

Leonard Sheil

Degree in graphic design in 1984 at IADT Dun Laoghaire.

Awarded a scholarship in 1985 to study at the Beijing Language Institute, and the Central Academy of Fine Art .

He lives and works in Austria and Ireland .

2005 and 2006 he was artist in residence at Krems , The Factory , Lower Austria .

Awarded best conceptual artist at 1998 International Watercolour Symposium Latvia .

In 1995 he was selected as voyage artist and quartermaster for Tim Severin's 'Spice Islands Voyage' .

In six months and covering 2,500 miles in a specially constructed traditional Kei Island vessel .

It sailed among the eastern islands of Indonesia , following that of victorian naturalist and explorer Alfred Russell Wallace, developing his theory of evolution by natural selection together with Charles Darwin.

Tim Severin (1948-2020) , writer , explorer , film maker - retraced the storied journeys of Saint Brendan the Navigator ,

Sinbad the Sailor amongst others. His books about these expeditions are classics of exploration and travel .

In 2020 Leonard was elected the first Irish member of Künstlerhaus Wien and Baden Kunstverein.

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