

# 92NY ART CENTER

## Painting in Ireland Masterclass: From the Landscape to Studio – Moving Beyond the Literal with Melanie Kozol

April 3 – 10, 2025  
Ballycastle, Ireland



Embark on an artistic adventure in the enchanting landscapes of North Mayo County, Ireland! The Art Center invites you to join beloved faculty member **Melanie Kozol** for a week of drawing and painting amidst the breathtaking scenery of Ballycastle. Hosted at the prestigious **Ballinlennan Arts Foundation**, this masterclass offers a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty and tranquility of rural Ireland.

Imagine sketching on the rugged cliffs and sandy beaches of the North Atlantic coast, where the ever-changing weather paints the landscape with a kaleidoscope of colors. With rolling farmlands, the Ballinlennan River, and

nearby historical treasures like the 6000-year-old Ceide Fields, inspiration is endless. Each day, you'll capture the dynamic light and atmosphere of this magical place, transforming your sketches into vibrant studio paintings.

Melanie Kozol, an expert in plein air and studio painting, will guide you through this artistic journey. You'll receive personalized instruction, participate in group critiques, and enjoy insightful lectures and demonstrations. Melanie's passion for landscape and her expertise in capturing its essence will elevate your painting skills to new heights.



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Your artistic home for the week will be the Ballinglen Arts Foundation, located in the heart of Ballycastle. You'll have 24-hour access to their studio facilities, including your own dedicated workspace. Accommodations include private bedrooms in shared apartments or charming cottages, providing a cozy retreat after a day of creative exploration. Enjoy delicious daily lunches and dinners, with breakfast provisions available for you to prepare at your leisure.

Throughout the week, enriching field trips will take you to some of the most picturesque and historic sites in the region. Marvel at Downpatrick Head, with its dramatic sea stack, Dun Briste, and panoramic Atlantic views. Step back in time at the 6000-year-old Neolithic Ceide Fields, featuring

ancient stone walls and megalithic tombs. Experience the awe-inspiring cliffs of Erris Head near Belmullet, and wander through the atmospheric ruins of Rosserk and Moyne Abbey, 15th-century Franciscan monasteries rich with history. You'll also immerse yourself in the charm of local towns like Killala and Lacken, each offering unique character and historical insights.

Join us for a transformative artistic experience in the heart of Ireland's stunning countryside. Let the dramatic landscapes and rich history of Ballycastle inspire your creativity and take your painting to new horizons!



### About Melanie Kozol:

Melanie Kozol, an American landscape painter, is known for her evocative paintings of the natural world. Kozol looks for archetypal formations in the environment to explore light, color, and atmosphere. Working from 'plein air' studies, photographic documentation, and memory, Kozol re-imagines the environment through the painting process. For the last 10 years, Kozol has focused her gaze on remote and ancient lands: Mayo County, Ireland; the Shetland Islands; the karst peaks in Southern China; and Waimea Canyon in Kaua'i. Drawing from prehistoric landscapes, she explores the spirit of the environment through light, color, and form. Her landscape



*Melanie Kozol, Papa Stour 2015, Watercolor on Paper, 9" x 20"*

paintings and drawings are infused with memory and the experience of being in nature. Kozol has exhibited her work nationally for over four decades. She received her MFA from SVA and her BA from Connecticut College. Kozol's awards include an NEA Visual Arts Fellowship, an NYSS grant for drawing, and residencies at Skowhegan, Saltonstall, VCCA, the Clipperton Project and DNA. Her work is featured in numerous collections, including the OCC at the Department of the Treasury, Deutsche Bank, and the Bellagio Hotel. Kozol is a visiting assistant professor at Pratt Institute and a member of the faculty at the Gilda and Henry Block School of the Arts, 92NY.

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### Tour Details

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##### Fees:

- Single occupancy with ensuite bathroom: \$5,700
- Single occupancy with shared bathroom: \$5,200
- Double occupancy (per person) with ensuite bathroom: \$4,400

*Note: Please note that the Double Occupancy rooms include one double bed. If you choose this option, please be aware that we do not provide roommate matching services. You must list the name of the person you plan to share the room with, and they must also submit their own application indicating the same preference.*

##### **The fee for the trip includes the following:**

- 6 days drawing and painting instruction daily
- 7 nights accommodations in a private room in a shared cottage or apartment at Ballinglen Arts Foundation supplied with towels, linens, and cooking utensils. A limited number of rooms with private baths (some ensuite) are available but not guaranteed.
- Private studio berth in the Ballinglen Arts Foundations studios with 24-hour access during your stay
- Basic supplies for breakfast daily (i.e. tea, coffee, cereal, bread, eggs, yogurt, fruit, juice, butter, etc.)
- Prepared lunch and dinner daily including one pub lunch and one box lunch during the planned excursions
- Access to the Ballinglen Arts Foundation studios, library, and kitchens
- Two-day trips to plein air painting locations, all transportation and admission fees included
- Roundtrip private airport shuttle from Dublin (DUB) to Ballinglen Arts Foundation

##### **Cost of trip does not include**

- Air transportation to Dublin, Ireland (DUB)
- Painting and drawing materials
- Alcoholic beverages and any other additional items purchased
- Trip Insurance (highly recommended)

##### **Payment Schedule & Registration**

A \$2,000 deposit is required by October 20, 2024 to reserve your place. The remaining balance of your trip fees are due by January 17, 2025. To register for this program, please visit [92Y.org/arttravel](https://www.92ny.org/arttravel) to complete an application and payment information. **Please do not book any non-refundable transportation until the tour has been confirmed.**

##### **Tour Activity Level**

You'll be on the go each day for most of the day on this tour. The group will travel to sites via private coach, or we'll be walking where you should expect uneven surfaces, stairs, and inclines. Participants can expect to be standing or walking for 1 - 2 hours at a time while on excursions and working outdoors in rugged surroundings for several hours. All tour start and end times will be announced at the beginning of the trip. Participants are responsible for arriving to the meeting locations on time. Your tour will begin and end with the included airport transfers.

##### **Code of Conduct**

During the trip, we ask that participants adhere to 92NY's Code of Conduct, which can be found at <https://www.92ny.org/about-us/policies>.

##### **92NY Terms and Conditions**

92NY does not represent, nor is 92NY the agent for, any transportation carriers, hotels, caterers and other suppliers of services connected with this tour. All service providers for the trip are independent contractors whose businesses are independent of 92NY; the provision by them of services on the trip does not make them a partner of, or create a joint venture with, 92NY. 92NY is therefore not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, death, accident, delay or other irregularity during the trip caused by or a result of the actions or omissions, whether negligent or otherwise, of any service provider. Additionally, 92NY is not responsible for losses or expenses due to force majeure, including, without limitation, sickness, inclement weather, acts of God, strikes, wars, governmental acts, terrorist acts, or other causes beyond the control of 92NY.



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### 92NY Terms and Conditions (cont.)

The trip may be canceled or rescheduled, or the published itinerary of the trip may be changed for reasons including, but not limited to, (i) if such change(s) are deemed necessary for the health, safety, or general welfare of the members or the trip, (ii) due to insufficient demand, (iii) due to the unavailability or closure of certain sights, (iv) due to a force majeure event, or (v) at the discretion of 92NY. 92NY strongly recommends that each participant purchase medical insurance, trip cancellation insurance and insurance with respect to loss or damage of luggage and/or for recoupment of the cost of transportation to and from the program in the event of any unforeseen events that require a change by the trip planners or a change of your plan to participate. Baggage and personal effects are the individual trip members' sole responsibility.

92NY reserves the right to decline participation of any person, and/or to remove any participant from the trip at any time, when such action is determined in the sole discretion of 92NY to be in the best interests of or necessary for the health, safety, or general welfare of the participants or of any individual participant. In the event of a cancellation by us prior to departure, we will try to reschedule the trip, but there is no guarantee of availability and a rescheduling may not be possible if the cancellation is due to a force majeure event. In the event of any changes of these terms or of a trip cancellation by 92NY for reasons excluding force majeure, our only responsibility is to refund you the amounts already paid by you for the reservation.

Above charges do not include cancellation charges imposed by the airlines for any connecting flights to/from your point of departure.

### Release & Waiver

The Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association is a New York Not-For-Profit Corporation whose mission is to provide exceptional, groundbreaking programs to present and promote the performing and visual arts; literature and culture; adult and children's education; talks on a huge range of topics; health and fitness; and Jewish life.

I/we agree, release, and/or represent and warrant:

- that I/we are each twenty-one years of age or older;
- that, to the best of my/our knowledge or as determined by my/our physician, I/we are each physically fit to attend and participate in the trip;

that I/we agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions ("trip");

- that I/we understand that this trip is for educational purposes;
- that I/we understand that there are certain inherent risks in the type of travel involved in this trip, including, but not limited to, risks associated with hiking, terrain, weather, accidents, and transportation;
- that we have read the itinerary of activities for the trip and hereby accept any risks related to participation in such activities; and
- that I/we do hereby release, forever discharge, agree to hold harmless, waive, and renounce, for and on behalf of himself/herself, his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, any claims against The Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association, its officers, directors, trustees, employees, agents and representatives, including, without limitation, any claim based on negligence, for any injury, death, sickness, accident, delay, loss or damage to property or expenses of any kind whatsoever, resulting from or related to the participants' participation in the trip.

### Health and Safety Protocols

All guests must agree to understand the following health and safety protocols while participating in this tour. These protocols may change as state and local regulations evolve. We will update you as any changes arise:

- All local health regulations must be adhered to, including, wearing face coverings at all times in all situations where local regulations require the general public to do so. This includes times when you are traveling on the group transport, during demonstrations, lectures, tours, etc. Participants must also adhere to local business policies.

### Cancellation and Refund Policy:

This tour is subject to the following cancellation charges if you cancel for any reason:

If your notice is received:	Cancellation Fee:
90 – 61 days before departure	25% of total tour cost
60 – 46 days before departure	50% of total tour cost
45 – 0 days before departure	100% of total tour cost