

Crawford Art Gallery



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First Music at Midday of the season by MTU Cork School of Music at Crawford Art Gallery

Visitors to Crawford Art Gallery on Sunday 2 October are in for a treat as the first Music at Midday concert of the season will feature performers preparing to take part in the prestigious Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year competition. Accompanied by **Conor Palliser, David Barnett (French Horn), Méabh Fitzgerald (Piano)** and **Stéphane Petiet (Double Bass)** will present a broad range of dazzling repertoire, including works by Chopin, Mozart and Richard Strauss.

Music at Midday is committed to providing a valuable ensemble experience of diverse backgrounds, while maintaining musical excellence. Dyane Hanrahan, Marketing and Communications Manager at Crawford is “delighted to announce the return of Music at Midday for a full programme of events taking place on the first Sunday of every month (excluding January) until June 2023. Music at Midday is loved by all and audiences flock to the Gallery to see the accomplished performers from MTU Cork School of Music. We are thrilled to announce a further eight performances”. Tom Doyle, acting Conservatoire Coordinator at MTU Cork School of Music, notes how the series “offers our students a wonderful opportunity to share their musical talent and passion for live performance with the people of Cork. We are delighted to be collaborating with Crawford Art Gallery once again and look forward to an exciting year ahead”.

The concert takes place at 12 noon on Sunday 2 October in the Gallery's historic Lecture Theatre on the ground floor; and no booking is required. Further details can be found at: <https://crawfordartgallery.ie/music-at-midday-2-october/>

Crawford Art Gallery will also provide tours which are open to all and free of charge on Sunday 2 October at 2pm. The Gallery's expert tour guides invite visitors to delve into the National Collection and numerous exhibitions held at Crawford Art Gallery. The tour experience will focus on *Meat and Potatoes* and *Drawing Room*, offering fascinating insights, information and the stories behind the artworks and the artists who created them. Spaces on the tours will be available on a first-come, first-served basis with no pre-booking necessary.

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More about MTU Cork School of Music

At MTU Cork School of Music (CSM), 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. Offering a vibrant and dynamic programme of temporary exhibitions, it also houses a collection of

national importance which tells a compelling story of Cork and Ireland over the last three centuries.

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 contemporary artists Aideen Barry, Gerard Byrne, Maud Cotter, Dorothy Cross, Tacita Dean, and Sean Scully as well as much-loved works by Irish artists James Barry, Harry Clarke, Mainie Jellett, Seán Keating, Daniel Maclise, Norah McGuinness, Edith Somerville, and Jack B. Yeats.

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.

Opening Hours

Monday–Saturday 10.00am–5.00pm

Late opening Thursdays until 8.00pm

Sundays and Bank Holidays

Gallery: 11.00am – 4.00pm

Entry Free

TOURS

Free Tours Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays 2pm

Free Tours on Thursday 6.30 pm.

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