

Clodagh Holahan

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Clodagh was born in Ireland. She studied at the *National College of Art and Design* in Dublin, where she graduated in Fine Art specialised in sculpture and later received her Art Teaching Certificate there. Clodagh worked in John Behan's foundry where she learnt the art of bronze casting. She was awarded a Post Graduate Advanced Educational Diploma at the *University of Ulster*. She was seconded by the *Irish Department of Education* to work on the new curriculum in Art, Craft, Design. She and her colleague Maureen Roche co-authored two text books on the Art, Craft, Design course. She was a Design Advisor to the *Irish Post Office*. She has taught in Ireland and Germany, and is a senior examiner for the *International Baccalaureate* in the Visual Arts.

A lot of Clodagh's work reflects her life's experience, her interest in nature, politics, different cultures and feminist issues, a love of pattern and things decorative. Many of her ideas originate from different environments, celebrating their rhythm and repetition. Special favourite shapes and distinctive combination of colours are evident throughout her work. Clodagh's bronze sculptures express emotion through semi-abstract figures and tend to have a feminine theme.

Clodagh has exhibited her Art work in many prestigious Art Exhibitions in Ireland: *The Royal Hibernian Academy* in Dublin, (RHA), *The Royal Ulster Academy* (RUA) in Belfast, *The Independent Artists*, *The Oireachtes* (Official Irish Exhibition). She has been commissioned by various institutions such as the *Belfast City Parks Authority*, *The Irish Post Office* and the *Church*. She has held several solo exhibitions in different parts of Ireland, London, Guernsey and in Munich. (Munich Airport, Siemens etc.). Clodagh's work can be found in private and public collections throughout Europe and the USA.

Clodagh Holahan has also contributed to the "Burn-the-Irish-Bar" -Project - http://www.burntheishbar.com/clodagh_art.htm - in the spectacular "Burning-Man-Event" - <http://www.burningman.com/> - in the Nevada Desert (USA).

