

MUSIC AT MIDDAY

CHROMA QUARTET



THALIA QUARTET



SUNDAY 1ST OF MAY
CRAWFORD ART GALLERY

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Cork School of Music

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MTU Cork School of Music students to perform at Crawford Art Gallery for Music At Midday .

The partnership between Crawford Art Gallery and Munster Technological University, Cork School of Music continues on Sunday 1 May with the first in-person Music At Midday since 2020.

The Thalia Quartet and Chroma Quartet from the BMus and Masters programme at MTU CSM will perform Beethoven in the iconic Long room. Botanica: The Art of Plants, from the Galleries own national collection, is currently on display in the Long Room until 18 September. The Exhibition gathers selected historic and contemporary works from the collection to probe how artists have, over time, represented plants in their practices through pastel, pencil, paint, print, and sculpture.

Head of School at MTU Cork School of Music, Dr Ciara Glasheen-Artem commented “We are delighted to continue our collaboration and partnership with the Crawford Art Gallery for this exciting Music at Midday performance. Music at Midday captures the true essence of community in the arts and strengthens the bond between our two organisations. This partnership continues to present an incredible opportunity for our students to perform in the prestigious Crawford Art Gallery allowing music to be heard with new ears and artwork to be viewed in a new light”.

Mary McCarthy, Crawford Art Gallery director says, “MTU Cork School of Music is an exceptional contributor to the cultural fabric of Ireland. It’s commitment to quality and the future of music and musicians in Ireland is inspirational. Music at Midday is an exciting partnership where art forms coalesce and new conversations are ignited. We are delighted to have The School of Music back in the Gallery after over two years. “

A selection of MTU Cork School of Music’s most talented students are lined up for performances. The Thalia Quartet, founded in 2021, is made up of four BMus students at MTU Cork School of Music; Kate O’Shea, Myn Fitzpatrick, Ciara Scully, and Alina Obreja. The quartet is tutored by Gregory Ellis, and has performed in concerts at MTU Cork School of Music, at UCC’s Aula Maxima as part of the FUAIM series and for the ETC Cork School of Music.

Chroma Quartet includes Lucia Murphy, Ellen O’Connell, Karl Riedewald and Grace Hernan are all prize winners at local and national level. They came together in September 2021, as The Chroma Quartet, under the tutelage of Simon Aspell at the MTU Cork School of Music. They have recently become prize winners at Dublin’s Feis Ceoil, for their performance of Beethoven’s op 18 no 4 string quartet, which they’ll play at Crawford Art Gallery’s concerts at midday on May 1st.

There is no booking required for this event at 12 noon on Sunday 1 May at Crawford Art Gallery.

The Crawford website has a full list of what to expect before a member of the public visits. <https://crawfordartgallery.ie/music-at-midday-2022/>

As well as *Botanica: The Art of Plants*, the Gallery also presents the *Zurich Portrait Prize & Zurich **Young** Portrait Prize 2021*, *Saturation: the everyday transformed*, *The Port of Cork Collection*, film screenings of *Dorothy Cross : Jellyfish Lake* and *Recasting Canova* in the Sculpture Galleries.

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More about MTU Cork School of Music

At MTU Cork School of Music, we pride ourselves on the holistic nature of our music and drama education, spanning five levels, which places us amongst leading conservatoires nationally and internationally. CSM has more than 470 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in four undergraduate programmes, three Masters programmes, PhD programme and an accredited Inclusive Music Ensemble programme of study. There are more than 2,500 enrolments in the part-time Conservatoire provision of the school, where students receive one-to-one instrumental lessons, musicianship classes and large ensemble tuition. MTU Cork School of Music presents more than 450 performances and events every year and is an important cultural hub for Cork City, as well as a creative home for students and staff. It is fortunate to experience the richness of the arts daily and strives to engage with local, national, and international communities through performance, education, and outreach. The school boasts many award-winning performing groups, which contribute to the vibrant cultural life of Cork City and to the international arts scene.

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 indoor and outdoor 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

Entry Free

Free Public Tours

Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays 2pm

Crawford Gallery Café & Garden Café

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For opening hours

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