

MICHAEL JOHN WHELAN  
CV

Born in Dublin, Ireland.

#### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2017\_

**The Good Soil**, Grey Noise, Dubai.

2016\_

**Yellow Amber Grey Amber**, Rua Red, Dublin. – curated by Paul McAree.\*

**Darwin's Finches**, Boetzelaer | Nispen, Amsterdam.

2015\_

**Only in**, Vitrine Project Space, London. – curated by Amanda Abi Khalil.

2014\_

**Lupus**, Grey Noise, Dubai. – curated by Eamonn Maxwell.

2013\_

**Foreign Sunrise**, Boetzelaer | Nispen, Amsterdam.

**The sun shone on the nothing new**, Lismore Castle Arts: St. Carthage Hall, Lismore.\*

**A Petite Fair** with Boetzelaer | Nispen, Amsterdam.

2012\_

**Understanding Magnetism**, Grey Noise, Dubai.

**The Birth and Death of Stars**, Boetzelaer | Nispen, London.

2009\_

**Under the receding wave**, Kunstverein Bochum.

2008\_

**Dirt. Geometry.**, Reimann le Begue, Düsseldorf.

**The Meeting**, Clifford Chance LLP, Canary Wharf, London.

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS + SCREENINGS

2018\_

**Crude** – curated by Murtaza Vali, Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai.\*

**CONDO UNIT Athens** with Grey Noise, Dubai – hosted by The Breeder, Athens.

**Peindre la nuit** – curated by Jean-Marie Gallais, Centre Pompidou-Metz, France.\*

**TRACES** – curated by Brigitte Bloksma and Paul McAree, Kasteel Wijlre, Netherlands.\*

**The Long Now**, me Collectors Room, Berlin, Germany.\*

**The Long Now**, Kunstverein Bochum, Germany.\*

**Ghost Nets**, (with Julieta Aranda, Saâdane Afif, Valerie Chartrain, Natalie Czech, Jean-Pascal Flavien, Liam Gillick, Pedro Neves Marques, Trevor Paglen & Anri Sala), Galeria OMR, Mexico City.

**moonshow**, (with Caline Aoun, Charbel-joseph H. Boutros, Fahd Burki, Mehreen Murtaza & Stéphanie Saadé), Grey Noise, Dubai.

**Hydrogen Helium**, Alserkal Project Space, Dubai.

2017\_

**Visions of Nature** (incl. Darren Almond, Andreas Gursky, Axel Hütte, Myoung Ho Lee & Simone Nieweg - curated by Verena Kaspar-Eisert), Kunst Haus Wien, Austria.\* (*Current*)

**Systema Naturae** (with Ann Böttcher, Sanna Kannisto, Eva-Fiore Kovacovsky, Kustaa Saksi & Salla Tykkä - curated by Mirja Majevski), Kunsthall Stavanger, Norway.

2016\_

**SPRING 1883 Melbourne** with Grey Noise, Dubai.

**A Weed is a Plant out of Place** (incl. Pierpaolo Campanini, Susan Hartnett, Michael Landy & Pae White – curated by Allegra Pesenti), Lismore Castle Arts, Ireland.\*

**but even if I cannot see the sun**, (with Charbel-joseph H. Boutros, Marco Godinho, Lala Rukh & Sail Into Night), Grey Noise, Dubai.

**White Cube... Literally - On form and convention of display**, (incl. Eduardo Abaroa, Wilfredo Prieto, Ilya & Emilia Kabakov – curated by Amanda Abi Khalil), Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai.

2015\_

**TULCA Festival of Visual Arts, Ireland** – curated by Mary Cremin.\*

**KURZ / DUST** (film program), Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, Poland.\*

**when all seemingly stands still**, Grey Noise, Dubai. – curated by Amanda Abi Khalil.

**Aesthetica Short Film Festival** (official selection), York, UK.\*

**MONO2**, Courtyard Theatre, London.

**Art Dubai** with Grey Noise, Dubai.  
**Art Rotterdam** with Boetzelaer | Nispen, Amsterdam.

2014\_

**Notes from the Field** (incl. Dara Gill, Alexandre Singh & Nina Yuen – curated by Melissa Keys), Margaret Lawrence Gallery, Australia.\*

**The Language of Human Consciousness**, (incl. Rasheed Araeen, Monir Fatimi, Sol LeWitt & Keith Tyson), Athr Gallery, Jeddah.

**Unseen Fair Amsterdam** with Boetzelaer | Nispen, Amsterdam.

**Ghost Towns – Utopia – Architecture**, (incl. Gordon Matta-Clark, Cyprien Gaillard, Marina Abramović and Ulay, Monica Bonvicini & John Smith), presented by Julia Stoschek Collection and KAI 10 | Arthema Foundation, Abraham Building, Neuss.

**Past, Favourite, Recent**, Boetzelaer | Nispen, Amsterdam.

**Art Dubai** with Grey Noise, Dubai.

2013\_

**LISTE 18** with Grey Noise, Dubai.

**Art Dubai** with Grey Noise, Dubai.

**Backwards into Paradise** (with Seamus Harahan, Lorraine Neeson, Tom Smith & Nadim Vardag), Flood, Dublin.

2012\_

**Amsterdam Drawing 2012** with Boetzelaer | Nispen, Amsterdam.

**Bis hier - 50 Jahre Kunstverein Bochum** (incl. Stephan Balkenhol, Martin Brand, Katharina Grosse & Rolf Julius), Museum Bochum.\*

**Performing Transition** curated by Necmi Sönmez, Kiasma Theatre, Helsinki.

**vac.u.um** (with Saira Ansari, Fahd Burki, Ayesha Jatoi, Nadia Khawaja, Basir Mahmood & Mehreen Murtaza), Grey Noise, Dubai.

**KunstFestSpiele Herrenhausen** (with Olaf Nicolai & Tamara Grcic), Hannover.\*

2011\_

**Artissima 18** with Grey Noise, Dubai.

**Taste my photons** (incl. Ruth van Beek, Bert Dankaert, Eric Jan van de Geer, Sabrina Jung & Ingo Mittelstaedt – curated by Wim Bosch), Noorderlicht Gallery, Groningen.

2010\_

**Cinematic** (with Laas Abenroth, Cyprien Gaillard & Clemens von Wedemeyer), Kunstverein Bremerhaven.

**Caisson part 1** (collaboration with Aleana Egan), Tilsiter Lichtspiele Cinema, Berlin.\*

**Where Gravity Makes You Float** (incl. Kristina Bengtsson, Henrik Menné, Josefine Lyche & Sinta Werner – curated by Silja Leifsdottir), Grimmuseum, Berlin.

**Display: Videokunst im öffentlichen Raum** (incl. Ulrich Polster, Vadim Schäffler, Thomas Lüer & Juliane Ebner), Fassade der DEKA Bank, Frankfurt.

**Void** (with Thomas Dillmann & Benjamin Rubloff – curated by Christoph Kivelitz), Galerie Robert Drees, Hannover.

**Equinox part 1: Speederbike primitive**, Grimmuseum, Berlin.

**Equinox part 2: Highlight what you love**, Grimmuseum, Berlin.

2009\_

**Compound**, Space Delawab, Belfast.

2007\_

**Trace** (with Paul Jackson), The Arts Gallery, London.\*

**In Flagranti II: Schnittstellen von Fotografie, Video und Malerei** (with Wim Bosch, Doris Frohnapfel & Marc Lüders – curated by Christoph Kivelitz), Kunstverein Dortmund.\*

2006\_

**In Flagranti I: Schnittstellen von Fotografie, Video und Malerei** (with Eric Jan van de Geer & Dirk Braeckman – curated by Christoph Kivelitz), Kunstverein Dortmund.\*

2005\_

**Field** (with Clodagh Emoe, Martina Mullaney & Michael Sheppard – curated by Eamonn Maxwell), Contemporary Art Projects, London.

**Bathers** (with Gary Coyle, AK Dolven & Justine Pearsall), Temple Bar Gallery & Studios, Dublin.

*\*indicates catalogue*

## PUBLICATIONS

**Yellow Amber Grey Amber** - 32 pages, 21 x 14.8 cm, with an A2 dust jacket poster folded to A5. Including a text by Declan Long. Published by Rua Red, Dublin (2016)

**The sun shone on the nothing new** - 44 Pages, 21 x 14.8 cm, published by Grey Noise/Lismore Castle Arts, Dubai/Waterford (2013)

**Caisson (part 1)** - 20 Pages, 21 x 14.8 (2010)

**Red Sky Morning** - 144 Pages, 21 x 14.8 cm, published by Argobooks, Berlin (2009)

**Feint**, guest edited by Aleana Egan, Issue 12, (2009)

**Trace**: Film and Video by Paul Jackson and Michael John Whelan (2007)

**In Flagranti: Schnittstellen von Fotografie, Video und Malerei** - published by Kunstverein Dortmund (2006/07)

## RESIDENCIES

2019\_AiR 351, Cascais, Portugal.  
2018\_Alserkal Residency, Dubai, UAE.  
2015\_TAJ Residency & SKE Projects, Bangalore, India.

## EDUCATION

2004\_MA Fine Art, Chelsea College of Art and Design, London, England.  
2002\_BA Fine Art, Institute of Art, Design and Technology Dun Laoghaire, Ireland.

## PRESS

ART PAPERS, dossier on Svalbard edited by Stephanie Bailey, November/December 2016  
A remote part of Norway where life is kept frozen, Aidan Dunne, The Irish Times (Print + Online), 09.08.2016  
Darwin's Finches featured on Art Viewer (Online) 11.06.2016  
Darwin's Finches reviewed by Lucette ter Borg in NRC Handelsblad (Dutch National newspaper), 12.05.2016  
Darwin's Finches reviewed by Sophia Zuercher in Het Parool (Amsterdam newspaper) - 21.05.2016  
Only In, Art Monthly No.384, p29 & 30, March 2015  
Michael John Whelan's Lupus, Rachel Bennett, FAD (Online), 29.11.2014  
A show in Dubai is an ode to Ireland's extinct wolves, Jyoti Kalsi, Gulf News, 27.11.2014  
Galerierondje Amsterdam West, Kunstbeeld.nl (Online), 11.2013  
Dust Magazine (Online), 06.2013  
Fatal Attraction: Artist Michael John Whelan's Ongoing Show Explores the Science of Magnetism, Blouin ARTINFO (Online), 01.10.2012  
Forces of nature direct Michael John Whelan's new art show, The National (Print), 10.09.2012  
Sexy Langsamkeit, Hannoversche Allgemeine Zeitung (Print), 30.01.2010  
Gleißendes Licht über dem See, Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung (Print), 21.03.2009  
Michael J. Whelan und die Kunst der Entschleunigung, Ruhr Nachrichten (Print), 07.03.2009  
Paul Jackson & MJ Whelan, Martin Coomer, Time Out London (Print), 08.2007  
Balance-Akte mit der Realität, Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung (Print), 20.10.2006  
"in flagranti" beim Kunstverein, Westfälische Rundschau (Print), 20.10.2006  
Fascinating bodies of Work, Aidan Dunne, The Irish Times (Print), 06.07.2005  
Swimming against the Tide, Cristin Leach, The Sunday Times (Print), 06.07.2005

## AWARDS

2018 - Arts Council of Ireland - Bursary Award  
2017 - Senate of Berlin Research Grant  
2017 - Culture Ireland Exhibition Award  
2016 - Arts Council of Ireland - Project Award for 'Darkness had no need'  
2015 - Arts Council of Ireland - Travel and Training Award  
2014 - Culture Ireland Exhibition Award  
2012 - Culture Ireland Exhibition Award  
2011 - Culture Ireland Exhibition Award  
2009 - Arts Council of Ireland - Bursary Award  
2008 - Arts Council of Ireland - Bursary Award  
2008 - Arts Council of Ireland - Projects: New Work Award  
2007 - Culture Ireland Exhibition Award  
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2005 - Clifford Chance/University of the Arts Sculpture Award

## COLLECTIONS

Arts Council of Ireland Collection  
University of the Arts, London Collection  
MLP Collection, London  
Institute of Art, Design and Technology Dun Laoghaire Collection  
Multiple private collections