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# Talk by SEÁN HILLEN

## on *Return to IRELANTIS*

**Tuesday 30 March 6.30pm**  
at the Alliance Française

[www.irelantis.com](http://www.irelantis.com)

**Sean Hillen** was raised in Newry and studied at the Belfast College of Art. In 1982, he travelled to London to continue his studies at the London College of Printing, and then at the Slade School of Fine Art.

The Man from **IRELANTIS** shows many examples of his highly acclaimed work from the 1980's up to his most recent and talks about its genesis and history.

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.

**Admission free**

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