Advance Information

Our future will become the past of other women

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A new poem by Eavan Boland accompanied by specially commissioned illustrations by Paula McGloin to mark 100 years since the women of Ireland, Mná na hÉireann, were granted suffrage and first cast their ballots in the 1918 election. A rare limited edition gift produced for sale in addition to those produced for a public reading at the UN organised by the Irish government. Each page folds out and is illustrated by a figure. Suitable for framing. The poem appears in 7 languages: Irish, English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish and Russian with translations by poets Reem Dawood, Huiyi Bao, Pura López-Colomé, Aifric Mac Aodha, Grigory Kruzhkov and Clíona Ni Riordáin. The book is published by the Royal Irish Academy in collaboration with the Irish government and is exclusively available for sale from the Royal Irish Academy. A video of the poem with a voiceover by Fiona Shaw is available.

About the author:
Eavan Boland, MRIA is an Irish poet and author whose work deals with Irish national identity and the role of women in Irish history.

About the illustrator:
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