

Crawford Art Gallery



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Crawford Art Gallery hosts special events for St Patrick's weekend, free of charge.

As well as several new and exciting exhibitions, visitors can avail of special drawing workshops, bespoke tours, a special family trail and enjoy it all as traditional music echoes through the Gallery.

New exhibitions on display to the public are: [Saturation: the everyday transformed](#) and [The Port of Cork Collection and Botanica: The Art of Plants](#).

Children and adults alike can enjoy workshops led by artist Siobhan Catinot in the Gallery's Long Room on the Friday 18 & Saturday 19 March from 2-4pm.

The workshop will draw from the works on display and will focus on our connection to nature.

" We are particularly excited about St Patrick's Festival this year as we welcome families back to enjoy our first workshops in over 2 years. We recently started our free tours also so it's a time of great celebration as everyone comes together again unconstrained to really experience everything the Gallery has to offer. We

look forward to a vibrant weekend in the city centre ” says Marketing and Communications Manager, Dyane Hanrahan

Children can explore and play with an arty-activity trail offering bite-sized facts and creative prompts for playful exploration. The Gallery will encourage visitors to seek out curious characters and to have silly fun. Paper gallery trails are freely available to younger visitors and their adults upon entry.

The public can enjoy tailormade tours with expert, friendly guides. The tours will take place at 2:00pm Thursday 17, Friday 18 & Sunday 20 March.

Tour guides invite visitors to delve into the National Collection and numerous exhibitions held at Crawford Art Gallery. The tour experience will offer 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.

There will also be a special musical performance on Thursday 17 & Friday 18 of March from 12:00-2:00pm. Johnny McCarthy & Eoin O Riabhaigh will play on Thursday 17 and Macdara O Faoláin & Victoria Pierse will play on Friday 18.

The public can enjoy live traditional music, that will be echoing through Crawford Art Gallery.

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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 more than 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 Aideen Barry, 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

Open daily | Free entry

Monday–Saturday 10.00am–5.00pm

Late opening Thursdays until 8.00pm

Sundays and Bank Holidays

Gallery: 11am - 4pm Entry Free



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