Conor Ó Daighre

An exhibition of oil paintings exploring Ireland's mystery mountain from the surrounding townlands of South Armagh and North Louth



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Views of Gullion is a series of paintings depicting Slieve Gullion from the surrounding townlands of South Armagh and North Louth. At the heart of the unique geological formation and designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the eroded remains of a Paleocene volcano rises above the ancient rolling hills, steeped in ancient mythology including the sagas of Fionn Mac Cumhaill and Cú Chulainn.

The ghosts of Gaelic Ireland abound in these forgotten corners of the The Ring of Gullion, an area that has seen great recent changes in the form of long-sought demilitarisation, seemingly unbridled housing development and deforestation rumoured to be driven by the 'cash-for-ash' scandal. Despite this and the impending crisis of *Breatimeacht* and late-stage capitalism, the mountain's presence remains a timeless and steadfast reminder of our roots and heritage and yet, depending on the weather, time of day and vantage point, Gullion's outline and colours change dramatically, making a fascinating subject for landscape paintings.

Conor Ó Daighre is an artist from the foothills of Slieve Gullion. He has travelled extensively in Europe and Asia but has always been drawn home and his latest 2 year stint back has enabled him to return to developing his interest in landscapes, a skill he feels is an ongoing and exciting journey into improving and exploring different styles of oil painting. The pieces of Views of Gullion express this experimentation and offer only an initial glimpse into what he hopes will be a project lasting a lifetime of returning to the mountain to endeavour to capture its glory from the unlimited perspectives it offers.



Radharc ón Abhainn Chaisleánn Dhún Dealgan le Fáinne Cnoc Shliabh gCuillinn i bhfad uainn

View from the Castletown River, Dundalk with The Ring of Gullion in distance Oil on Canvas, 2018 30 x 80 cm £355

Radharc ar Sliabh gCuillinn ó Magh Rí View of Slieve Gullion from Moyry Castle Oil on Canvas, 2018 30 x 80 cm £420





Teach tréigthe i hAcadh an Dá Mhaoil le Sliabh gCullinn agus Cuaille i bhfad uainn An abandoned house in Aghadavoyle with Slieve Gullion in the distance Oil on canvas, 2019

35 x 70 cm

£420

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Radharc ar Sliabh gCuillinn ó Baile Ard View of Slieve Gullion from Ballard Oil on Canvas, 2018 18 x 24 cm £75



Bád ar Cé San Seoirse, Dún Dealgan le Sliabh gCullinn agus Cuaille i bhfad uainn Boat at George's Quay, Dundalk with Slieve Gullion and Cooley in the distance Oil on Canvas, 2018 18 x 24 cm £75



Radharc ar Sliabh gCuillinn ó Lios Liath View of Slieve Gullion from Lislea Oil on canvas, 2018 50 x 60 cm £240



Radharc ar Sliabh gCuillinn ón Caiseal View of Slieve Gullion from Balinastack Rd, Cashel Oil on canvas, 2017 40 x 50 cm £240



Radharc ar Sliabh gCuillinn ó dolmain Baile Caol View of Slieve Gullion from Ballykeel dolmen Oil on Canvas, 2017 40 x 50 cm £240

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Radharc ó bharr an tsliebhe i dtreo loch Ceallach Beara View from Slieve Gullion cairn towards the Ceallach Beara's Lake Oil on Canvas, 2017 40 x 50 cm £240



Radharc ar Sliabh gCuillinn ó Suí Fionn View of Slieve Gullion from Seafin Oil on Canvas, 2018 30 x 40 cm £180



Radharc ar Sliabh gCuillinn ón Sheanbóthar, Droim an Tí View of Slieve Gullion from Old Road, Dromintee Oil on Canvas, 2017 30 x 40 cm £180



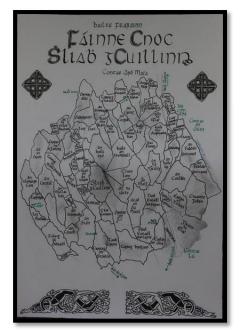
Radharc ar Sliabh gCuillinn agus séipéal Droim an Tí ó Taoibh Crom View of Slieve Gullion and Dromintee Chapel from Tievecrom. Oil on Canvas, 2018 30 x 40 cm £180



Radharc ar Sliabh gCuillinn ó Taoibh Crom View of Slieve Gullion from Tievecrom Oil on Canvas, 2017 50 x 60 cm £365



Radharc ar Sliabh gCuillinn ó hAth an Daimh View of Slieve Gullion from Aughanduff Oil on Canvas, 2017 22.5 x 30 cm £65



Bailte Fearainn, Fáinne Cnoc Shiabh gCuillinn

Townlands of the Ring of Gullion Black ink and fountain pen on paper, 2018 42 x 28.5 cm £100

OTHER PAINTINGS



Teach tréigthe i gCloch Choinne Abandoned house in Cloughinnea Oil on canvas, 2017 25 x 30 cm £65



Dolmain Baile Caol agus Draighean Ballykeel dolmen and blackthorn tree Oil on canvas, 2009 40 x 30 cm £75



El Tres de Mayo (after Goya and Ballagh) Acrylic on canvas, 2015 25 x 30 cm £65