

Pretty as a picture Art kept in the frame

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You don't have to be a surrealist, a cubist or a dadaist to enjoy the artistic eye candy on sale at the Art [Ireland](#) fair that kicks off this weekend at the [RDS](#) in [Dublin](#).

Arts buffs, along with curious adults and children, can look forward to seeing over 170 works of art at the country's biggest annual art fair.

[Samina Zia](#) from [Cork](#) launched the event yesterday. Also showing his works of art was [Ian Pollack](#), the sculptor, who displayed a shiny bronze egg with a robin perched on top, entitled 'The Odd Egg'.

Artist Debbie Chapman displays her post-modernism with unusual perspectives of women's legs either on a bike or coming down a staircase.

[Roisin Fitzpatrick's](#) sparkling installation is made up of a whirlpool of Swarovsky crystals on white canvas which sat beside another installation by [Peter Monaghan](#) of golden discs in circular arrangement.

Eight emerging Irish artists will also showcase their work at Fresh Art, a new project corner that supports new talent.

According to Art Ireland founder [Maria McMenamin](#): "We are delighted to help this exciting group of recently graduated artists by sponsoring their spaces at Art Ireland."

Young investors may acquire works at affordable prices early in the careers of the exhibiting artists.

For further information, including links to the websites of participating galleries and artists, visit: www.artireland.ie

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