

The perfect way to fall in love with art: Speed dating on Culture Night

Crawford Art Gallery has come up with the perfect way to fall in love with some of their most timeless art works this Culture Night: an event called ***Speed Dating the Collection***.

Visitors will be treated to ten minute “speed dating” mini-talks with an expert guide, in front of a selection of artworks by artists including John Butts, Sean Keating, Rita Duffy and Mainie Jellet.

A handsome stranger like Sean Keating’s *Men of the South* or Rita Duffy’s *Epiphany* may catch your eye: the artworks of Crawford’s collection are not exactly lonely hearts but they’re definitely looking for love, and this is a chance to fall for them, truly, madly, deeply.

Speed Dating the Collection is just one event on Crawford’s programme for Culture Night, which sees the gallery team up with Cork events impresarios *The Good Room* to stay open until 11pm with a spectacular programme of events featuring everything from family-friendly Interactive Workshops to live music to poetry and conversation.

With such a diverse programme, families and art lovers are guaranteed a one stop shop for Culture Night 2023 at Crawford Art Gallery.

The evening will be a true feast for the senses, with in-house café the Green Room open and serving small plates and a kids’ menu for hungry culture vultures until 9.30pm.

Speed Dating the Collection aside, other Culture Night highlights at Crawford Art Gallery include:

- **Family-friendly Interactive Workshops, 5pm - 8.30pm:** ignite the creative spark in children of all ages with our Learn & Explore team in the Upper Gallery.
- **Later on Culture Night events, 9pm - 11pm:** Crawford and *The Good Room* present an impressive late programme including singer-songwriter Elaine Howley and author Danny Denton presenting an evening of conversation and poetry.
- **Crawford Past, Present & Future film screening, 5pm – 8.30pm:** get to grips with Crawford’s past and explore its exciting future as Cork’s National Cultural Institution prepares for an ambitious expansion.
- **Diverse musical performances** in everything from Jazz and Trad to Classical and funk, throughout the evening, in the Sculpture Galleries and Gibson Landing.

The gallery will also have a number of its new exhibitions open on the night. Visit *Following Threads*, RITA DUFFY: *Persistent Illusion*, and *SITE OF CHANGE: Evolution of a Building*.

Firm favourites to peruse in the gallery include the newly presented Harry Clarke stained glass collection, which features three panels which are the earliest known works in glass by

the renowned artist. These three early treasures were repaired and cleaned by stained glass conservator Philip Crook in August and are displayed alongside a short film about the restoration.

Pay a visit to Crawford Art Gallery this Culture Night on 22 September 2023, from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm, for a night to remember.

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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 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 tranquility, Crawford Art Gallery is open seven days a week, free to enter, and a must-see for locals and tourists alike.

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 . This project is in support of the Night-Time Economy and funded by The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

Café: The Green Room

A classic old world dining room in Cork's cultural epicentre that mixes traditional food offerings alongside contemporary trends.

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