



Tom Climent, *Eden* (detail), 2019. Collection Crawford Art Gallery, Cork. © the artist.

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NEW THREADS: Acquisitions 2021

24 July – 5 September 2021

Recent additions to the National Collection go on display at Crawford Art Gallery.

Artworks purchased through Department funding to support Artists during Covid go on display for the first time at Crawford Art Gallery .

New Threads showcases over 20 artworks that have recently come into public ownership. Displayed in the heart of Crawford Art Gallery's historic building,

visitors will have the opportunity to view these new works up close for the first time.

In total, 225 artworks by 39 contemporary artists have been added to Crawford Art Gallery's collection in recent months, ranging from paintings, photographs, prints, and drawings, to sculptures, installations, digital film and sound works, textile and embroideries.

The exhibition's title plays on the idea of adding new items to a wardrobe and is derived from one of the featured artworks, *Ariadne's Thread* by Jennifer Trouton. This painting borrows from the myth of an Ancient Greek princess who helps Theseus to escape the fabled Labyrinth. It provides a curious entry point from which visitors may follow – or tease out – new threads of practice and meaning in the collection.

Visitors to *New Threads* will also encounter an intricate ceramic work, *Teasel – Grey Area*, by artist Nuala O'Donovan. In nature, the Teasel plant has received its common name from the use of its dried flowerhead in the textile industry 'to tease' (or raise the nap on) woollen cloth.

The exhibition ranges from the inimitable humour of Stephen Brandes' *Chat Show* (2020) to the geometric colour of Tom Climent's *Eden* (2019) to the sculptural forms of Evgeniya Martirosyan. There is more sobering work on view too, including Rita Duffy's political *Guantanamo amas amat* (2009) and *Meditating Tongqui* (2020) by Stephen Doyle.

Also featured within *New Threads* are several paintings and prints by artists working in supported studios, including Yvonne Condon, Breanna Hurley, and John Keating.

Other featured artists include Elaine Byrne, Elizabeth Cope, and Charles Tyrrell. *New Threads* runs at Crawford Art Gallery from 24 July until 5 September and entry is free.

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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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