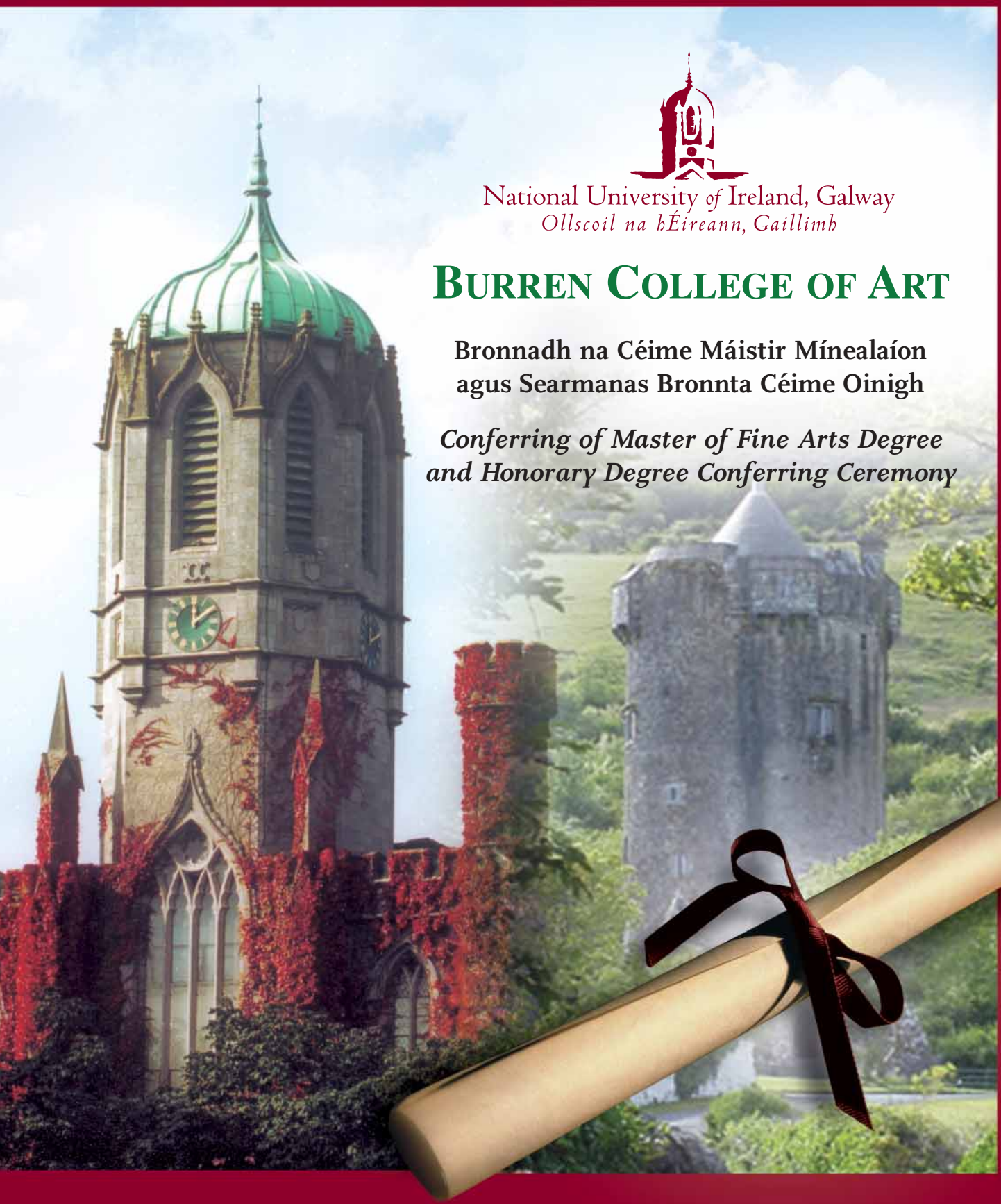

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Burren College of Art

Bronnadh na Céime Máistir Mínealaíon agus Searmanas Bronnta Céime Oinigh

Conferring of Master of Fine Arts Degree and Honorary Degree Conferring Ceremony

Tuesday, 18 April, 2006
Burren College of Art, Newtown Castle, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare.

Focail ó na hUachtaráin
Presidents' Messages

On this,the second occasion in which the Degree of Master of Fine Arts is being conferred in the Burren College of Art, I congratulate today's three graduating students who have come to the Burren to take this Degree programme, not unlike those who came to the Law School in the Burren in olden times.

Today is also a historic occasion in its being the first conferral of the Degree of Doctor of Fine Arts, honoris causa, on-site in a Third-Level Institution in Co. Clare, and I congratulate John Baldessari who will receive this honour today.

NUI Galway is proud of the linkage established between it and the Burren College of Art, following an approach from the College to the University in September 2000 with a view to an academic linkage between us in the Fine Arts area. The University was happy to take up that invitation, not just because of the College's high standing internationally, but also because of its commitment to enhancing the higher-education infrastructure in Co. Clare, as demonstrated by the decision at that time to offer a BA programme in Ennis, at the request of the Co. Clare authorities and agencies.

Particular congratulations are due to Mary Hawkes-Greene, the President of the College, and the staff here on their achievements to date. Our thanks also go to the Centre for Irish Studies in NUI Galway on their contribution to the MFA programme. I wish the Burren College of Art every success in the years ahead.

Ba mhaith liom inniu, an dara babhta a bhfuil an Chéim Mháistir Mínealaíon á bronnadh i gColáiste Ealaíne na Boirne, comhghairdeas a dhéanamh leis an triúr mac léinn a tháinig chuig an mBoireann chun an clár seo a dhéanamh, cosúil leo siúd a tháinig go dtí Scoil Dlí na Boirne sa tseanaimsir.

Ócáid stairiúil é an lá inniu mar gurb é seo an chéad uair a mbeidh an Chéim Dhochtúir Mínealaíon, honoris causa, á bronnadh in Institiúid Tríú-Leibhéal i gCo. an Chláir, agus ba mhaith liom comhghairdeas a dhéanamh le John Baldessari a gheobhaidh an onóir sin inniu.

Tá OÉ Gaillimh mórtasach as an nasc a cruthaíodh idir í féin agus Coláiste Ealaíne na Boirne, tar éis don Choláiste dul i dteagmháil linn i Meán Fómhair 2000 faoi nasc a chruthú eadrainn i réimse na Mínealaíon. Bhí áthas ar an Ollscoil glacadh leis an gcuireadh, ní hamháin mar gheall ar sheasamh an Choláiste i measc lucht ealaíon go hidirnáisiúnta, ach freisin mar gur gheal linn cur le bonneagar ardoideachais Cho. an Chláir, mar a bhí déanta againn le clár BA a chur ar siúl in Inis ag an am sin ar iarratas ó údaráis an Chontae.

Ba mhaith liom comhghairdeachas ar leith a dhéanamh le Mary Hawkes-Greene, Uachtarán an Choláiste, agus a foireann anseo as a bhfuil curtha i gcrích acu. Glacaim buíochas chomh maith le hIonad an Léinn Éireannaigh in Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh as a bhfuil tugtha acu don chlár Máistir Mínealaíon. Gura fada buan agus faoi bhláth Coláiste Ealaíne na Boirne!

President/*Uachtarán*

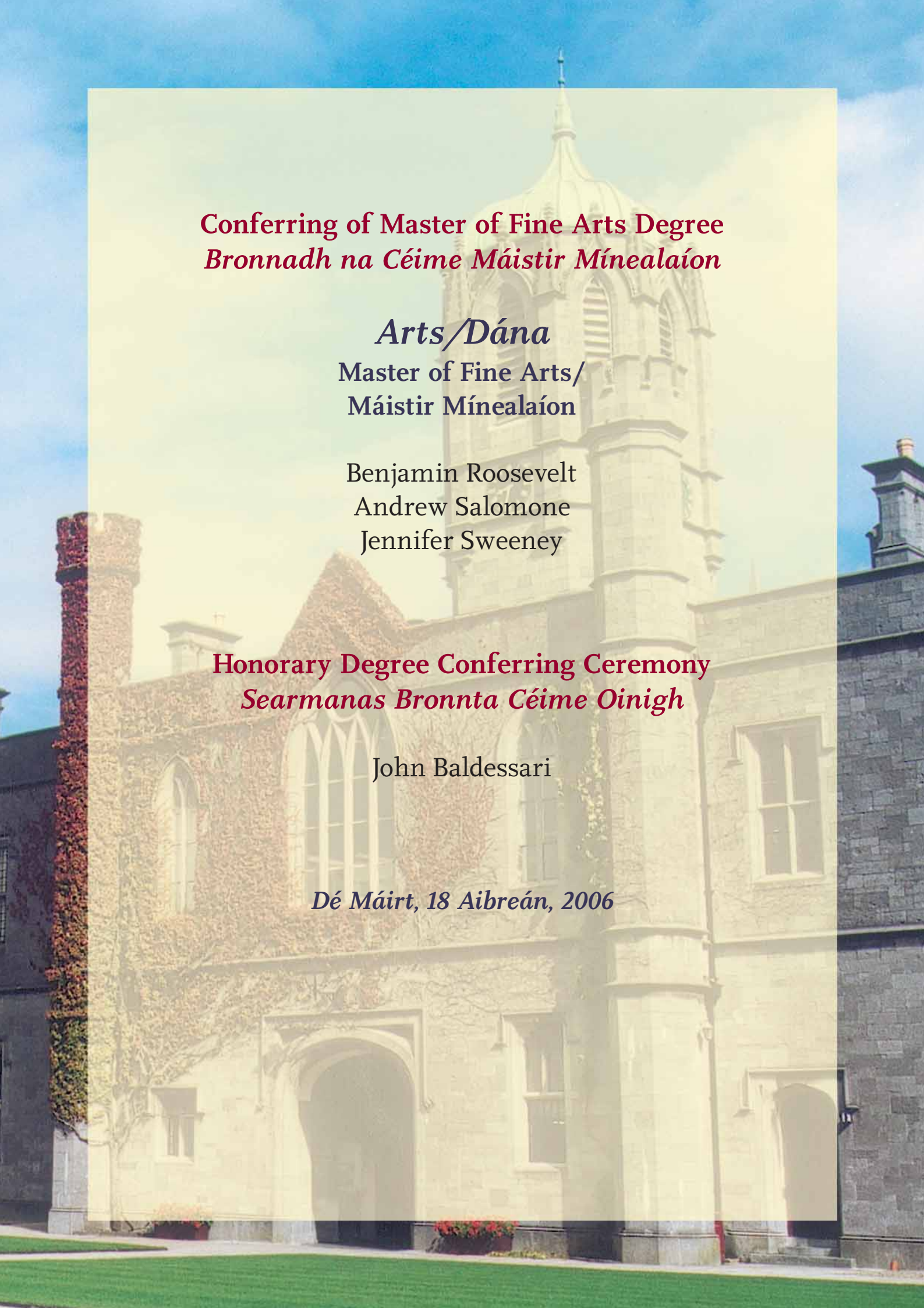
"What a place for an art college..... what possibilities". Prophetic words which incarnate in the works of the students who graduate today..... and how appropriate that John Baldesarri, the man who uttered these words over a decade ago at the opening of the Burren College of Art, should be acknowledged by the National University of Ireland with a Doctorate in Fine Arts at the same time as our MFA graduates are being conferred.

I join with President O Muircheartaigh in congratulating John Baldessari and our students, Andrew, Ben and Jennifer. May the possibilities which John foresaw and which drew you to the Burren, continue to inspire you as you embark on your futures as practising artists.

"A leithéid d'áit le haghaidh coláiste ealaíne..... a leithéid d'fhéidearthachtaí!" Focail fháidhiúla agus tá comhlíonadh na físe sin le feiceáil i saothar na mac léinn a bhfuil céimeanna á mbronnadh orthu inniu ..... agus tá sé fíoroiriúnach go bhfuil Ollscoil na hÉireann ag bronnadh céim Dhochtúir Mínealaíon ar John Baldessari ag an am céanna is atá ár gcéimithe MFA á mbronnadh. Mar is é John a dúirt na focail sin níos mó na deich mbliana ó shin ag oscailt Choláiste Ealaíne na Boirne.

In éineacht leis an Uachtarán Ó Muircheartaigh, déanaim comhghairdeas le John Baldessari agus lenár mic léinn, Andrew, Ben agus Jennifer. Go dtuga na féidearthachtaí, a chonaic John roimh ré agus a mheall go dtí an Bhoireann sibh, inspioráid daoibh fós agus sibh ag tabhairt faoin saol mar ealaíontóirí.

President / *Uachtarán*



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Benjamin Roosevelt
Andrew Salomone
Jennifer Sweeney

Honorary Degree Conferring Ceremony
Searmanas Bronnta Céime Oinigh

John Baldessari

Dé Máirt, 18 Aibreán, 2006

Mar Eolas do na hAíonna

AN SEARMANAS BRONNTA CÉIME OINIGH

Fáilteoidh an Dr. Iognáid Ó Muircheartaigh, Uachtarán, Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh, agus freisin Seach-Leas-Seansailéir, Ollscoil na hÉireann, roimh na haíonna.

Tar éis don Rúnaí um Ghnóthaí Acadúla, Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh (An Dr. Séamus Mac Mathúna) an Cruinniú a fhógairt (as Laidin) ar oscailt, cuirfear an Réamhchéimí Oinigh, John Baldessari, i láthair ag an Ollamh Timothy Emlyn Jones.

Tar éis an Aithisc, cuirfidh sé an Réamhchéimí Oinigh i láthair an tSeach-Leas-Seansailéara sna focail seo a leanas (as Laidin):

A Sheach-Leas-Seansailéir Ard-Oinigh agus a mhuintir Ollscoile uilig!
Cuirim in bhur láthair an mac seo liom arb eol dom é a bheith
fóinteach feilteach, ó thaobh béas agus léinn de, le go ligfí ar aghaidh
é honoris causa chuig Céim Dhochtúir Mínealaíon; bheirim dhuit anois,
agus don Acadamh uilig, m'fhocal sollúnta gur fíor é sin.

Bronnfaidh an Seach-Leas-Seansailéir an Chéim, á rá (as Laidin):

Déanaimse, leis an údarás a deonaíodh dhom, thú a ligean ar
aghaidh chuig Céim Dhochtúir Mínealaíon, honoris causa.

Tar éis don Chéimí Oinigh óráid ghearr a thabhairt, iarrfaidh an Rúnaí um Ghnóthaí Acadúla ar an Seach-Leas-Seansailéir (as Laidin) críoch a chur leis an gCruinniú.

Iarrtar ar an haíonna gluaiseacht, ón tosach anuas, leis an Mórshiúl Acadúil, ar fhágáil dó.

Beidh Fáiltiú san Áiléir ina dhiaidh sin.

For Information of Guests

THE HONORARY DEGREE CONFERRAL CEREMONY

Dr. Iognáid Ó Muircheartaigh, President of National University of Ireland, Galway,
and also Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the National University of Ireland, welcomes the guests.

After the Secretary for Academic Affairs, NUI Galway
(Dr. Séamus Mac Mathúna) has declared (in Latin) the Meeting open,
the Honorary Graduand, John Baldessari,
will be introduced by Professor Timothy Emlyn Jones.

Following the Introductory Address, he presents the Honorary Graduand
to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor in the following words (in Latin):

Right Honourable Pro-Vice- Chancellor and all the University!
I present to you this my son whom I know to be,
in respect both of character and of learning,
a fit and proper person for admission to the Degree of Doctor of Fine Arts, honoris causa,
and I pledge to thee and to all the Academy my solemn word that so it is.

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor confers the Degree, saying (in Latin):

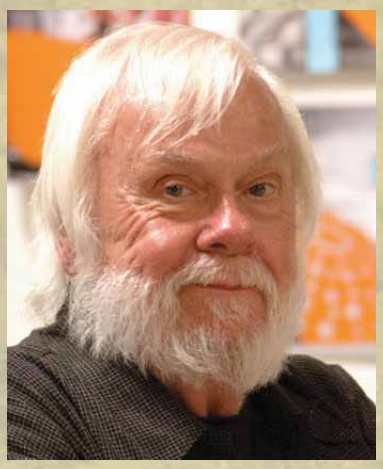
I, for my part, with the authority granted me, admit thee to
the Degree of Doctor of Fine Arts, honoris causa.

Following a brief address by the Honorary Graduate, the Secretary for Academic Affairs (in Latin)
requests the Pro-Vice-Chancellor to draw the Meeting to a close.

As the Academic Procession retires, guests are asked to join it in order,
beginning with the front row.

There will be a Reception in the Gallery following the conferring ceremony.

Nóta Eolais ar an Réamhchéimí Oinigh
A Note about the Honorary Graduand



John Baldessari *- Artist*

John Baldessari is one of the best known conceptual artists in the world and has been credited as having invented a new form of photography. He has been a member of the Advisory Council of Burren College of Art since it opened in 1994 and has visited the college on four occasions since then. His contribution has been invaluable to the establishment of the international significance of Burren College of Art and we look forward to extending his influence into the joint NUI Galway-Burren College of Art MFA programme. This is an apposite time to formally recognise his outstanding contribution to art and art education by means of an honorary doctorate.

John Baldessari was born in National City in 1931. He attended San Diego State University and did post-graduate work at Otis Art Institute and Chouinard Art Institute and U.C. Berkeley. He taught at the California Institute of the Arts in Valencia until 1990 and is currently teaching at UCLA. He has been a major influence on several generations of artists. His art has been featured in more than 120 solo exhibitions in the U.S. and Europe and in over 300 group exhibitions. His projects include artist books, videos, films, billboards and public works. His awards include the Governor's Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Visual Arts in California, the Oscar Kokoschka Prize from Austria and the Spectrum-International Award for Photography of the Foundation of Lower Saxony, Germany. Current projects include solo shows in New York and Europe, books, films, an upcoming project at the Deutsche Guggenheim Berlin, and retrospectives at Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig Vienna, Austria and the Kunsthaus, Graz, Austria, and at the Musee d'art Contemporain de Nimes, France. He has been made an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts by Otis Art Institute of Parsons School of Design of the New School of Social Research, and by San Diego State University and the California State University.

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