



Magnus Celestii by Joseph Walsh from Earth Wind & Fire, Made in Cork Contemporary, Crawford Art Gallery, Image credit Jed Nietzsche, www.venividi.ie,

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Crawford Art Gallery and Arup shortlisted for 2 National Awards

Crawford Art Gallery and Arup have been shortlisted for the prestigious Business to Art Awards in the Best Mid-Size Sponsorship category for 'Earth, Wind & Fire: Made in Cork Contemporary' a hugely successful exhibition held in the Gallery in 2018.

Crawford and Arup succeeded in their nominations in the 28th Allianz Business to Arts Awards which saw high levels of nominations from a diverse range of partnerships and events, spread across Ireland.

Arup, one of Ireland's largest engineering consulting firms and strong advocates in the arts and cultural sector, teamed up with Crawford Art Gallery to support the exhibition and associated programmes which combined artistic excellence and technical skills. As part of their support they financially contributed to a learning programme which saw Arup Director Peter Flynn interview Joseph Walsh. The conversation was unique and highly illuminating reflecting their close collaboration. "It was inspiring to team up with the Crawford Art Gallery for the Earth, Wind & Fire exhibition. Arup believes that arts and culture make a vital contribution to the community. Visitors to the gallery were treated to an outstanding display of creativity, encouraging people to think about art and design in a new way. We are delighted that the partnership between Arup and the Crawford has been shortlisted in the Business to Arts Awards," said Eoghan Lynch, Chairperson of Arup in Ireland.

The exhibition curated by Anne Boddaert of Crawford Art Gallery included the breath taking intricacy of Nuala O Donovan's ceramic work and the graphic poetry of Mary Palmer and Anne Kiely textile pieces to the wildly imaginative and expansive sculptural works of Joseph Walsh, Alex Pentek and Eoin Turner.

It attracted over 80,000 visitors and was greatly appreciated by diverse audiences.

In relation to the partnership with Arup, Mary McCarthy Gallery Director, had this to say

" we are delighted to have this partnership nationally recognised Partnerships and Collaboration are key elements to Crawford Art Gallery's strategy . Arup was a perfect collaborator as they were appreciative of the ways in which all the participating artists continually push material boundaries. The company and its people got behind the project and the artists and invested time in the preparations, design and workshops. New friendships were formed. such collaborations are invaluable and inspire us to continue to work with our many partners to enable more direct contact between artists and various businesses"

Arup have also been nominated for a Judges 'Special Recognition Award for Portfolio of Arts Sponsorship for 'New Now Next' with Irish Architecture Foundation and 'Earth, Wind and Fire: Made in Cork Contemporary' with Crawford Art Gallery Cork

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More about Crawford Art Gallery :

Located in the heart of Cork city and free to enter, Crawford Art Gallery, is home to a collection of national importance and is a must see for locals and tourists alike. Welcoming a quarter of a million visitors a year the Gallery is open seven days a week, free to enter and delights in all visitors young and old.

Crawford Art Gallery, as one of the oldest collecting institutions in Ireland, is committed to presenting and caring for its national collection for this and future generations, and continue to conserve the works in the collection.

Originally built in 1724 as the city's customs house, when Cork was one of Europe's most important trading ports.

Crawford Art Gallery is home to an expansive collection featuring works from the 18th century to present which are of key national importance and tell a compelling story of place and history. 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 works by 20th century Irish artists such as Seán Keating, Harry Clarke, John Lavery, Jack B. Yeats, Norah McGuinness, Mainie Jellet, Gerard Dillon and Muriel Brandt feature in the gallery's historic collection, while the modern collection features work by contemporary artists such as Eilis O'Connell, Gerard Byrne, Dorothy Cross, Maud Cotter and Hughie O'Donoghue. The Gallery hosts numerous temporary exhibitions by local, national and international artists showcasing visual art, film.

www.crawfordartgallery.ie

Monday–Saturday 10.00am–5.00pm
Late opening Thursdays until 8.00pm
(2nd floor closes at 16:45pm)

Sundays and Bank Holidays
Gallery: 11am - 4pm
Café: 11am - 4pm

Learn and Explore

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



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