

Launching the "Familiar Faces" campaign, a partnership between Cork Airport and Crawford Art Gallery is (L – R) Dyane Hanrahan Marketing and Communications Manager and Kayleigh Milner Marketing & Communications executive at Crawford Art Gallery with Cork Airports Communications Manager, Barry Holland and Communications Specialist, Kathleen Walshe. Credit: Michael MacSweeney/Provision Photography

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# Crawford Art Gallery launches 'Familiar Faces' campaign in partnership with Cork Airport.

The campaign "Familiar Faces" showcases some of Corks Homegrown favourites like Roy Keane (Irish football pundit, manager, and former professional player) and Fiona Shaw (Fiona Shaw CBE, Irish film and theatre actress, BAFTA, Olivier and Emmy Award winner.) As well as Cork faces National faces like Lady Hazel Lavery who is portrayed as Kathleen Ni Houlihan on the Irish bank note for decades will be displayed.

Each of these portraits sit within the national collection at Crawford Art Gallery and are amongst the publics favourites when they visit the city centre Gallery.

This partnership between Crawford Art Gallery and Cork Airport showcases the airport's focused support for the continued growth of cultural tourism across the South of Ireland.

These popular images from the national collection invite passengers from far and wide, to take a journey through Cork City's most visited attraction. Crawford Art Gallery is open seven days a week, free to enter, and a must-see for locals and tourists alike.

In welcoming the new partnership, Barry Holland, Communications Manager at Cork Airport, commented that 'As the Gateway to the South of Ireland, Cork Airport is a key access point for tourists arriving from the UK and Continental Europe. We are delighted to team up with Crawford Art Gallery, to promote one of Cork's most historic, most popular, and much-loved visitor attractions. We hope that the "Familiar Faces" campaign will encourage visitors, who are spending time in Cork, to visit the Crawford Art Gallery and immerse themselves in some of the finest art and sculpture that can be found on this island. Cork Airport is very proud of its contribution to arts and culture over the years and this new partnership reaffirms our commitment to that sector'.

Dyane Hanrahan Communications Manager at Crawford Art Gallery, commented 'We at Crawford Art Gallery are excited to work again with Cork Airport. We hope that showcasing 'familiar faces', portraiture from the collection at Cork airport is a great way to welcome passengers, both those returning home and those visiting for the first time. The investment from Cork Airport in the cultural sector over the years is to be really commended as these types of partnerships amplify all of our messaging and create excitement about Cork at home and abroad'.

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## **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. Offering a vibrant and dynamic programme of temporary exhibitions, it is also houses a collection of national importance which tells a compelling story of Cork and Ireland over the last three centuries. 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 contemporary artists Aideen Barry, Gerard Byrne, Maud Cotter, Dorothy Cross, Tacita Dean, and Sean Scully as well as much-loved works by Irish artists James Barry, Harry Clarke, Mainie Jellett, Seán Keating, Daniel Maclise, Norah McGuinness, Edith Somerville, and Jack B. Yeats.

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.

## **More about Cork Airport**

Cork Airport is Ireland's second busiest airport and is the international Gateway to the South of Ireland. Uniquely positioned at the start of Ireland's Ancient East and the Wild Atlantic Way, Cork Airport will welcome 2.1 million arriving and departing passengers over the course of the year 2022.

Cork Airport works closely with a number of key cultural and visitor attractions in the region, promoting these to passengers arriving from the UK and Continental Europe.

#### **Opening Hours**

Monday–Saturday 10.00am–5.00pm Late opening Thursdays until 8.00pm Sundays and Bank Holidays Gallery: 11am - 4pm Entry Free

### **TOURS**

Free Tours Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays 2pm Free Tours on Thursday 6.30 pm .

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