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## Going Out What's On Around Town

### Photography Review **Front** ★★★☆☆

In the series of photographs that constitutes *Front*, the title piece of this show, Irish photographer Trish Morrissey has approached groups of holidaymakers on beaches in Britain and Australia and, having borrowed the clothes of one of the women, placed herself at the centre of each group.

This latest take on Morrissey's habit of reworking family photos with herself in them is a neat idea, but not one that bears repetition 12 times. The large pictures are nice and bright and the device of titling them with the name of the woman Morrissey has replaced is fun, like the underlying premise. But although Morrissey's presence in each image plays with the viewer's perception, it's a slender notion, and quickly exhausted.

An accompanying video piece, *Ideas Of Refinement, Principles Of Taste*, shows Morrissey beset by flies in a picnic spot that would be idyllic were it not for their presence.

*There's You*, the final piece, is a sound installation of holiday memories in a wooden cabin. It's all charming, and insubstantial.

Well-executed but slight, *Front* would probably have been more intriguing in the context of a group exhibition

with a holiday theme, but there isn't really enough to it to merit a solo show.

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