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Crawford Art Gallery committed to Culture Night 2021

Culture night has always been a special evening for the culturally curious in Cork City and the creatives at Crawford Art Gallery are committed to making it a special evening for their audiences, where ever they may be.

The gallery will remain open until 10pm and entry as always is free. Whether you are curious or a dedicated culture vulture, we warmly invite you to view our exhibitions in a safe, family-friendly environment. It will be a socially distant experience.

The gallery will have two brand new exhibitions opening on the night. Visit *Rembrandt in Print* and *REMAINS - Brian Maguire*.

Presented at **Crawford Art Gallery** for its only Irish dates, **Rembrandt in Print** comprises 50 of the finest works from the Ashmolean Museum's

world-class collection of over 200 etchings and drypoints by Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669). Widely hailed as the greatest painter of the Dutch Golden Age, Rembrandt was also one of the most innovative and experimental printmakers of the seventeenth century.

REMAINS- Brian Maguire confronts migration in his new paintings. We examine art as social commentary in an image-saturated world. In 2019, **Brian Maguire** visited Dr Greg Hess, Chief Medical Examiner for Pima County, Tucson, Arizona. Dr Hess gave the artist access to visual records of migrant lives lost in the crossing from South and Central America and Mexico, into the United States.

Each discovery of a body in the desert creates a case and digital images. Using a selection from this photographic source, Brian began a new series of paintings, acknowledging the many unidentified victims who undertook this perilous journey.

Also on Culture Night visitors can participate in 'Flash Fiction' . Find postcard prompts in the Gallery to jump-start your own flash fiction. Participants can then share their story with Crawford or Cork City Library for the chance to win your own copy of the book *The Art of Falling* by Danielle McLaughlin.

Explore and play with an arty-activity trail that will offer bite-sized facts and creative prompts for playful exploration. There will be an encouragement for visitors to seek out curious characters and to have silly fun with some of the animals hiding in the collection. Paper gallery trails are freely available to younger visitors and their adults upon entry.

Writers Danielle McLaughlin and Alannah Hopkin in conversation, as part of the citywide book club *One City One Book* , will be available to view online. This year's book *The Art of Falling* by Danielle McLaughlin revolves around a fictional sculptor, while art works inspired by animals thread

through her narrative. In this filmed conversation, Danielle will discuss her book, the artwork in the exhibition *Menagerie*, and consider how animals remain an intuitive and curious touchstone in her writing. The Crawford Art Gallery are thrilled to partner with Cork City Libraries to host this conversation.

The gallery will also have a special musical performance. Enjoy a lively set, with a bit of everything, playfulness, drama and humor. The music will be sure to add to all that Culture Night has to offer.

Enjoy refreshments from the Crawford Garden Cafe . Where food is freshly prepared with a Ballymaloe ethos - taking the very best quality food and cooking it simply but beautifully.

Firm favourites to peruse in the gallery include Harry Clarkes stained glass collection and Recasting Canova in the Sculpture Galleries.

With content available online and onsite audiences will get definitely get their Culture fix from Crawford Art Gallery on September 17th.

<https://crawfordartgallery.ie/culture-night/>

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

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Opening Hours

Monday–Saturday 10.00am–5.00pm

Late opening Thursdays until 8.00pm

Sundays and Bank Holidays

Gallery: 11am - 4pm

Entry Free



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