

Hugh Lane Gallery launches 'Art and the Outdoors' family art event

The Hugh Lane Gallery is delighted to announce an exciting two day family art event on Saturday 31 July and Sunday 1 August 2021, which will take place on Parnell Square North.

'Art and the Outdoors' is inspired by artists who moved out of their studio to paint *en plein air* or out of doors. This family-friendly programme includes artist-led outdoor drawing, street performance by the Dublin Circus Project, live music performances from Jazz to string quartet and traditional music and poetry readings programmed in conjunction with Poetry Ireland.

The Hugh Lane Gallery's 'Art and the Outdoors' celebration will be launched on Saturday 31 July at Noon by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alison Gilliland.

"This is a wonderful idea by the Hugh Lane Gallery, bringing art out into the open air," said the Lord Mayor. "After so much time spent in lockdown, it's a great way for people to reconnect with creativity and enjoy a truly inspiring cultural space in the city. I'm really looking forward to popping along for a look."

"We are delighted to host 'Art and The Outdoors' on Parnell Square North," said Director of the Hugh Lane Gallery Barbara Dawson. "We look forward to families and communities joining us for this exciting event."

This two day event will take place on the August Bank Holiday weekend, Saturday 31 July and Sunday 1 August from noon to 4pm each day.

"Through our free 'Art and the Outdoors' programme, we are encouraging people to rediscover the creative potential of our city and to take the time to look around and be inspired!" said Jessica O'Donnell, Head of Education and Community Outreach at the Hugh Lane Gallery.

All are welcome but places will be limited due to Covid-19 restrictions so please come early to avoid disappointment.

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