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**\*\*\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION\*\*\*\*\***

**Void Gallery Launches New Exhibition, Saturday 25 March, 6.30pm - 9pm.**

***Showing Off* - An exhibition of film and moving image by women artists and film makers**

**curated by Mhairi Sutherland**

**25 March – 20 May 2017**

On Saturday 25 March and in the same month as International Womens Day, Void is proud to present a programme of documentary, experimental and dramatic works in association with Women Make Movies (WMM).

Curated by local visual artist and Void curator, Dr. Mhairi Sutherland, *Showing Off* explores the international diversity, history and achievement of women film makers and artists. The thematic framework is that of civil rights explored from a feminist perspective, viewed through the lens of current events impacting on movement and immigration issues.

First established in 1972 in order to address both the under and misrepresentation of women in the film and media industries, WMM provides services for both makers and users of film and video. In 1997 the Museum of Modern Art in New York (MOMA) honoured 25 years of WMM with a special tribute and retrospective exhibition.

Integral to the film screening season at Void, will be a dynamic programme of discussion and screenings of film and video made by local and international film makers.

This launch will begin at 6.30pm with a screening of 'Girl From God's Country: The History of Women in Film and Other War Stories'. Visitors are invited to come and watch this superb film, enjoy artisanal popcorn and candy floss provided by local Chef John Mulkeen and a beer from Northbound Brewery. Please note. Pre-booking is essential for this private screening. RSVP to [hello@derryvoid.com](mailto:hello@derryvoid.com).

The exhibition opens to the public at 7.30pm, speeches will commence at 8pm.

This launch is kindly supported by Northbound Brewery. Master Brewer David and Martina Rogers produce hand crafted premium beers that are unpasteurized, unfiltered, with no artificial additives and bottled fresh on site. See <http://www.northboundbrewery.com> for further information.

## **Note to Editors:**

- **Exhibition opening:** Saturday 25 March, 6.30 - 9pm.
- Void is a contemporary art space with up to 5 exhibitions per year showing the work of established international and Irish artists. A key element to the gallery is the Void Engage programme, which places participation, engagement and learning at the heart of Void, making contemporary visual art accessible to visitors of all ages.
- **Mission statement:** Void exists to present the contemporary visual arts and to support artists, through a programme of exhibitions, related educational and outreach activities from a national and international perspective.
- We are open Tuesday – Saturday, 11am - 5pm. Admission is free. Void Gallery is supported using public funding from Arts Council Northern Ireland.
- For the latest news and events follow @voidderry on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.
- For further information, images or to arrange an interview please contact [marketing@derryvoid.com](mailto:marketing@derryvoid.com)
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