



Dwa Nibibi enjoying Culture Night 2021 at Crawford Art Gallery Credit: Michael Mac Sweeney /Provision photography

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Crawford Art Gallery open until later time of 11pm for Culture night with more events than ever!

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 very special evening for their audiences with a full programme of events.

This year the gallery will be open until the later time of 11:00pm and entry as always is free with the events starting at 4pm. Whether audiences are dedicated culture vultures or just curious to explore Crawford's collection and events, the gallery invite everyone to be a part of Culture Night.

Younger visitors can participate in bespoke guided **Puppet Tours**. Puppets will take on the role of tour guides, showing Children around the gallery. Exploring the *Meat and Potatoes* exhibition, the puppets will talk about some of the artworks, engage the children with stories and create an interactive fun experience for all.

Dyane Hanrahan, Marketing and Communications Manager says *"Culture night is always a great night at Crawford Art Gallery and both staff and visitors love to on this special night. We are open later this year and so we can accommodate more visitors and contribute to the night time economy in Cork city. Some of our events must be prebooked from the 12th September but all of our events are free. Possible through funding by our Parent Department. We are delighted to have fantastic exhibitions , a lively programme of music, workshops, tours and screenings which will appeal to many visitors young and old.'*

All visitors can explore and join the **Interactive Workshop in the Meat and Potatoes Project Space**. Connecting colour and food this interactive workshop will focus on the ways we can create ecologically friendly art and highlight the role of food in creating a circular economy.

A fun way to get acquainted with Crawford Art Gallery's collection, will be **Speed-dating the Collection**. Speed-dating the Collection is simple: visitors can check the time and location of the artwork, find it in the gallery, and an expert guide will offer a short 10-minute introduction! Several significant artworks will be showcased throughout the night, making Speed-dating the Collection the perfect way to learn about the National Collection.

Visitors will be invited to the top floor of the Gallery to **Sketching in Drawing Room** . In the new exhibition, **Drawing Room**, art materials will be made available for visitors to draw and create their own artworks on Culture Night. Whether the visitor is a beginner or a master, they will become inspired by the history of drawing practices through selected works from the collection.

Also on the night, historian Dr Tom Spalding will offer tours of the vicinity of the gallery. In ***The Crawford Art Gallery in the 1920s: Witness to Revolution*** visitors learn about how the building was a witness to the extraordinary events of the revolutionary period and civil war. The area was the cultural heart of Cork and we will discuss how the Opera House and School of Art weathered the war years. Learn about the history of the area, about some of the people who lived here, their lives and how the events of the time affected them: from bomb-makers to room-keepers and from artists to arsonists.

Not only will the gallery have a jam packed programme, there will also be an array of special **musical performances** throughout the night. Visitors can enjoy classical music with the Gerry Kelly Quartet , upbeat foot stomping with Rebel brass and a special guitar performance and composition inspired by nature .

There will be a number of screenings of ***The Sprawling Octopus of an Elevated Highway (2022)***. In this short documentary film, the architects recall their college years in the Crawford School of Art, which led to youthful activism, prolific careers, and an enduring desire to see the city flourish. In her directorial debut, graduate architect Michelle Delea carves a space for cross-generational conversation, prompting questions of our city's past, present, and future. The premiere is at 6:00pm with a Q&A.

Volcano Wood Fired Pizza are on site with refreshments and everything is prepared from scratch and freshly-cooked pizza is made right in front of you. Food and music will be sure to add to all that Culture Night has to offer.

The gallery has a number of exhibitions open on the night. Visit ***Drawing Room, Artists' Film International 2022, As They Must Have Been: Men of the South, 1922-2022, Meat and Potatoes, Botanica: The Art of Plants, Artists' Film International 2022 and EITHNE JORDAN: Mise en scène, Part II.***

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

programme available onsite, audiences will get definitely get their Cultural fix from Crawford Art Gallery on September 23rd.

Visitors can prebook events on Eventbrite:

Puppet tours

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/puppet-tour-tickets-417812657907>

The Crawford Art Gallery in the 1920s:

Witness to Revolution 5pm & 7pm

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-crawford-art-gallery-in-the-1920s-witness-to-revolution-tickets-417814563607>

Screening of *The Sprawling Octopus of an Elevated Highway* (2022)

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/screening-of-the-sprawling-octopus-of-an-elevated-highway-2022-tickets-417815686967>

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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 Aileen

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.

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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