Thomas Hendy

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Self-taught graphite artist whose large-scale drawings examine institutions, justice and power, shaped by nearly fifteen years of incarceration.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2027 *Freedom's Paradox*, Strule Arts Centre, Omagh, Co. Tyrone (November, forthcoming)
2027 *Freedom's Paradox*, Toradh Gallery, Kells, Co. Meath (February to March, forthcoming)
2026 *Liberated Paradox*, Punishment Block, Spike Island, Cobh, Co. Cork. Curator: Dorota Gubbins
2025 *Ashes to Embers*, joint exhibition with Ger Hughes, Reds Gallery, Dublin. Curator: Tony Strickland

AWARDS AND FUNDING

2026 Professional Artist Development Fund, Meath County Council Arts Office and Creative Ireland, for *Freedom's Paradox*
2025 Open Submission Award, Dublin Painting and Sketching Club 147th Annual Exhibition, for *Billy's Words*

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *How It's Made: Water, A Shared Living System*, The Lark Concert Hall, Balbriggan. Curator: Valeria Ceregini
2026 *Time Well Spent*, Rua Red Arts Centre, Tallaght, Dublin, with the Irish Prison Education Service: work from fourteen prisons and three post-release centres. Curator: Órla McGovern
2026 Dublin Painting and Sketching Club, 148th Annual Exhibition, Dublin
2026 Swift Summer Open, Swift Cultural Centre, Trim, Co. Meath
2026 *Love Is in the Air*, Teal House Gallery, Dublin
2026 *Art in the Ballroom*, Made in Wicklow with the Schoolhouse for Art, The Ballroom, Powerscourt House, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow
2025 *How It's Made: Unmasking AI*, Balbriggan, with Trinity College Dublin's CONNECT Centre and the SCÉAL Collective. Curator: Valeria Ceregini
2025 Dublin Painting and Sketching Club, 147th Annual Exhibition, Dublin
2025 Swift Summer Open, Swift Cultural Centre, Trim, Co. Meath (inaugural edition). Selected by Belinda Quirke
2024 *Surveyor*, Solstice Arts Centre, Navan, Co. Meath. Selected by Dawn Williams, Crawford Art Gallery

ART FAIRS

2026 Art Source, RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin

TALKS, PANELS AND EVENTS

2026 Panellist, *Arts & Education in the Irish Prison Service*, closing event of *Time Well Spent*, Rua Red, Tallaght
2026 Featured artist, Culture Night Kells, with Kells Arts Club, O'Connor's, Kells
2026 Featured artist, SCÉAL Collective, The Warehouse, Balbriggan
2026 Symposium, *How It's Made: Water*, CONNECT Centre, Trinity College Dublin
2025 Panel discussion, *How It's Made: Unmasking AI*, The Hub, Balbriggan

PRESS AND MEDIA

2026 *The Irish Times*, An Irish Diary, Frank McNally, on *Time Well Spent* (October)
2025 *Meath Chronicle*, double-page feature by Sally Harding, "From prison cell to art gallery" (October)
2025 LMFM, *The Late Lunch with Gerry Kelly*, "The Art of Life's Turnaround" (October)
2025 *The Brigg Bus*, SCÉAL Collective, video interview with Anita Doolan

MEMBERSHIPS, EDUCATION AND COLLECTIONS

- Professional member, Visual Artists Ireland
- Board member, SCÉAL Collective, Balbriggan
- Member, Irish Art Mart
- Member, Praxis, the artists' union of SIPTU
- Education: self-taught
- Work held in private collections in Ireland, the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada and Australia