

Crawford Art Gallery



Photographed behind the scenes at Crawford Art Gallery are Curator Dawn Williams and Store Manager Donal O' Halloran of Pat McDonnell Paints. A new major exhibition *SATURATION: the everyday transformed*, supported by Pat McDonnell Paints opens on 29 January.

Press Release

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Crawford Art Gallery announces a new partnership with Pat McDonnell Paints for a major exhibition, *SATURATION: the everyday transformed*.

SATURATION: the everyday transformed opens on Saturday 29 January and includes photographic works by thirteen dynamic young artists. It will embrace aspects of social media, street photography, music and fashion photography. This exhibition will showcase artists who use photography to explore lives played out in front of them, often creating or conveying a heightened experience through the use of colour.

Pat McDonnell Paints once again team up with Crawford Art Gallery to bring this newest exhibition to the public. The established paint company previously partnered Crawford Art Gallery to renew the historic Sculpture Galleries for the hugely successful *Recasting Canovo* in 2019.

Aidan McDonnell, Company Director at Pat McDonnell Paints commented that as 'A proud Cork-based family owned business, we at Pat McDonnell Paints are delighted to support the Crawford Art Gallery in bringing SATURATION: the everyday transformed to the people of Cork and its visitors alike'.

Pat McDonnell Paints is a Cork based company with eight stores nationwide offering paint expertise and a range of services including colour consultancy. Their colour consultants worked with the curators to fine tune the paint choices in the gallery to best support the artists' work and offer the public a vibrant visitor experience.

Remarking on the partnership Dawn Williams the curator says "Crawford Art Gallery is delighted to be working with Pat McDonnell Paints again in partnering this major exhibition. The use and array of colour in the artists' work displayed in *Saturation: the everyday transformed* is consistent with the understanding of the power of colour which the team at Pat McDonnell Paints so clearly demonstrate in their work".

Saturation: the everyday transformed will feature work by: Ayesha Ahmad, Vittoria Colonna, Conor Clinch, Hazel Coonagh Megan Doherty, Michael Hanna, Cáit Fahey, Audrey Gillespie, Dragana Jurišić, Ruth Medjber, Eva O'Leary, Pádraig Spillane and Niamh Swanton .

The exhibition is curated by William Laffan and Dawn Williams, who previously created the hugely successful *Naked Truth: The Nude in Irish Art* at Crawford Art Gallery (2018).

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More about Pat McDonnell Paints

Pat McDonnell Paints is a family owned and run business established in 1977 by Pat & Cora McDonnell in the heart of Cork City and now with 8 branches nationwide. Pat McDonnell Paints have most recently launched their 9th store Online. Exceptional customer service is at the core of their business focus and success coupled with unrivalled expertise, services, and the widest range of quality paint products available. This approach is captured in their tagline 'We Care More, We Know More, We Have More'.

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

Crawford Gallery Café & Garden Café

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For opening hours www.crawfordgallerycafe.com

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