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# Crawford Art Gallery awarded Fáilte Ireland Covid Safety

# Charter

Crawford Art Gallery have been taking steps to ensure their reopening is as safe as possible and the Covid-19 safety charter is a key step in this reopening.

Gallery director Mary McCarthy says "We want our visitors to feel safe, relaxed and welcome and this safety charter is one important way in which we can facilitate this. We can't wait to open the gallery again when it is safe to do so and are doing all we can to be ready to pull back those doors"

The COVID-19 Safety Charter is a Government endorsed initiative to reinforce confidence in domestic and overseas visitors in tourism businesses.

The COVID-19 Safety Charter tells you that a business is following the necessary guidelines and every employee has taken extensive training to ensure the safety of visitors. The gallery will have a clearly laid out visitor route, hand sanitizing stations throughout, entry is free so no need for money or card transactions and with large open spaces the gallery is a condusive environment to social distancing already.

When you see the Fáilte Ireland Safety Charter's reassuring white and green logo, you will know that staff have been educated in infection control and they must adhere to strict hygiene measures. Tourism

businesses that have successfully completed the <u>COVID-19 Safety</u> <u>Charter</u> are also subject to spot checks.

The gallery is closed to the public until level 5 restrictions are lifted but there is an array of activities available online for all ages and abilities: <u>www.crawfordartgallery.ie</u>

As well as the commemorations exhibition **Citizen Nowhere|Citizen Somewhere: The Imagined Nation** the Gallery also presents collection Shows *lucid abnormalities* and *Statio Bene* which the public can see onsite when the gallery reopens.

While waiting for the reopening the public are encouraged to check out the gallery website for some rich content on exhibitions and works in the gallery.

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Due to Covid-19 restrictions and in line with Government advice Crawford Art Gallery is closed currently closed.

#### Notes to the editor:

New protocol for visitors <u>https://crawfordartgallery.ie/visit/</u> Exhibitions currently on display <u>https://crawfordartgallery.ie/exhibitions/</u> For additional imagery please contact <u>marketing@crawfordartgallery.ie</u> or <u>Dyanehanrahan@crawfordartgallery.ie</u>

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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 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. The Gallery boasts an award-winning Café in stunning surroundings, serving fresh local produce for which Cork is famous.

### **Opening Hours**

Crawford Art Gallery is currently closed 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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For opening hours

www.crawfordgallerycafe.com









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