



Harry Clarke, *Aquarius* (detail), 1920. Collection Crawford Art Gallery, Cork.

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Crawford Art Gallery presents its annual exhibition of Harry Clarke's watercolours and ink drawings!

PHANTOMS & PHANTASIES presents all 23 of the visionary Irish artist's works on paper in the collection, ranging from his studies for *The Eve of St Agnes* window to illustrations for Robert Graves' "Star-Talk" and Edgar Allan Poe's *Tales of Mystery and Imagination*. To preserve these delicate watercolours and ink drawings, they are brought out for public view only once a year. This exhibition will run from the 11th December 2021 until the 13th February 2022.

One of Ireland's most renowned illustrators and stained-glass artists, Harry Clarke (1889-1931) is celebrated the world over for his draughtsmanship and exceptional use of colour. His many ardent admirers marvel at the meticulous detail and captivating imagery of his finished works.

Presented in the former drawing rooms of Crawford Art Gallery, PHANTOMS & PHANTASIES comprises watercolours and ink drawings that are sinister and romantic in equal measure. For a limited time only, visitors are invited to delight in every exquisite detail, following the cobalt-blue tinged romance of Porphyro and Madeline on the Eve of St Agnes, the macabre terror of *The Pit and the Pendulum* and *The Fall of the House of Usher*, or the joyful figure of Aquarius on his celestial journey.

Quote from curator: Michael Waldron

"Our annual Harry Clarke exhibition has fast become a much anticipated 'event' in our calendar. As they are sensitive to light, for conservation reasons we can only show these delicate watercolours and ink drawings for short periods at a time each December to February. We are thrilled to be able to display them all together again in the Gallery this year following our hugely popular online version, *Harry Clarke Marginalia*, last year. Now we wish to warmly invite our visitors to avail of the limited opportunity to enjoy these extraordinary works of Clarke's unique imagination up close and in person."

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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 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

Christmas Opening Hours

Friday 24 December 2021 Christmas Eve

10am - 4pm

Saturday 25 December 2021 Christmas Day

Gallery Closed

Sunday 26 December 2021 St. Stephen's Day

Gallery Closed

Monday 27 December – Thursday 30th December 2021

10am - 5pm

Friday 31 December 2021 New Year's Eve

10am - 4pm

Saturday 1st January 2022 New Year's Day

Gallery Closed

Sunday 2 January 2022

11am to 4pm

Monday 3 January 2022

10am to 5pm

Open late until 8:00pm on the 10th and 17th of December

Crawford Gallery Café & Garden Café

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

For opening hours

www.crawfordgallerycafe.com



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