

Performance Artist Dominic Thorpe announced as first ever UCD Humanities Artist in Residence



Image credit: Dominic Thorpe, Broadcast Gallery Dublin 2011. Photograph taken by Joseph Carr.

Cultúr Lab in partnership with UCD College of Arts and Celtic Studies is delighted to announce performance artist Dominic Thorpe as the first ever UCD Humanities Artist in Residence. In its pilot year, the programme aims to facilitate a unique collaboration between the artist and the humanities researchers in UCD.

Thorpe is an Irish visual artist who works primarily through the body in performance, drawing, video and photography. His most recent work looks at exploring the potential of art practice to offer an authentic response to the traumatic experiences of others. He has performed extensively at a national and international level and his work has been supported by the Arts Council of Ireland, Culture Ireland, CREATE and Kildare County Council.

As part of the programme the artist will receive a fee of €6,000, a shared studio space and the opportunity to engage and work with leading humanities researchers in UCD.

Responding to the news of his award, Thorpe said “UCD is an exciting university with very dedicated and interesting researchers. The residency offers great potential for an artist to look for new questions around cultures of commemoration, memory studies, trauma, institutional abuses, monuments and public art. This is an important time in Ireland for questions around these areas.”

Speaking on behalf of the College of Arts and Celtic Studies, Dr. Porscha Fermanis, Vice-Principal for Research, Innovation and Impact said, "We are delighted to welcome an artist of Dominic Thorpe's calibre to the UCD College of Arts and Celtic Studies. The College looks forward to collaborating with

him on a range of important research topics relating to trauma, institutional abuses, and memory studies."

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