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Crawford Art Gallery extends opening hours for festive period

The popular city centre attraction will open late on Thursday and Friday evenings until 8pm to facilitate visitors to the art gallery. Crawford Art Gallery reopened last week when government excluded Galleries and Museums from the Level 3 restrictions.

Mary McCarthy Gallery Director says **“Crawford Art Gallery is delighted to extend its opening hours on Thursday and Friday evenings in December in an effort to support the public and offer as much access as possible to our exhibitions.**

We recognise that people are busy at this time of the year so we want to make sure that there is an opportunity for people to visit outside of regular working hours. . We hope this gesture will support people and help them to enjoy the Gallery in comfort and safety. We are fully committed to supporting Cork City Centre provide diverse evening economy events “

As well as the national collection visitors to Crawford Art Gallery can expect to enjoy a newly installed major commemorations **Exhibition Citizen Nowhere | Citizen Somewhere : The Imagined Nation** This must see exhibition features national and international works highlighting the legacy of Terence MacSwiney's 74 – day hunger strike and examines the idea of nation as an imagined state.

The renowned Crawford Gallery Café and a new Winter Garden is also open with outside dining in a new Festive, covered top hat tent. Locals and visitors alike can continue the long established tradition of visiting the Gallery and the Café over the Festive period.

The health and safety of visitors and staff is a top priority at Crawford Art Gallery and they continue to keep measures in place to ensure the public enjoy their visit in a safe, welcoming and relaxed environment.

The Gallery has a visitor route and some additional safety measures to ensure that visitors continue to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of this city centre attraction, needed now more than ever.

The Crawford website has a full list of what to expect before your visit www.crawfordartgallery.ie

As well as the extensive commemorations exhibition the Gallery also presents collection shows, lucid abnormalities and Statio Bene and a full floor of film screenings, Kevin Gaffney's : Expulsion.

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Notes to the editor:

New protocol for visitors <https://crawfordartgallery.ie/visit/>

Exhibitions currently on display

<https://crawfordartgallery.ie/exhibitions/>

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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. The Gallery boasts an award-winning Café in stunning surroundings, serving fresh local produce for which Cork is famous.

Opening Hours

N.B. Last entry is 15 minutes before closing

Monday–Saturday

10.00am–5.00pm*

Extended Opening Hours*

Thursday & Friday 10,11, 17, 18 December til 8pm

Sundays and Bank Holidays

Gallery: 11 am–4 pm

Café: 11 am–4 pm

Holiday period

Christmas Eve & New Years Eve closed 4pm*
Closed Christmas Day, New Years Day & St Stephens day
*second floor closes 15 minutes before closing

Café December Opening Hours

Monday- Wednesday: 9am - 4pm

Thursdays, Fridays: 9am - 6pm

Saturdays: 8.30am - 4pm

Sundays: Closed

25, 26, 27 December: Closed

1 January: Closed



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