

The Life & Style of **MO KELLY**

ARTIST & DJ



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Mo at the Incognito art sale in aid of the Jack & Jill Children's Foundation. Thursday, 21 April. incognito.ie

LIVES: Sandy mount with her musician husband Mark Murphy.

PASSIONS: Art was my first love. I studied fine art painting and while in art college I started putting together playlists and soundscapes for art exhibitions and fashion shows, which then led on to DJing. I was always a music nut; I was into everything from Nine Inch Nails to opera but then I discovered dance music. Art can be quite a lonely endeavour so it's nice to have the balance of DJing to a crowd!



At work on her decks

PASTIMES: Music, art, reading and travel – preferably combined! I live for music, it can completely alter my mood. I share this passion with my composer/musician husband Mark. Whenever we get the opportunity to travel we always tie in a gig, theatre or opera. I also love books and, like many of us, found reading a solace during lockdown. I had the great honour of having a painting of mine used as the cover art for *Unsettled* by Rosaleen McDonagh published by Skein Press last year.

STUDIO VIBE: My DJ decks are in my painting studio so there are tunes! I tend to double-job and listen to new releases while sketching out and working on composition and ideas but, to be honest, once the painting starts properly it's mostly silence, especially if I'm trying to get something out. **V**

Mo Kelly is taking part in this year's Incognito art sale in aid of the Jack & Jill Children's Foundation, which this year celebrates 25 years. The preview is live now with the sale getting underway on Thursday, 21 April. To view the artworks, and to register, visit incognito.ie

