

IKON

Exhibition Guide

**Patrick Killoran *Observation Deck*
27 September – 19 November 2006
Tower Room**

American artist Patrick Killoran was born in Pennsylvania in 1972. His work poses fundamental questions about the function of art outside the gallery and its role in contemporary life.

The notion of the body as sculpture plays an important part in Killoran's artistic practice overall. With his installation *Observation Deck*, returning to Ikon for the second time, he invites visitors to lie on a horizontal platform, which is slid partially from the inside to the outside of the building. This experience plays on our instinctive sense of vulnerability, through moving head and shoulders out of a second floor window, at the same time enhancing our awareness of location in architectural space.