



Caption : A visitor to the Crawford Art Gallery enjoying the paintings of Eizabeth Cope, one of the 30 artists represented in Naked Truth: The Nude in Irish Art Showing until October 28th. Crawford Art Gallery offers Nude Tours of the Exhibition . Image by Provision

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Crawford Art Gallery hosts Naked Tours of Naked Truth

The Crawford Art Gallery will host several Nude Tours of the exhibition Naked Truth in the Gallery in the coming weeks. Crawford Art Gallery joins the ranks of International Galleries such as the Palais de Tokyo in Paris and Australia's National Gallery, in welcoming nude tours through their doors.

Gallery director Mary Mc Carthy commented: "Naked bodies are a regular feature of the Crawford Art Gallery experience. Our unique sculpture gallery is a meditation space on the human form. We have been overwhelmed by people's positive responses to Naked Truth : The Nude in Irish Art. It has captured people's curiosity about art and it has been a significant talking point in Cork and beyond, all summer. The exhibition again highlights the importance of art and the ability of artists to impact our world and engage us in a myriad of ways".

The first of the tours will be attended by Cork Clothes Free, an independent nudist group, available on Meetup.com, who meet regularly since 2014 for social activities, such as swimming trips, house gatherings, beach trips and garden parties; and can now add Gallery tours to their list.

A spokesperson for the group, feels "nudity increases confidence, body acceptance and a sense of freedom." The Crawford Art Gallery have provided our members with a unique and wonderful opportunity for our nudist group to view the subject of Nudes from a place of Nudity "

Other tours of the Gallery will be attended by The Irish Naturist Association (INA) a group that has been in existence for more than 50 years. . The INA's primary function is to promote Naturism in Ireland. Bookings for INA approved participants for a tour can be made on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/private-nude-tour-of-the-naked-truth-exhibition-tickets-50379802345>

The exhibition **Naked Truth: The Nude in Irish Art** brings together over 80 pieces by 30 different Artists to assert the existence of a rich history of the depiction of the naked and the unclothed body in the work and practice of Irish artists. Well loved Irish artists such as Francis Bacon , Mainie Jellett, Robert Ballagh , Amanda Coogan, Dorothy Cross, and Dragana Jurisic feature amongst those artists represented in the exhibition.

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More about the Crawford art gallery:

Located in the heart of Cork city, The Crawford Art Gallery, a national cultural Institution, is a must see for locals and tourists alike. Welcoming almost 200,000 visitors a year the 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 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 Eilís 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 architecture of the building combining the modern new galleries with the historical, gives a breath-taking backdrop to a collection of great national importance.

More about Naked Truth : The Nude in Irish Art

Naked Truth: The Nude in Irish Art 13 July - 28 October, 2018

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From anonymous, medieval Sheela-na-Gigs to contemporary video and performance work, Irish artists have created images of the nude in a wide variety of ways and to multiple purposes or intents. For many years, prolonged study of the naked model was a fundamental component of all art education, but, if anything, as this practice has largely fallen from the art college curriculum, artists have responded in ever more diverse and interesting ways to the nude as subject matter.

Learn and Explore

For details on the Learn and explore programme for guided tours, access and education, please visit our website: www.crawfordartgallery.ie

Drawing the Nude

Thursday 27 Sept - 6.15pm - 7.45pm

Thursday 4 Oct - 6.15pm - 7.45pm

Thursday 11 Oct - 6.15pm - 7.45pm

Thursday 18 Oct - 6.15pm - 7.45pm

For booking: [EVENTBRITE DETAILS](#)

Free Tours every Saturday 2pm for Naked Truth : The Nude in Irish Art

Life Drawing in the Sculpture Gallery

Sunday 7, 14, 21 October 2–3.30pm

No booking necessary / Free event

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Artists Talk

Brian Maguire and Megan Eustace: 'Artist and Model'

Thursday 25 October, 6–7pm

Curatorial tours with William Laffan

20 September 1pm

Join the curator for a unique insightful tour of the exhibition.

For booking: [EVENTBRITE](#)

Curatorial Talk

William Laffan: 'The Irish nude from the eighteenth century until today'

Thursday 20 September, 6–7pm