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Even in the years before I lived in North Pembrokeshire I have been relentlessly drawn to its unique light and understated wild beauty. I have walked, sketched, and painted this landscape for over thirty years until it has become part of me. I relish and respond to the sheer age



of the ancient geology - some of the oldest rock in the United Kingdom - and I am humbled by the prehistoric standing stones that litter the land. I feel a deep connection to these first artists of Pembrokeshire as they sited their work in the land that was their home.

I am fascinated by the places where the land meets the sea, the fishing villages and wild places along the coastline where the hardest of rocks make inroads into the unrelenting waves of the sea. I particularly love the headlands of St Davids, Strumble, and Ceibwr where I return to be inspired again and again.

As my feeling for the land has deepened so my technique has evolved in representing it. The very sculptural nature of the landscape lends itself to collage and ripped paper, sands, grasses, and the other ephemera I add. The cliffs and crags, the

shorelines and field patterns, and the old stone farmhouses and dwellings folded into the landscape inspire me to to build the layers on my canvas.

My collection for this exhibition is a cross-section of my latest work and reflects the themes of stones, land, and sea - the essence of Pembrokeshire.

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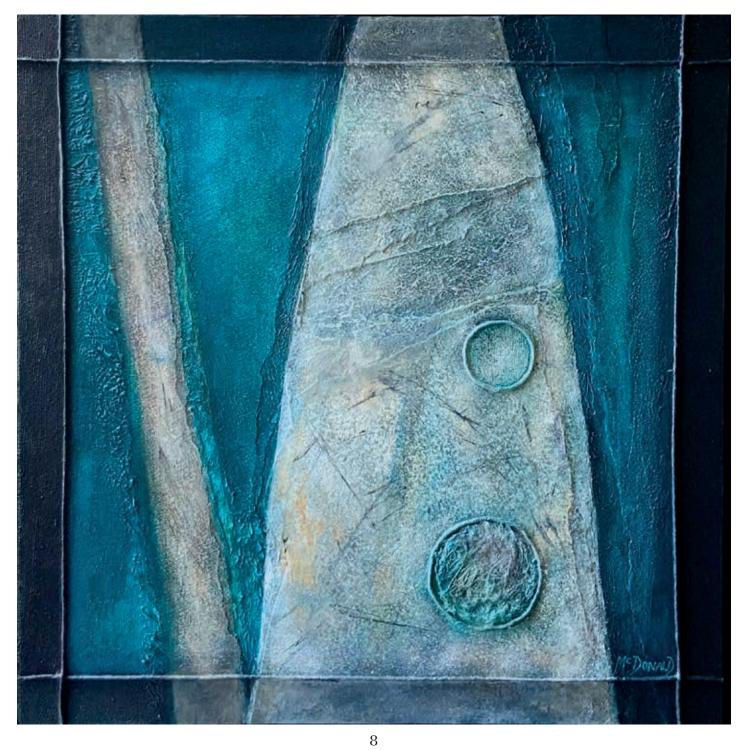




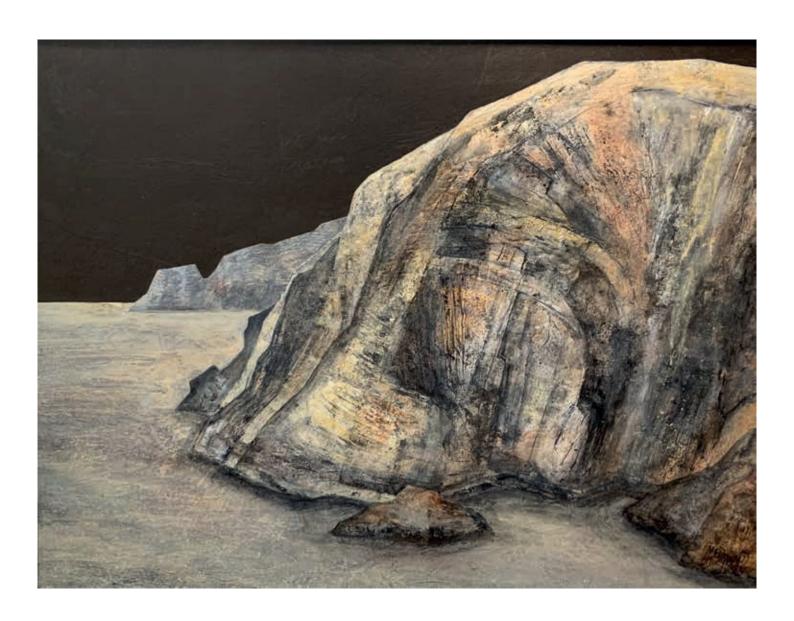


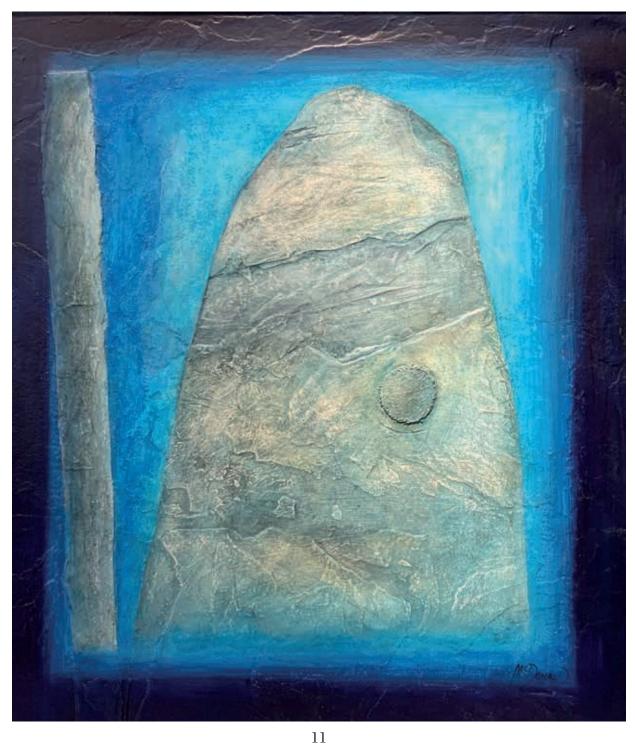








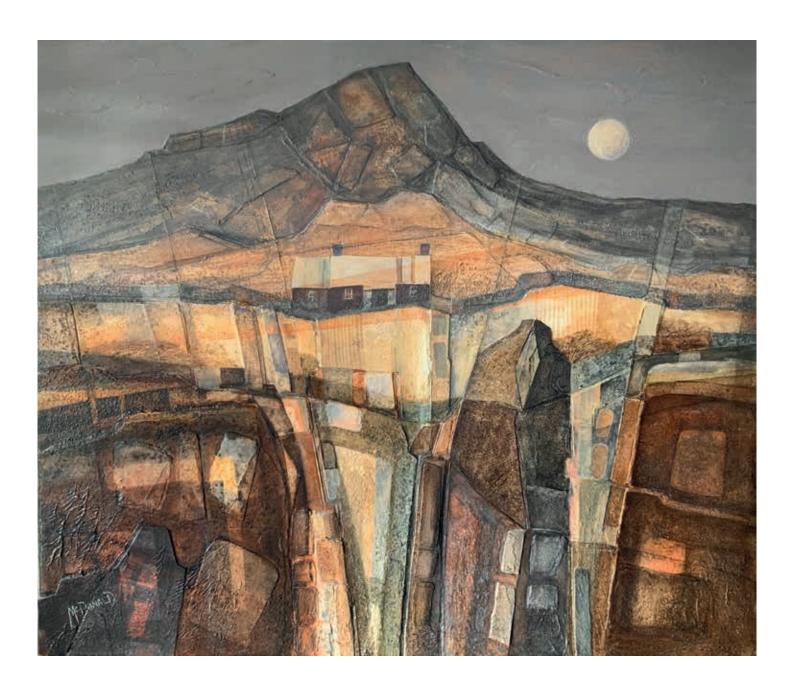






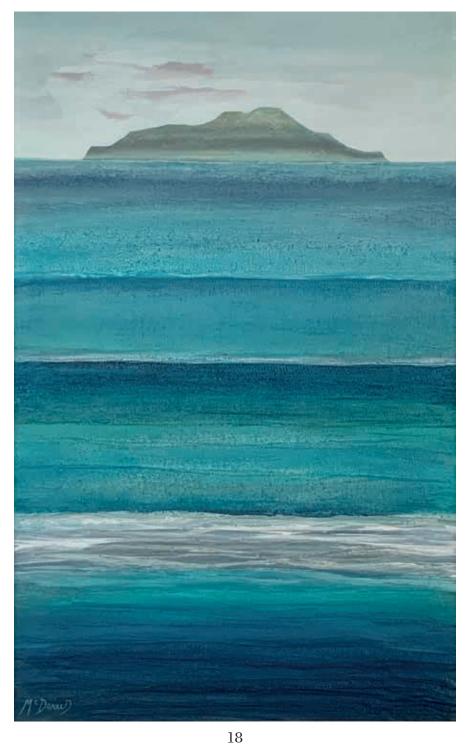


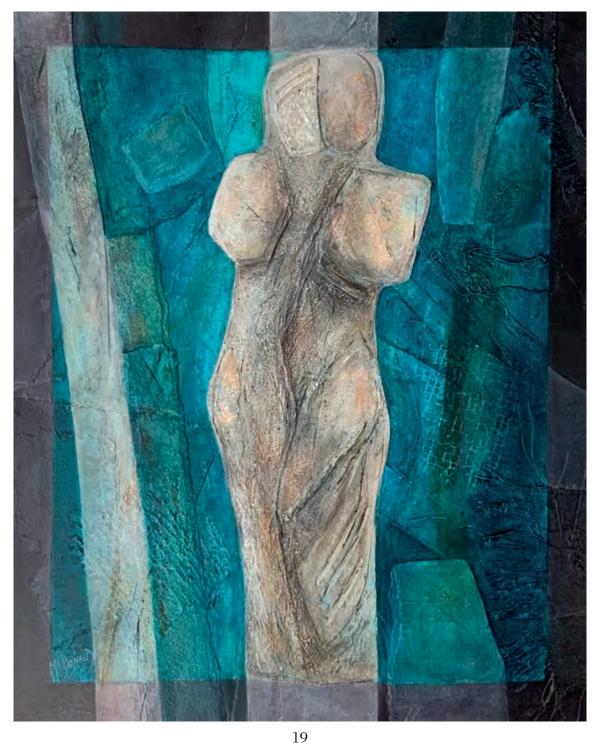








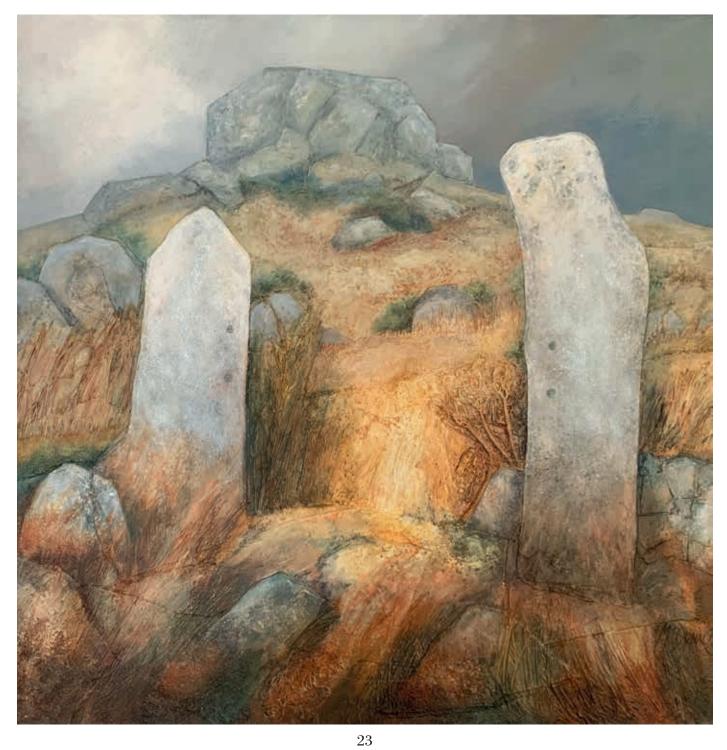


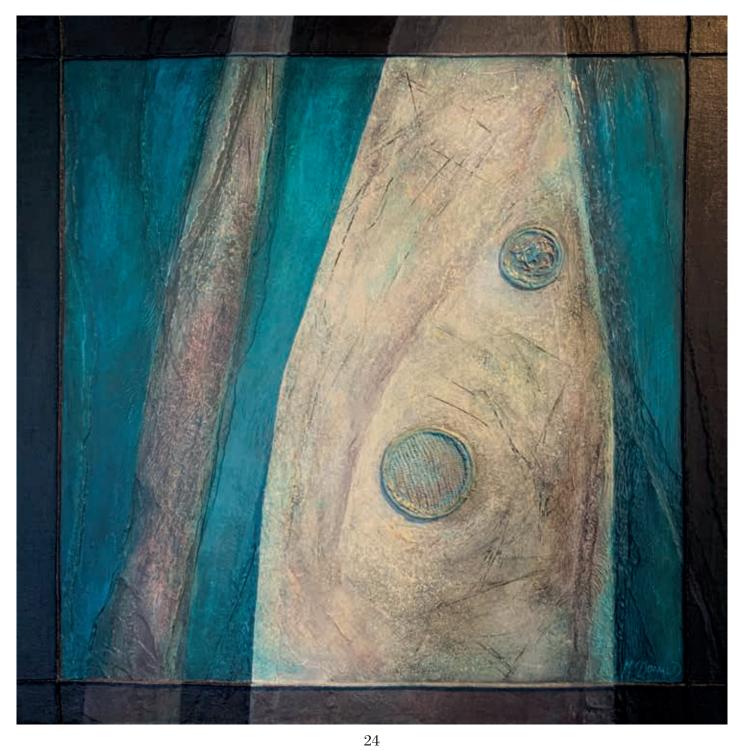












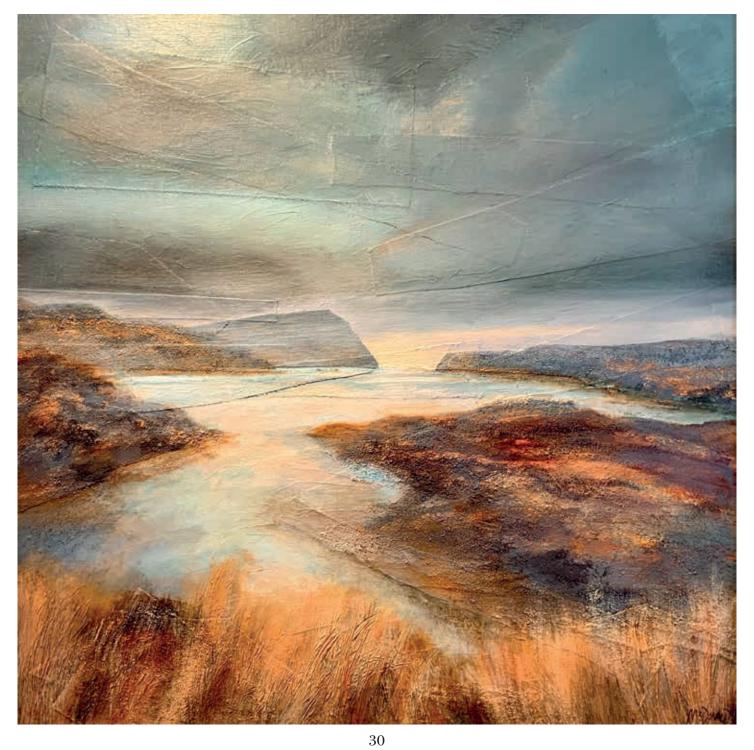










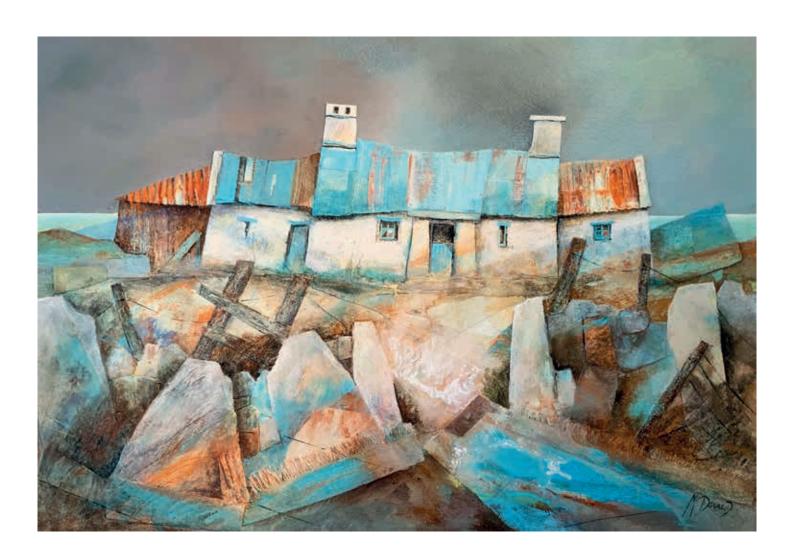












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