



Roisin with composer Bill Whelan and Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith



New York Times best-selling author Marianne Williamson with Roisin



Angela Bassett, Actress, with Roisin



Mark Burnett, TV Producer and Roma Downey, Actress, with Roisin



Roisin with Ambassador to the US, Michael Collins



Roisin with Lorna Byrne, author of *Angels in my Hair*

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'As we let our own Light shine...

we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.' Marianne Williamson

This famous quotation by Marianne Williamson from her groundbreaking book *A Return to Love* has inspired many people to live life to their greatest potential. One such person is Irish artist Roisin Fitzpatrick – Artist of the Light®.

We featured Roisin's art and inspirational story as the cover article in the Autumn edition of *Natural Connections*. Previously, Roisin worked at the United Nations, European Commission and European Bank. Following a brain aneurysm and a near-death experience, Roisin turned this adversity into a positive life change. She was inspired to create a series of contemporary artworks, which she called the Artist of the Light® collection. Roisin's primary intention through her art is to introduce and share the bliss and beauty of the light and create a greater sense of well-being in both residential and corporate environments. These art pieces evoke a sense of serenity and peace in anyone who views them. The *Spiral of Life* artwork was on display at our stand at the RDS Mind Body and Spirit event last October. It was very warmly received by the attendees of the event!

Roisin first went to the U.S. with her art nearly three years ago. She met Marianne Williamson and over the years Marianne became a friend and great support to Roisin, giving her the first of many endorsements for her artwork. Marianne says that 'Roisin Fitzpatrick's artwork has blessed my life, reminding me always of the light inherent in everything'. Roisin's artwork provided the stage setting for the Conscious Capitalism Conference, where Marianne was the main speaker in May 2011.

Roisin's success in the U.S. reminds us that when we let the light shine through us, the Universe can open doors in miraculous ways. She is always very grateful for the opportunities she has been given and for the kindness and generosity of people who have helped her, including many people from the Irish American community in New York. Life is very simple for Roisin: to live from the heart, treat everyone with respect and really shine the light that is within us all. She does this through her art and by the inspirational way she lives her life here in Ireland and in the U.S.

Roisin says, 'We run around in life, looking for joy and happiness, most often in places where it can never be found, as has been proven by the boom and bust of the Celtic Tiger. Paradoxically, it is within us all of the time. It was by being forced to lie completely still in intensive care during my recovery from the aneurysm that I received total spiritual freedom! The intention of the art is to assist people to tap into this light which is within us all, to connect with the highest potential, to live lives with a greater sense of joy, well-being, purpose and meaning.

I recreate the beauty of the light by using the finest silks and highest-quality crystals to maximise the reflection and

refraction of the light. Many of the designs are inspired by pre-Celtic art, the Universe, nature and the Celtic mythology of the Tuatha de Danann. The response to the art has been phenomenal. Doors have opened in ways I never could have imagined in my wildest dreams.'

Roisin's solo art exhibition at the Consulate General of Ireland in New York in early October 2011 was attended by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith, Bill Whelan (composer of *Riverdance*) and the actress Angela Bassett (best known for her performance as Tina Turner in the film *What's Love Got To Do With It?*). This was her sixth exhibition in New York in the last two years.

Cahiar O'Doherty, Arts Editor of the *Irish Voice* newspaper in New York, says, 'Fitzpatrick's rise in the art world in New York has been nothing short of meteoric.'

Roisin was then invited to exhibit at the VisArts Kaplan Gallery near Washington D.C. Ambassador of Ireland to the United States Michael Collins, accompanied by his wife Marie, opened the art exhibition for Roisin. The opening was on the winter solstice, 21 December, highlighting a series of artworks that Roisin was inspired to create based on Newgrange's neolithic art.

Quoting from Ambassador Michael Collins, '[Roisin's artworks] are a great example of contemporary Irish art . . . Thank you, Roisin, for bringing much-needed light into our lives at this time when we risk being overwhelmed by darkness. Thank you for creating works of beauty and joy . . . Ireland is proud, very proud of our rich culture and the work of our contemporary artists. It is a measure of the vibrancy and resilience of Ireland that we continue to produce such wonderful talent as Roisin.'

Roisin is delighted that her artworks have been purchased by leading European and U.S. art collectors including Mark Burnett, TV producer of *The Apprentice* and actress Roma Downey from *Touched by an Angel*, and Ryder Cup golfer Christy O'Connor Jnr.

Roisin's art is featured at entrepreneur Richard Branson's new resort near New York and Fitzpatrick Hotels in Manhattan. She was honoured when her artworks were endorsed by Deepak Chopra and critically acclaimed by *Forbes*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Boston Globe*, *Artnews* (the best-selling art magazine in the U.S.), *IN New York Magazine*, *Irish Arts Review*, *Irish Independent* and *The Irish Times*.

'I am very grateful for the wonderful opportunities to share the art, and delighted that people are connecting with it on so many different levels,' Roisin concludes.

She has self-financed her exhibitions and regularly donates art to raise funds for various charities.

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS:

- La Luna Gallery in Washington D.C., March 1 – April 30
- The Irish American Heritage Museum in Albany, May 8 – June 30
- Gallery at Four Green Fields in Boston, July 2 – Aug 31