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 Outburst, outpour, flood, explosion, rush, rage, rant, cry, blaze, blast, access, flush, fit, emotion, diatribe, fit, gush

This Irish word is used before an emotion to try to stress the overwhelming intensity this feeling has brought on – be it a *Racht caointe*, an outpour of tears; *Racht áthais*, a blast of joy; *Racht bróin*, a rush of sadness; *Racht feirge*, an explosion of rage; or a *Racht gáire*, a fit of giggles. It can even be a way of expressing a way to blow off steam, *Racht a ligean*, or a sudden burst of creativity, *Racht cruthaitheachta*. The artistic process can often involve a range of these emotions; be it that the feelings themselves spurred on the urge to create, that they were felt during a work's conception, or that they manifested as a result of the artwork's creation. Racht acts as an open, connecting term to the emotion involved in the artistic endeavour. It merely signals that a rush or flood or blaze or gush is on its way – and it is up to the art produced to access this influx of sentiment, to find a way to communicate it through a chosen medium and to potentially allow the viewer to in turn experience this Racht of emotion.

Herman's thus aims to act as the Racht for contemporary Irish artists – allow us to be the connection between the sentiment behind your work and communicate this with a wider audience. Alongside a collection of renowned Irish Modern and Contemporary artworks, Racht also aims to tie together the links between the changing artistic landscape of Ireland during an ever-evolving period in time, as we collectively witness the effects of climate change, turbulence and the fast-paced progression of technological advances. As we have seen throughout history, humanity has always attempted to make sense of contemporary developments and the subsequent complex emotions that come with them through art, and Herman's exhibition and auction Racht aims to create a space for contemporary Irish artists to do just that.



We are inviting artists to submit work once more for display in our upcoming exhibition and sale, scheduled to be held for December 15th-18th in our gallery space on Wicklow Street. We welcome artists to consider the theme of this modern and contemporary art display entitled 'Racht'

The works will be consigned for sale into our online auction, which will run over the same period. We are offering an artist's a reduced commission rate for the sale of the works.

We would be delighted to have some of your work included in this survey of Irish contemporary art. If you are interested in consigning, you can submit your work online via the website link or by contacting our team below:

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