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## **June Bank Holiday Music performance by MTU Cork School of Music at Crawford Art Gallery**

Visitors to Crawford on the June bank holiday are in for a treat on Sunday 5 June when *Guitar Plus* perform in the Gallery's iconic Long room.

A selection of MTU Cork School of Music's most talented students are lined up for performances amidst the visually arresting collection exhibition *Botanica: The Art of Plants*, which runs until 18 September. *Guitar Plus* is a collective of Senior Classical Guitar Students and graduates of the MTU Cork School of Music. The Guitar Orchestra includes: Sara Corkery, Victoria Pierce, Robert Keating, John Ahern, Tadhg Cunningham, Eoin McDermott and Brian Sheridan. The performance is directed by Jerry Creedon.

The *Guitar Plus* Guitar Orchestra is a professional-level, performing guitar ensemble. All members are senior students and graduates of MTU Cork School of Music under the direction of Jerry Creedon.

*Guitar Plus* specialises in performing exciting and colourful works composed or arranged for multiple guitars. It is committed to providing a

valuable ensemble experience for guitarists of diverse backgrounds, while maintaining musical excellence. Guitar Plus holds many concerts throughout the community in an effort to promote an appreciation for and expand the audience base of classical guitar music.

The performance will also include guest soloist 12 year old Claudia Duffy, a brilliant young classical guitarist, who studies with Jerry Creedon at MTU Cork School of Music. Claudia's recent accolades include; placing first place in the MTU CSM Junior Recital competition earlier this year and winning the Junior Classical Guitar under 16 Competition at Feis Ceoil in Dublin after previously winning the Junior Classical Guitar under 12 Competition in 2021. Jerry Creedon, Senior Lecturer comments "Guitar Plus are delighted to feature in the Music at Midday series, a staple for music lovers here in Cork. We aim to bring a unique programme with our performances that showcase the classical guitar and our performers do this expertly. We are thrilled to be joined by Claudia Duffy, a thoroughly committed student who is really making her mark in guitar music. Being able to perform in the beautiful surroundings of The Crawford Art Gallery is really the cherry on top."

Dyane Hanrahan, Marketing and Communications Manager at Crawford is "delighted to have music back in the Galleries and if the response to last month's MTU School of Music performance is anything to go by Guitar plus and Claudia Duffy will be a real musical treat for all visitors particularly amongst the artworks in *Botanica: The Art of Plants*. Visitors are sure to be swept away!".

The Crawford website has a full list of what to expect before a member of the public visits. <https://crawfordartgallery.ie/music-at-midday-june-2022/>

Crawford Art Gallery will also provide tours which are open to all and free of charge on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of June and Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of June at 2pm. There is no booking required for Music at Midday or the Gallery Tours Expert tour guides invite visitors to delve into the National Collection and numerous exhibitions held at Crawford Art Gallery. The tour experience will focus on *Zurich Portrait Prize & Zurich Young Portrait Prize 2021* and *Saturation: the everyday transformed*, offering fascinating insights, information and the stories behind the artworks and the artists who created them. Spaces on the tours will be available on a first-come, first-served basis with no pre-booking necessary.

As well as the exhibition *Zurich Portrait Prize & Zurich Young Portrait Prize 2021*, the Gallery also presents *Botanica: The Art of Plants*, *Saturation: the everyday transformed*, *Port of Cork Collection*, film screenings of *Martin Healy: Last Man* and *Recasting Canova* in its Sculpture Galleries.

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## **More about MTU Cork School of Music**

At MTU Cork School of Music, we pride ourselves on the holistic nature of our music and drama education, spanning five levels, which places us amongst leading conservatoires nationally and internationally. CSM has more than 470 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in four

undergraduate programmes, three Masters programmes, PhD programme and an accredited Inclusive Music Ensemble programme of study. There are more than 2,500 enrolments in the part-time Conservatoire provision of the school, where students receive one-to-one instrumental lessons, musicianship classes and large ensemble tuition. MTU Cork School of Music presents more than 450 performances and events every year and is an important cultural hub for Cork City, as well as a creative home for students and staff. It is fortunate to experience the richness of the arts daily and strives to engage with local, national, and international communities through performance, education, and outreach. The school boasts many award-winning performing groups, which contribute to the vibrant cultural life of Cork City and to the international arts scene.

### **More about Crawford Art Gallery**

Crawford Art Gallery is an Irish national cultural institution, dedicated to contemporary and historic visual art, located in a significant heritage building in the heart of Cork city. Home to a collection of national importance, it tells a compelling story of Cork and Ireland over the last three centuries, while also offering a vibrant and dynamic programme of temporary exhibitions.

Originally built in 1724 as the city's Customs House, the Gallery is home to the famous Canova Casts, gifted to Cork two centuries ago. Featured in the gallery's collection of over 3,000 objects are well-known and much-loved works by Irish artists James Barry, Harry Clarke, Mainie Jellett, Seán Keating, Daniel Maclise, Norah McGuinness, Edith Somerville, and Jack B. Yeats, as well as contemporary artists Gerard Byrne, Maud Cotter, Dorothy Cross, Eilis O'Connell, and Hughie O'Donoghue.

An oasis of calm and tranquillity, Crawford Art Gallery is open seven days a week, free to enter, and a must-see for locals and tourists alike. Welcoming over 265,000 visitors annually, the Gallery boasts an award-winning indoor

and outdoor Café in stunning surroundings, serving fresh local produce for which Cork is famous.

### **Opening Hours**

Monday–Saturday 10.00am–5.00pm

Late opening Thursdays until 8.00pm

Sundays and Bank Holidays

Gallery: 11am - 4pm

Entry Free

Free Public Tours

Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays 2pm

### **Crawford Gallery Café & Garden Café**

The Gallery boasts an award-winning Café in stunning surroundings, serving fresh local produce for which Cork is famous.

For opening hours

[www.crawfordgallerycafe.com](http://www.crawfordgallerycafe.com)



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