

# Crawford Art Gallery



Mother and child enjoying all Crawford Art Gallery has to offer this festive season. Photo: Michael Mac Sweeney/PROVISION

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**Crawford Art Gallery announces a “Crawford at Christmas” campaign and invites visitors to leave the world behind and create memories at the spacious city-centre oasis this year.**

Crawford invites families to create memories and lay down traditions with loved ones this festive season. Free to enter, the spacious Gallery is open 7 days a week with a later opening 8pm on Thursday nights, which has now been extended to Friday nights too for the month of December.

“We love that families lay down traditions in the Gallery and it is often as children that people are first captivated by Crawford. We hear stories of everything from family excursions and first dates to that first school encounter where people are often hooked for life!” says Marketing & Communications Manager, Dyane Hanrahan. “This year more than ever we feel people will welcome the escape into another world where they can be captivated by *Phantoms & Phantasies*, step back in time with *Rembrandt in Print* and be revived in our indoor and outdoor Café. We are also open late Thursdays and most Fridays in December, so it’s a great opportunity to enjoy a relaxed evening out, combined with a trip to the Gallery.”

The ever-popular annual exhibition of Harry Clarke’s watercolours and ink drawings returns! *PHANTOMS & PHANTASIES* presents all 23 of the visionary Irish artist’s works on paper in the collection, ranging from his studies for The Eve of St Agnes window to illustrations for Robert Graves’ “Star-Talk” and Edgar Allan Poe’s ‘Tales of Mystery and Imagination’. To preserve these delicate watercolours and ink drawings, they are brought out for public view only once a year. This exhibition will run from 11 December until 13 February 2022.

Visitors can also encounter the astonishing work of Rembrandt van Rijn which is now in its final weeks. *Rembrandt in Print* presents 50 of the Dutch Master’s finest works from the Ashmolean Museum’s world-class collection of over 200 etchings and drypoints.

The Gallery also offers unique Crawford Christmas cards in the charming Bookshop on the Ground Floor, stocked with lots of lovely gift ideas, including a “Tiny Crawford” model-making set to be made at home .

Cork visitors adore the award-winning Crawford Gallery Café, now over 30 years in business and currently offering an alternative dining option in a festive outdoor marquee.

The roots of the Crawford Gallery Café go back to 1986, when its doors were first opened by Mrs. Myrtle Allen and her daughter Fern. That Ballymaloe ethos - taking the very best quality food and cooking it simply but beautifully - continues to underscore the Café in its modern incarnation, with a menu of dishes that are all freshly prepared in-house.

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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. 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 Aideen Barry, Gerard Byrne, Maud Cotter, Dorothy Cross, Brian Maguire, 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. The Gallery boasts an award-winning 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

### **Christmas Opening Hours**

Friday 24 December 2021 Christmas Eve

10am - 4pm

Saturday 25 December 2021 Christmas Day

Gallery Closed

Sunday 26 December 2021 St. Stephen's Day

Gallery Closed

Monday 27 December – Thursday 30th December 2021

10am - 5pm

Friday 31 December 2021 New Year's Eve

10am - 4pm

Saturday 1st January 2022 New Year's Day

Gallery Closed

Sunday 2 January 2022

11am to 4pm

Monday 3 January 2022

10am to 5pm

**Open late until 8:00pm on the 10th and 17th of December**

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

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For opening hours

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



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