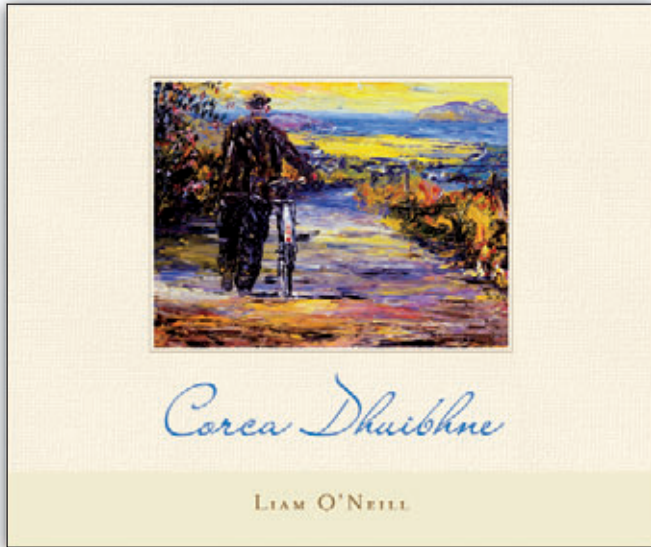


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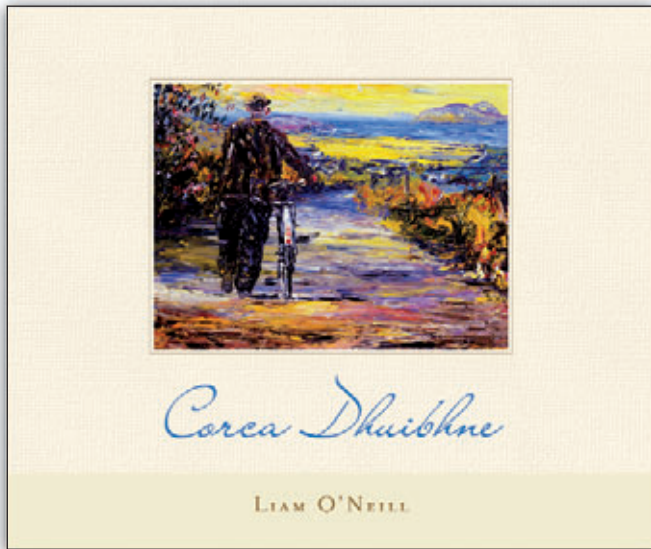
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*Leabhar speisialta é seo, ceiliúradh ar shaothar ealaíne Liam O'Neill, ceann de na leabhair is suaitheinsí a foilsíodh in Éirinn le blianta beaga anuas.*

**L**E LINN 2008/2009, le tacaíocht airgeadais ó Ealaín na Gaeltachta, tugadh chun críche an tionscadal taighde seo inar éirigh linn saothar iomlán ealaíne Liam O'Neill a aimsiú, grianghraif a thógaint díobh agus iad a chatalógú, éacht ann féin toise iad a bheith scaipthe ní amháin in Éirinn ach ar fuaid an domhain. Mar chuid den dtionscadal seo dhein Brenda Ní Shúilleabháin, i gcomhar leis an ealaíontóir féin, miontaighde ar chultúr liteartha agus ar bhéaloideas Chorca Dhuibhne – an ceantar a spreag na pictiúirí.

Agus an taighde seo críochnaithe, thosnaigh Brandon ar fhoilsiú an leabhair, agus é mar aidhm acu léargas faoi leith a thabhairt ar shaothar ealaíne.

Liam O'Neill agus samplaí d'oidhreacht liteartha ó Chorca Dhuibhne a chur in oiriúint do gach pictiúir. Tá na foilsitheoirí fíorbhuíoch díobh siúd a chabhraigh leis an saothar seo; cuid den gcostas maoinithe le hurraíocht phríobháideach, cuid eile le tacaíocht ó Fhoras na Gaeilge. Mar thoradh ar an luach saothair seo tá leabhar álainn againn ina bhfuil céad pictiúir le Liam O'Neill, a thaispeánann a chuid oibre ar shlí nár feiceadh riamh cheana.

Tá macasamhail na bpictiúirí ar ardchaighdeán, iad foilsithe mar eagrán teoranta i gclúdach crua agus gach cóip ina bhosca féin. Tá gach leabhar sínithe ag an ealaíontóir agus ag an eagarthóir agus uimhir ar leith ar gach ceann. Níl aon dabht ná go mbeidh sciobadh ar an leabhar seo agus is cinnte go mbeidh sé i measc na leabhar mór uathúil amach anseo.

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