land-scape of County Monaghan. Subsequently, he pursued longer residencies, including stays at the Gearagh Arts Programme, County Cork; the Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, Vermont; the Josef and Anni Albers Foundation, Bethany, Connecticut; and the Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris. Each opportunity has provided different terrains for him to explore—the sweeping fields of County Cork, the rolling hills and winding river of the Lee Valley, or the mountains of the Connemara.

No residency or place has had a greater impact on Teskey's work than his 1996 stay at the Ballinglen Arts Foundation in Ballycastle, County Mayo, an experience that led to his compelling, varied, and ongoing body of work. During his first visit to Ballinglen in 1996, he avoided painting the most obvious motif: the 126-foot-high cliffs of Downpatrick Head and surrounding coastline. Instead, he focused on the main

street in Ballycastle, near the foundation's studio buildings. The resulting works capture the way the solid boundaries of the built environment contrast with the fluid conditions of light and weather.

Over more than a dozen subsequent visits, Teskey was inspired by the ever-growing creative community of artists who have worked at the Ballinglen Arts Foundation since its founding in 1995 by Margo Dolan and Peter Maxwell. Artists selected from a wide range of applicants work there for a minimum of three weeks during their initial residency, and many fellows return subsequently, contributing to a creative dialogue that is interdisciplinary, international, and intergenerational. Extended conversations with diverse Ballinglen Fellows, including American painters such as Stuart Shils, encouraged Teskey to reflect upon the way artists continue artistic traditions rooted in European painting.

Upon his subsequent visits to County Mayo, Teskey began painting the sprawling beaches and towering cliffs. Like many artists, he often felt he did not paint the landscape so much as sudden shifts in light and weather. He has noted that Ballycastle's geology is spectacular and similar to that of County Clare, but it remains relatively free of tourism and commercial development. As a result, the landscape provides an experience of the sublime in nature that is increasingly rare. As Teskey explored the County Mayo coastline, photography and sometimes videos provided him with memory aids, but drawing and an experimental studio practice remained his primary means for conveying the dynamism of the landscape. As he has stated, "Often, what becomes the basis of a painting is not so much the object of a scene, but the dynamic combination of lines created in the urgency of the drawing process."² His paintings do not capture a particular likeness of a place so much as a composite experience of being there over time.

For example, works such as *Lighthouse* (2017) dramatize a specific motif, but the structure is off-center, and cropped by the top edge of the painting. Instead of commanding the landscape or providing a source of illumination, the structure appears ethereal, precarious, and insubstantial compared to massive cliffs and a distant inlet. Teskey does not illustrate a preconceived concept of a lighthouse. Instead, his image evokes the sensation of standing at a precipice, surrounded by wind-swept seascape in a fading light.

Teskey often chooses viewpoints or composite perspectives that convey a sense of contingency and vulnerability. In works such as *On Bolus Head* (2015), Teskey eliminates the foreground entirely. Because we can't see where we stand, our aerial perspective appears more uncertain or perilous. In other works, such as *Kilcummin Head* (2016), he uses sharply angled diagonals to create the illusion of deep space. They draw us rapidly toward the middle ground, where a wave crashes against the rocks, blocking our imagined path. The zigzagging linear rhythms and contrasting horizontals are jarring, equivocal, and exhilarating as they draw our attention across the rocky shore, past breaking surf, a turquoise patch of ocean, and sunlit waves, to a dark and ineffable horizon.

In still other works, such as *Longshore VIII* (2017), the drama is closer to the picture plane. We are not drawn in by receding diagonals so much as confronted head-on with an oncoming wave. The bright wave divides the composition roughly in half between the dark fractured rocks and the threatening sea. The wave is recognizable as such but



Summer, 2014, oil on canvas, 27 1/2 x 39 1/2 inches

equally so, it is an exuberant painterly gesture, a swath of pigment that appears drawn as much as painted. By eliminating the sky above the wave and tightly cropping our view, Teskey emphasizes a sense of imminent danger. We can imagine, but not perceive, what is above or beyond it. As one of many works inspired by wave impacts, *Longshore VIII* calls attention to the sublime—where we experience both mortal danger and profound wonder before nature.

Teskey's ongoing fascination with the resonant potential of seascapes invites comparison with both the romantic landscapes of J. M. W. Turner (1775–1851) and the boldly gestural paintings of Marsden Hartley (1877–1943). But his dense paint surface and expressive paint handling reflect a deeper connection to School of London painters such as Frank Auerbach (b. 1931). In works such as *Coastline III* (2015) rough edges, broken facets of paint, and overlapping planes of color suggest differences between land, sea, and sky, but they also express an underlying ambiguity and equivocation. Although Teskey's surfaces emphasize flat

planes more than Auerbach's thick impasto, both artists paint in a way that integrates the gestural force and openended process of drawing. Just as Auerbach's figures are both suggested and obscured by thick layers of paint, Teskey's landscape motifs appear elusive and ephemeral.

The alarming consequences of climate change have prompted many contemporary artists to re-evaluate the way they portray nature. Teskey has responded both directly and indirectly to such concerns during his long career. For example, he recently created a series of drawings of the ocean garbage gyres to illustrate Derek Mahon's book and eponymous essay, *Rubbish Theory* (2016). In a more surreal or metaphysical vein, Teskey's *Ocean Frequency* series (2012–present) integrates his early vocabulary of floating papers into his seascapes, synthesizing urban and rural motifs, wildness, and artifice.

In the context of such a varied career, the expressive landscapes featured in this catalog and exhibition celebrate those places in nature that still appear unadulterated, beautiful, and worthy of preservation. They embody the protean beauty that we need to understand and care for more than ever. Painted with the hands of a draughtsman and with the spirit of a dedicated student, these works model qualities we require: curiosity, self-reflection, and openness.

NOTES

- 1. Donald Teskey in an interview with Mike Fitzpatrick in *Donald Teskey: Profile*, Gandon Editions, 2005, County Cork, Ireland, pp. 18–19.
- 2. Ibid.





Lighthouse, 2017, oil on canvas, 39 ¼ x 59 inches





Coastal Report, 2017, acrylic on paper, 30 × 41 inches





Coastline III, 2015, oil on canvas, $23 \frac{1}{2} \times 31 \frac{1}{2}$ inches

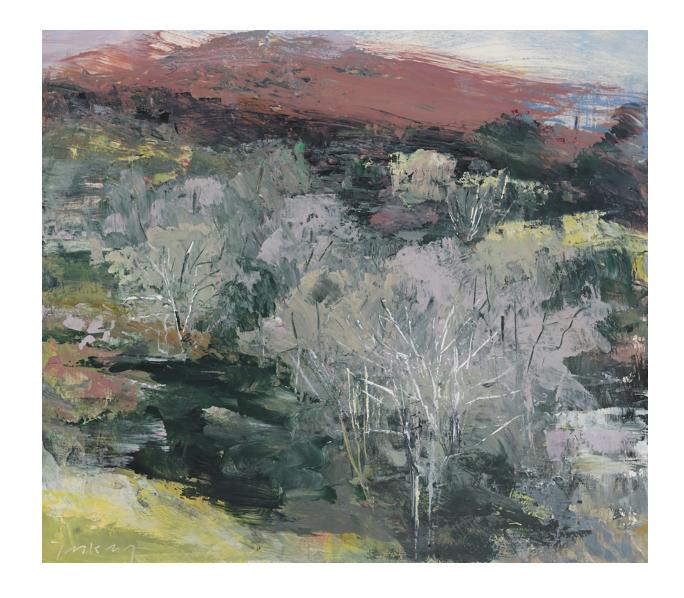








River, Coomerkane Valley II, 2013, acrylic on paper, 15×16 inches



Old Forest, Coomerkane Valley, 2013, acrylic on paper, 15×16 inches



Bridge, Coomerkane Valley, 2013, acrylic on paper, 15 x 16 inches



Coomerkane, 2013, oil on canvas, 47 x 59 inches





The Lee Valley, Nature Reserve, 2016, acrylic on paper, 30 × 40 inches

The Lee Valley, Barn, 2016, acrylic on paper, $30 \times 39 \frac{1}{2}$ inches





Farmhouse, Coomerkane Valley, 2013, acrylic on paper, 15×16 inches Cottages by the Pier, 2017, oil on canvas, $39\frac{1}{4} \times 59$ inches



The High Road, 2015, acrylic on paper, $15\% \times 16\%$ inches



Townland, 2015, acrylic on paper, $15\% \times 16\%$ inches

Selected Solo Exhibitions

	College, Swarthmore, PA
2016	Weather Gauge, The Hunt Museum, Limerick
2015	No Real Horizon, Oliver Sears Gallery, Dublin
2014	Atlantic, Ballinglen Arts Foundation, Co. Mayo
2013	Entre Terre et Mer, Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris
2013	West x Southwest, Hammond Gallery, Glengarriff, Co. Cork
2013	Ocean Frequency, Oliver Sears Gallery, Dublin
2012	Nature Reserve–Paintings from The Gearagh, Town Hall Gallery, Macroom, Co. Cork
2011	Nature Reserve, Art First London
2011	A Connemara Folio, Clifden Arts Festival, Co. Galwa
2010	The Idea of Islands, RHA Gallery, Dublin
2009	Loops & Sidings, Rubicon Gallery, Dublin
2007	New Paintings, Mullan Gallery Belfast
2007	From Bethany to Beacon Falls, Rubicon Gallery, Dublin
2006	Coastline Narratives, Art First London
2005	Tidal Narratives, large–scale paintings and drawings Limerick City Gallery of Art
2005	Land Fall Variations, drawings, Rubicon Gallery, Dublin
2005	Paintings, Vanguard Gallery, Cork
2004	Not Only Forms, Rubicon Gallery, Dublin
2003	Paintings from the Red Mill, Art First, London
2002	New Paintings, Art First, London
2001	Island Crossings, Rubicon Gallery, Dublin

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2000	Paintings, Art First, London
1999	Paintings, Rubicon Gallery, Dublin
1998	Paintings, Vanguard Gallery, Co. Cork
1997	Paintings, Rubicon Gallery, Dublin
1996	Paintings, Clink Wharf Gallery, London
1995	Paintings, Rubicon Gallery, Dublin
1993	Paintings, Rubicon Gallery, Dublin

Selected Awards and Artist Residencies

2017	Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA: Fellowship and residency funded by the William J. Cooper Foundation
2015	Model Art Centre, Sligo: residency at the invitation of the W.B. Yeats Foundation
2012	Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris: residency
2008	The Gearagh Artists Residency Programme, County Cork
2006	Elected member of Aosdana
	Josef and Anni Albers Foundation, Bethany, Connecticut: residency
2004–2015 Cill Rialaig Project, Co. Kerry: residency	
2003	Elected member of Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin
	The Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, Vermont: residency and full fellowship
1996–	2016 Ballinglen Arts Foundation, Co. Mayo: full fellowship and recurring residencies
1995	Annaghmakerrig, Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Co.

Monaghan: residency

Selected Group Exhibitions

2017	IMMA Collection: Coastlines, The Irish Museum of
	Modern Art Dublin, curated by Christina Kennedy
	Capacity & Tension—2017 Shanghai International Print Exhibition, China Arts Museum, Shanghai, China
	187th RHA Annual Exhibition, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin
2016	Show #365, Art First, London
	Innaugural Exhibiton, International Academic Printmaking Alliance, Taimiao, Imperial Ancestral Temple, Forbidden City, Beijing

A Solitude in the Ocean, Green Fuse, Westport, Co. Mayo Annual Exhibition, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin Participated in annual invitational exhibitions since 1996

2015 Enchanted Landscapes, Curated by Rebecca
Michelman, the Curator Gallery, Chelsea, New York

Visions of Now, Limerick City Gallery of Art, Limerick

A Lonely Impulse of Delight, SO Gallery, Fine Art
Editions, Dublin

Quadripartite, Claremorris Gallery, Co. Mayo

Postscript, Burren College of Art & Russell Gallery, Co Clare. Impressions of WB Yeats, Hamilton Gallery, Sligo

RHA Members Drawing Exhibition, Assembly Rooms,
Dublin

2014 *Sea Fever*, Catherine Hammond Gallery, Co. Cork

2013 Natural History, curated exhibition, Art First, London

2012 Hibernation, Oliver Sears Gallery, Dublin Rardharc, American Irish Historical Society, New York City **2010** *Graphic Studio 50 years in Dublin*, IMMA Éigse Carlow Retrospective, VISUAL Carlow

2008 Revelation, National Gallery of Ireland

Celebrating Drawing, National Gallery of Ireland

New Additions National Self Portrait Collection,
Limerick University

2007 Into Landscape, exhibition of drawings by artists, toured five venues including Town Hall Gallery, Macroom, Co. Cork, and Galway Arts Centre, Galway
Siar 50, Irish Contemporary Art Society Collections at Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin

2005 Rhyme and Resin, a collaboration between poets and artists organized by Poetry Ireland, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin

RHA Members Drawing Exhibition, Ashford Gallery, Dublin

2004 *H2o*, Model Arts Centre and Niland Gallery, Sligo, County Sligo

Time of Shaking, Art for Amnesty, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin

An Irish Eye; Landscapes of Fact and Imagination, Cape Town South Africa

2003 *Eire/land*, McMullen Museum of Art, Boston College, USA

Reflecting on Success—Past Winners, Claremorris Open Exhibition

1998 *Art First*, works by Donald Teskey, Gwen O'Dowd, and Janet Pierce, Art First, London

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 RHA Gallagher Gallery, Dublin

 Group Show, Clink Wharf Gallery, London

 Éigse Festival, invitational exhibition, St Patrick's
 College, Carlow, Ireland
- 1996 National Collection of Contemporary Drawing, Limerick City Gallery of Art Living Landscape, West Cork Arts Centre, Skibbereen Group Show, Connaught Brown Gallery, London
- **1990** *Three–Person Show* (with Michael Quane and Ian Sutherland), Riverrun Gallery, Dublin
- 1984–1988 Divisions, Crossroads, Turns of Mind, Some New Irish Art, curated by Lucy Lippard for Williams College Museum of Art and additional venues in the United States, Canada and Finland
- 1984 *Three–Person Show*, (with Marc Reilly and Tony Carroll Lincoln Gallery, Dublin
- **1983** *EV+A Prizewinners Exhibition*, Douglas Hyde Gallery, Dublin, with additional venues in Belfast and Limerick
- 1981/82 GPA Awards Exhibition, Douglas Hyde Gallery, Dublin

- 2016 Weather Gauge, catalog, text by Sean Lysaght, Naomi O'Nolan Published by The Hunt Museum. ISBN 978-9928934-6-0
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- **2011** *A Connemara Folio*, by Donald Teskey Published by Occasional Press. ISBN 978 0 9564786 1 0
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"Ocean Narrative" by Samuel Walsh in *Irish Arts Review*, Vol. 22. No.3

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Workday, Dublin
Baring Asset Management, London
KPMG, Dublin
Ulster Bank, Dublin

National Drawing Collection, Limerick
Butler Gallery Collection, Kilkenny
First National Building Society, Dublin
Augustus Cullen & Sons Solicitors, Dublin
Irish Life Assurance,
Ballinglen Arts Foundation, County Mayo

Boyle Civic Collection, County Roscommon

Limerick City University, Limerick

Kelly's Hotel, Wexford

St. Lukes Hospital, Dublin

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