JOHN RAINEY

Born in 1985, lives and works in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Education

2013	Konstfack University of Arts, Crafts and Design, Stockholm
	RCA/Konstfack Graduate Exchange
2010-2012	Royal College of Art, London
	MA Ceramics and Glass, School of Material
2006-2009	Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester
	BA (Hons) Contemporary Crafts, Department of Contemporary Arts (1st Class Hons)

Solo exhibitions

2022	STATE SHIFT, Berg Gallery, Stockholm, SE
2021	SLIP TANK, Naughton Gallery, Queens University, Belfast, UK
2019	Flayground, Berg Gallery, Stockholm, SE
2016	On Visibility, Golden Thread Gallery Project Space, Belfast, UK
2013	Hyper Activity: Scenes from an Other Reality, Marsden Woo Gallery Project Space,
	London, UK

Selected group exhibitions

2022	UPHOLD: New collections, 35DP, Belfast, UK
2022	RHA Annual Exhibition, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, IE
2022	Tangible Visible Form, Courthouse Gallery and Studios, Ennistymon, IE
2022	Summer show, Berg Gallery, Stockholm, SE
2021	RHA Annual Exhibition, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, IE
2021	Worlds of Their Own, Draíocht Gallery, Dublin, IE
2020	Lemonade Stand, Naughton Gallery, Queens University, Belfast, UK
2020	Not Alone, Golden Thread Gallery (multiple international touring venues), Belfast, UK
2019	AWARD, British Ceramics Biennal, Stoke-on-Trent, UK
2019	Crowded Thresholds, National Design and Craft Gallery, Kilkenny, IE
2019	RHA Annual Exhibition, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, IE
2018	BSR June Mostra, British School at Rome, Rome, IT
2018	Sans le mains!, Fondation Bernardaud, Limoges, FR
2018	EVA International, Hunt Museum, Limerick, IE
2017	Dissolving Histories, Golden Thread Gallery, Belfast, UK
2015	Many a Slip, Marsden Woo Gallery, Belfast, UK
2015	Less + More, Oonagh Young Gallery, Dublin, IE
2014	3D Printing, Onassis Cultural Centre, Athens, GR
2014	(Im)material Artefacts, National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, UK



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2013	COLLECT Project Space, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
2012	Paradise, Salone Internazionale del Mobile, Milan, IT

Awards & grants

2022	Solomon Fine Art Award, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin
2022	RC SI Art Award 2022, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin (Shortlisted)
2021	The ESB Moran Award for Outstanding Sculpture, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin
2020	RC SI Art Award 2020, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin
2020	Morgan O'Driscoll Sculpture Award, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin
2019	Project Grant, Arts Council England
2019	AWARD, British Ceramics Biennial (Shortlisted)
2017	General Arts Award, Arts Council of Northern Ireland
2017	Project Funding, Art Council Ireland
2017	British School at Rome Fellowship, Arts Council of Northern Ireland
2014	ACES Award, Arts Council of Northern Ireland
2013	Visual Arts Award, Arts Council England
2012	Individual Artists' Award, Culture Company 2013 for Derry-Londonderry
	City of Culture
2012	General Arts Award, Arts Council of Northern Ireland
2012	Visual Arts Scholarship 2013, RCA/Konstfack Exchange Award, Anglo-Swedish
	Society
2009	Dean's Award for Academic Excellence, Manchester Metropolitan University

Public collections

The Government Art Collection, UK Arts Council of Northern Ireland, UK

Commissions

2022	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery 40 th
	Anniversary Conference Commission, Dublin
2022	Business to Arts Awards, 30 th Anniversary Sculpture Commission, Dublin

Artist in residence

2018	British School at Rome Fellowship, Arts Council of Northern Ireland
2013	RCA/Konstfack Exchange – Residency, Stockholm, Anglo-Swedish Society



Selected online publications

- Sculpture Magazine, "Moving Between States: A Conversation with John Rainey", Oct 2021. https://sculpturemagazine.art/moving-between-states-a-conversation-with-john-rainey/
- Visual Artists News Sheet Online, "Staging Space" interview with Janet Mullarney, Mar 2020. https://visualartistsireland.com/staging-space
- Visual Artists New Sheet Online, "Material Uncertainty" interview with Matt Packer, Jan 2018. https://visualartistsireland.com/material-uncertainty
- Re:Sculpt International Sculpture Centre blog, "In the Studio with John Rainey", July 2016. https://blog.sculpture.org/2016/07/20/john-rainey/
- Frieze, "Critics Guide: Dublin", Feb 2016. https://frieze.com/article/critics-guide-dublin?language=en

Selected print publications

- Irish Arts Review, "John Rainey Sculpture Feature", Spring 2021.
- Dagens Nyheter, "John Rainey is having fun with history" (Review), Dec 2019.
- Rum Magazine, "John Rainey at Berg Gallery", Nov 2019.
- Transdisciplinary Practice, Oonagh Young Gallery Publishing, Dublin, 2019.

