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EXHIBITION OF COLLAGES

Return to IRELANTIS

12 February – 10 April

SEÁN HILLEN

Opening: Thursday 11 February at 6:30pm

To launch the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Alliance Française in Dublin, a collection of acclaimed work by the important Irish artist Seán Hillen will be shown for the first time in Dublin since the 1990's.

Best known for his 'Irelantis' series, where competing myths and visions cohabit a deliciously witty montage, Hillen is one of the most significant artists of his generation. Hillen has also undertaken sculptural pieces, most recently the Omagh Bomb Memorial which has received both popular and critical acclaim.

As the 'Irelantis' images have come to be seen as the most vivid and emblematic expression of the dreams and anxieties of 'Celtic Tiger' Ireland, his works from the 'Troubles' era, based on his own gritty photographs, have become more widely-known internationally and are now studied as masterworks of the medium.

The 'Irelantis' images have since burrowed deep into Irish culture, appearing on nearly 20 book covers and in this exhibition the public will get a rare opportunity to see several of the delicate almost miniature original collages, together with a selection of a new definitive edition of archival prints.

A full colour catalogue presenting the exhibited work will be available for sale at the Alliance Française.

In presence of H.E. Yvon Roé d'Albert, French Ambassador to Ireland.

Admission free

**Opening hours: Monday – Friday 8.30am-7.30pm
Saturday 8.30-1.30pm**

