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HEROES & VILLAINS

8 February – 25 August

Curated by Anne Boddaert and Michael Waldron

The Crawford Art Gallery presents Heroes and Villains, a selection of works from the collection exploring the archetypes of good and evil characters, and the middle ground between them. This family friendly exhibition, finds its inspiration in a time when we are unsure of who or what to trust.

From fallen heroes and reformed villains to accidental heroes, heroes of the moment, and villains for all time, this exhibition showcases a wide variety of real or imagined figures and the many ways that artists have celebrated or presented the shades of good or bad in all of us.

This extensive exhibition draws from eighteenth-century oil paintings to contemporary prints, displaying a variety of mediums, successfully conveying the ethos of the gallery, as a delightful fusion of contemporary and historical works.



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Through the eclectic nature of the works on display, by artists such as, Pablo Picasso, Suzanna Chan, Seán Keating, Rita Duffy and Daniel Maclise, the viewer is invited to explore the boundaries of good and evil. Familiar faces from popular culture like Roy Keane, Captain America and Aunt Petunia from Harry Potter (Fiona Shaw) sit beside Eva Braun, King Lear and Satan himself, allowing us to form questions about what typifies a hero and how culture shapes our concept of what it takes to be a hero or a villain.

What does a hero look like? What makes a villain? How does a sporting hero like Roy Keane compare with the ancient warrior Achilles? These are the intrigues presented by the exhibition.

The audience is urged to probe the concept of what defines a hero and a villain, how over time our view has been shaped of what it is to be on either side. We are encouraged to react to the characters and to find the links between the exhibition and life. As a nation known for the art of storytelling, HEROES & VILLAINS invites us to question traditional portrayals of good and evil.

Image © *Francois I and Diane de Poitiers* (Detail) Oil on canvas, 133 x 160 cm,
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More about the Crawford Art Gallery

Located in the heart of Cork city, the Crawford Art Gallery is a National Cultural Institution and a must see for locals and tourists alike, welcoming almost 200,000 visitors a year. Crawford Art Gallery is home to an expansive collection featuring works from the 18th Century to present. It is also home to the famous 'Canova Casts', which were gifted to the city of Cork nearly two centuries ago. Well-known and loved works by 20th century Irish artists such as Seán Keating, Harry Clarke, John Lavery, Jack B. Yeats, Norah McGuinness, Gerard Dillon, and Muriel Brandt feature in the gallery's historic collection, while the modern collection features work by contemporary artists such as Eilis O'Connell, Maud Cotter and Hughie O'Donoghue. The Gallery hosts numerous temporary exhibitions by local, national and international artists showcasing visual art, performance and installations.

The public can enjoy free tours and bask in the tranquility only a building with such history and beauty can provide. The architecture of the building combining the modern new galleries with the historical, gives a breath-taking backdrop to a collection of great national importance.

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Valentine's Day Tour with Dr. Michael Waldron

For Better or worse

1pm Wednesday 14 February

Free event/ No booking required

Guided Tour with Dr. Michael Waldron

Come on ye rebels!

17 March 2018

2pm-3pm

Drop in, family friendly, puppet making workshop

Rebel Parade

17 March 2018

2pm-3.30pm

HEROES & VILLAINS runs from the 8th February in our Long Room and Gibson Galleries.

Further details: <http://www.crawfordartgallery.ie/Heores-and-Villains.html>

For details on guided tours, access and education, please visit our website: www.crawfordartgallery.ie



