

# Jackie O' Hara

## Artist

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### Artist Statement

Jackie O'Hara is a lifelong visual artist who paints vibrant landscape and nature scenes which she actively observes along the shoreline near her home, where she walks. She works in oils, acrylics or water colour on paper or canvas. A consistent theme in her work is the bay area which evokes a sense of quiet refuge and stillness but can also change dramatically. The plant life, with glints of the sea and mountains through them is a constant source of inspiration for her work.

### Education

- 2021 Master of Art in Creative Practice, It Sligo Ireland.
- 2012 Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Practice Thorn, School of Nursing and Midwifery Queens University Belfast N-Ireland.
- 2008 Bachelor of Science Degree in Mental Health Nursing (Hons) School of Nursing and Midwifery Queens University Belfast, N. Ireland.
- 1986 Diploma in Art and Design, Fashion. University of Ulster at Belfast, N. Ireland.

### Employment History

- 2023 Retired Registered Nurse
- 2019 Registered NMBI Full-time Mental health Nurse HSE Louth and Meath.
- 2008 Registered NMC Full-time Mental Health Nurse Belfast Health Trust.
- 1988 Supply teacher of Art Department of Education for N. Ireland.
- 1986 Designer of formal wear, bridal wear and costume for the theatre.

### Exhibitions

- 2026 Currently represented by Painted Earth, Newcastle Co Down, N. Ireland.
- 2026 'Untitled Art Fair', Chelsea Old Town Hall, London.
- 2026 'Shorelines' solo show. Patron Gallery, Newry Co Down, N. Ireland.

## Jackie O'Hara Artist CV -Continued

- 2025 'Mater' group show. Down Arts Centre, Downpatrick, N. Ireland.
- 2020 'Hidden Voices' group show of first cohort of MA Students, Yeat Building Sligo.
- 2018 'Hidden talents' group show. Belfast City Hospital, N. Ireland.
- 2003 'La Reunion en la Playa' solo show. La Plaza Gallery/bar, Fuengirola, Spain.

### Residencies

- 2026 Gareth Reid Sky portrait Artist of the decade. Farnham Estate, Cavan Ireland.
- 2025 Hambly and Hambly Art Residency France.
- 2024 Nicholas Robinson Portraiture, School House of Art. Enniskerry, Wicklow.

### Collections

#### Public Collections:

St. Brigids Hospital Ardee, County Louth, Ireland.

Children's Disability Centre, Downshire Hospital, Downpatrick. N. Ireland.

#### Private Collections:

N. Ireland, France, Sweden, Netherlands and USA.

### Press and memberships

- 2026 'Artist Jackie O'Hara brings thirty of her vibrant paintings to exhibit in Newry', Newry Democrat.
- 2025 'Mater exhibition opens at Arts Centre' Mourne Observer 2<sup>nd</sup> April Issue.
- 2026 Artists Now. AN member. (<https://Artists.now.com>)