

# Curriculum Vitae

## Michael Killen, Sculptor

- 2010**      Current Projects  
Preparing for a solo exhibition in Berlin in 2011 (Fantom e.V. Hektorstraße 9-10 10711 Berlin)  
Lettering Commission, Malahide Community School, Malahide, Co. Dublin  
Percent Commission: St Oliver Plunkett National School, Malahide: (see 2007, this building project is currently being re-examined)  
Inaugural Exhibition in the Bere Island Heritage Centre, Bantry Bay, Co. Cork: May 2010
- 2009/10**      Commissions: Completed a set of bronzes for E-TEC Power International Limited, Blanchardstown, Dublin. Private bronze commission  
Carved Lettering Commission, Malahide Community School.
- 2008**      Commissioned Sculpture: to Commemorate the Life of the late Professor John Devitt, Professor of English, Mater Dei Institute (DCU) Dublin.  
Exhibitions in 2008 Jorgensen Fine Art Christmas Show
- 2007/08**      Percent Commission: St Oliver Plunkett National School, Malahide.  
Life sized bronze figure of a child playing with a skipping rope mounted on a granite base. This percent commission was confirmed in 2008. The starting date has been delayed due to the Government cutbacks.
- 2007**      Island Golf Club  
Bronze Low Relief commemorating a ferry service between the Island Golf Club, Donabate and the town of Malahide.
- 2005/06**      Swords Castle  
Swords Castle: 14 life size sculpted busts to be located beneath the roof trusses on the chapel in the 13th Century Castle in Swords, Co. Dublin.
- Exhibitions in 2005  
Summer Group Shows: Jorgensen Fine Art Gallery, Dublin.  
   Millcove Gallery, Castletownbere, Co. Cork.  
   Kennys Gallery, Galway.
- 2004**      Exhibitions in 2004  
Christmas Group Show: Jorgensen Fine Art Gallery, Dublin.  
Summer Group Shows: Millcove Gallery, Castletownbere, Co. Cork.  
   Kennys Gallery, Galway.
- Royal Ulster Academy: One bronze selected for exhibition.
- Completed Commissions in 2004  
Sculpted panel in oak for the new Church of St. Bernards, Glengormley, Belfast, Northern Ireland.  
Client: Rev. Father Daniel Whyte P.P., 165 Antrim Road, Glengormley, Co. Antrim BT 36 7QR.  
Northern Ireland.  
Bronze Lettering for Maurice Mahon's Newsagents, Malahide, Co. Dublin.
- 2002-2003**      Life size bronze Mother and Child for the new Church of St. Bernards, Glengormley, Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- Oak Chandelier, Constable's Tower, Swords Castle, Swords, Co. Dublin. Client: Fingal County Council.

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**2002**      Percent Commission: "First Visit": Commissioned by the Causeway Hospital Artworks Group, a low relief carved in cherry wood and framed in ash for the Maternity Unit in the new Causeway Hospital, Coleraine, Co. Derry, Northern Ireland.

**Commissions during the 90s**      A Carved Chest for the Constable's Tower, Swords Castle, Swords, Co. Dublin.  
Client: Fingal County Council. 1

Portraits of U2: Gibneys Public House, Malahide, Co. Dublin

Low Relief Depicting Cuchulain carved in Cherry Wood. Gibney's Public House, Malahide

Enniskerry Parish Church

Panels for the Altar and the Lectern, sculpted in Lime wood and framed in Yew. Architect, Michael Brock of MacKenna Brock Architects

Yellow Walls Parish Church, Malahide.

Panels in Marble depicting a Folk Group and Folk Choir. Life size Crucifix sculpted in Oak. Lectern and Chair carved in Walnut. Architect: Michael Brock of MacKenna Brock Architects.

Cappamore Famine Memorial

Bronze Relief depicting a starving family in a ditch. Commissioned by the Cappamore Historical Society.

St. Oliver Plunkett National School, Malahide.

Bronze Crest and Lettering for the exterior of the school

St. Fintain's High School, Sutton, Co. Dublin

Bronze lettering for the exterior of the school

Life Size Mother and Child

Sculpted in Mahogany, Firehouse Parish Church

Life Sized Crucifix

Sculpted in Mahogany, Firehouse Parish Church

Life Size Portrait in Bronze: Private Client

Life size Portrait of a Lady, cast in bronze, for a private client

**Some 80s**      Set of Low Reliefs: London

**Commissions**      Set of Low Relief Sculptures, sculpted in walnut for a private client, Kew Gardens, London.

Commissions for Terryglass Parish Church, Co. Tipperary. Architect: Antony O'Neil, Monkstown.  
Altar and Lectern.

Commission for Laragh Parish Church, Co. Tipperary. Architect: Anthony O'Neil, Monkstown.  
Life Size Stylised Crucifix

Designed and Carved Furniture for Gibney's Public House, Malahide.

Life Sized Figure in Elm for Castlederg Parish Church: Architect: Joe Tracey of Liam McCormack and Partners

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Assisted Imogen Stuart in a number of Commissions: Pangar Bawn for Dunlaoghaire Shopping Ct. now in UCD Belfield, and an Altar in Fossa Parish Church, Co. Kerry (architect Liam McCormack)

### Education:

1969-73: Diploma in Fine Art from Dunlaoghaire School of Art and Design.

1973-74: Italian Government scholarship to study in the Academy of Fine Arts in Florence, Italy.

### Teaching Experience:

Malahide Community School: Woodcarving Adult Education: 1977-2005

Dunlaoghaire School of Art: Woodcarving Adult Education: 1978

North Strand Technical School: Woodcarving Adult Education 1985-1995

Scoil Nessan: Woodcarving Adult Education: 1988-1995

Donahies Community School: Woodcarving Adult Education: 1996-2005

### Schools

Primary School: St. Fintan's High School. Sutton, Co. Dublin.

Secondary School: Leaving Certificate 1967: Chanel College, Coolock. Dublin 5.

I collaborate with a number of professional crafts people in my commissioned and gallery works.

CAST LTD: I use the services of Cast Ltd, the bronze foundry that is based in South Brown Street, Dublin for the casting of all my bronzes. I have a very good working relationship with Leo Higgins, founder and director of the company and I find his advice invaluable.

DBOR JOINERY: I have used the services of Dbor Joinery in all my commissioned and gallery wood sculptures where specialised joinery is required. I have known Adrian O'Rourke and his brother Ronan for many years and the company has an excellent reputation for craftsmanship of the highest quality work. The company is based in Baldoyle Industrial Estate.

BOBBY BLOUNT STONE WORKS: I have used the services of Bobby Blount for all my stone requirements for many years. Bobby has provided all the bases for all my bronze sculptures, both large and small.