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Dara McGrath "For Those That Tell No Tales" Image courtesy of Jed Niezgoda

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## **Crawford Art Gallery Reopens on Monday May 10 at 10am with new exhibitions**

Crawford Art Gallery reopens its doors to visitors at 10am on Monday May 10 after a closure of over 4 months. As part of the new public health measures announced, museums and galleries will reopen on May 10. Members of the public will get to see what has been going on behind the scenes while the actual doors were closed to the public.

Director Mary McCarthy "We have been busy behind the scenes planning and installing some really interesting exhibitions and we are very excited that we can now share these with our visitors. It has been a long time since the public have inhabited the gallery spaces and we miss the connection and engagement with our audiences. These new exhibitions will provide stimulation and space for reflection and conversation that we have been missing these past few months."

Visitors to Crawford Art Gallery can expect to enjoy a newly installed commemorations Exhibition by Dara McGrath: "For Those That Tell No Tales" featuring over sixty photographic works which focus on Ireland's War of Independence: a defining moment in Ireland's history. An outdoor campaign of the sites in the city centre also supports this exhibition.

Visitors can view this exhibition in person and are also invited to visit the sites using the map on the gallery website : [www.crawfordartgallery.ie](http://www.crawfordartgallery.ie)

In addition the gallery welcomes Zurich Portrait Prize and Young Zurich Portrait Prize for a second consecutive year in partnership with the National Gallery of Ireland. Sponsored by Zurich, this competition is open to artists working in Ireland, and Irish citizens based abroad. This exhibition will run until July 11.

Visitors have even more to look forward to with a new exhibition opening on May 21 by Doug Fishbone. Doug Fishbone is an internationally renowned artist and this is his first solo exhibition in Ireland, commissioned by Crawford Art Gallery. Fishbone creates a sculptural spectacle - mirroring the housing and rental market - and invites visitors to wander around his 'ghost estate'.

Gallery Director Mary Mc Carthy encourages people to "come in, even if you have not been before, do drop in, we have large well ventilated safe spaces and our welcoming staff will help you have a good cultural experience. We have some great new exhibitions as well as firm favourites from the collection on show. We recognise the need for some familiarity in these changing times."

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 a member of the public visits. [www.crawfordartgallery.ie/visit/](http://www.crawfordartgallery.ie/visit/)

As well as the extensive commemorations exhibition the Gallery also presents collection shows **Statio Bene**, film screenings of Artists International and Recasting Canova in its Sculpture Galleries.

The renowned Crawford Gallery Café will reopen on June 7 when outdoor dining will be resumed as part of the Governments public health measures announced..

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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**

Crawford Art Gallery reopens **10 May**

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](http://www.crawfordgallerycafe.com)



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