

# Bernie Keogh

The red umbrellas are a series of paintings depicting life: - love, joy and sadness; raising a family; loving; letting go; coping with emotional storms and the sunshine.

In fact you could say that the whole exhibition is about love. The umbrellas depict life, and Galway the city of my birth is the place I love. I never tire of painting its winding streets, crooked houses and now – it's rooftops.

Bernie lives in the Lodge Studio, an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Gothic Gate Lodge that she lovingly restored over a eight year period. Her studio is situated in her gardens in a woodland setting, which is where she teaches her adult courses. She also tutors in the South of France on a regular basis. She is a graduate of the Crawford College of Art, Galway.

From 1972-93 Bernie taught art in many secondary schools in Galway. Bernie was employed as the art teacher at St. Joseph's College, Galway for 6 years full-time and 10 years part-time. She has also worked at St. Mary's College, St. Enda's College, Park College and Mervue National School, Galway. During this time she also illustrated examination papers for the Department of Education.

## My Passion

Grasping the tube,  
Warm colour erupts from the narrow neck.  
The smell and texture release deep emotions  
that mingle with gambogue yellow and scarlet red  
I smear, scramble, and caress the colours,  
sculpting an image pleasing to me.  
A difficult task master,  
never satisfied,  
feeding my passion,  
and deep love,  
leading,  
controlling,  
demanding,  
I bow my head to this great energy  
And accept an unknown destiny.

by Bernie Keogh



No. 7 – Storms Of Life

# The Red Umbrellas



by **Bernie Keogh**

The Kenny Gallery - Middle Street, Galway

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2003**

Guest Speaker

**Donal Taheny**

<b>No. Title</b>	<b>Size h x w</b>	<b>Price €</b>	<b>No. Title</b>	<b>Size h x w</b>	<b>Price €</b>
1. Hidden Secret	36" x 24"	2250	21. Gulls At Silver Strand	30" x 20"	1650
2. Guiding The Child	36" x 24"	2100	22. Reflections Silver Strand	30" x 20"	1650
3. Independent Lad	36" x 24"	2250	23. Clare Hills	24" x 20"	1500
4. Straining To Please	36" x 24"	2250	24. Long Walk I	18" x 24"	1850
5. Friends Forever I	36" x 24"	1900	25. Long Walk II	20" x 24"	1850
6. Friends Forever II	36" x 24"	1900	26. Galway Rooftops I	20" x 30"	2500
7. Storms Of Life	36" x 24"	2100	27. Galway Rooftops II	20" x 30"	2500
8. Stolen Moments	36" x 24"	1900	28. Galway Cathedral	20" x 30"	1900
9. Childhood Memory	36" x 24"	1900	29. St. Nicholas Spire	30" x 20"	1900
10. Forgotten Accessories	36" x 24"	2250	30. Clare Island	36" x 24"	1900
11. Exchanging Vows	36" x 24"	1900	31. Salmon Weir Bridge	20" x 30"	1900
12. After The Wedding	36" x 24"	2250	32. Nuns Island I	18" x 24"	1650
13. Oblivious To The World	36" x 24"	2250	33. Claddagh Church	16" x 24"	1400
14. Holding On	36" x 24"	2250	34. Nuns Island II	16" x 20"	1300
15. Letting Go	36" x 24"	1900	35. Nimmo's Pier	24" x 18"	1500
16. Shared Moment	36" x 24"	1900	36. Bridge At Oughterard	14" x 18"	1100
17. Market Day	36" x 24"	2100	37. Canal At Mill Street	24" x 18"	1500
18. Weary Traveller	36" x 24"	2250			
19. Helping Hand	30" x 20"	1900			
20. Summer's Day	36" x 18"	1800			

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