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**Menagerie: Animals by Artists
4 June 2021 – 6 March 2022**

Crawford Art Gallery announces *Menagerie: Animals by Artists* as part of its 2021 exhibition programme, to delight children and adults alike!

Menagerie is a word that describes a diverse collection of wild animals, kept in captivity for public or private display. In the works featured in this exhibition, historic and contemporary artists have captured animals in image, observing the behaviours of domesticated pets, the feats of circus animals, and the forms of their free-roaming cousins.

From domestic spaces and farmyards to circus tents and natural habitats, and from cats, dogs, and goldfish to camels, monkeys, and falcons, *Menagerie: Animals by Artists* asks: what might we learn of animals seen through an artist's eye?

Co-curator of the exhibition Michael Waldron says: "Many of us have come to appreciate our pets so much more over the past year, or enjoyed the diverting antics of cats and dogs in online videos! But we also stand on a precipice, as global biodiversity is in worrying decline and the human impact on marine ecosystems becomes apparent. Menagerie lets us view animals through an artist's lens and asks us to look again at the natural world."

The 5th Class students of Blarney Street CBS created the imaginative animal wall drawings that accompany this exhibition and inspired its logo.

In conjunction with this exhibition, Crawford Art Gallery's Learn & Explore team will be hosting a programme of events. Details will be published through the Gallery's website and social media channels in the coming weeks and months.

Menagerie features the work of Sarah Atkinson, Alfred Bendiner, Sylvia Cooke-Collis, Elizabeth Cope, Helen Farrell, Jan de Fouw, Lotte Funke, Patrick Hennessy, Daniel Maclise, Norah McGuinness, Joe Neeson, Gretta O'Brien, Tony O'Malley, Walter Osborne, John Platt, Nano Reid, Gail Ritchie, Liu Yong Xian, and more.

The exhibition features 36 artists, both historic and contemporary, and hailing from Ireland, Northern Ireland, England, Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Poland, Australia, China, USA and Ancient Greece.

Curated by Anne Boddaert, Kathryn Coughlan, and Michael Waldron.

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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 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. Welcoming over 265,000 visitors annually, 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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