

# MERRION SQUARE OPEN DAY

**Saturday 30th August 2014**  
**EXHIBITIONS TALKS AND TOURS**

## **NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND**

### **Exhibitions and Events**

Highlights from the Collection will be on display. The Atrium Creative Spaces will be fully equipped and supervised. All free admission. [www.ngi.ie](http://www.ngi.ie)

**9.30am – 5.30pm**

## **MERRION SQUARE PARK**

Why not wander through the park and bring your children to visit the new 'Giant's Garden' playground.

**10am – 9pm**

## **VESTIBULE ON THE SQUARE**

Curated by Aoife Tunney Vestibule is a festival celebrating the work of internationally acclaimed contemporary artists Aleana Egan, Daniel Gustav Cramer and Eva Rothschild.  
**Merrion Square Park.**

**10am – 9pm**

## **IRISH ARCHITECTURAL ARCHIVE**

Open for guided tours of the largest terraced house on Merrion Square and an opportunity to see Parnell Square in Photographs, a recreation of the 1974 Exhibition 'The Architecture of Parnell Square', and The GPO – Two Hundred Years. **45 Merrion Square.**

**10am – 5pm**

## **NUMBER TWENTY NINE, ESB'S GEORGIAN HOUSE MUSEUM**

Experience what life was like for the fortunate who lived in such elegant townhouses, and the less fortunate who worked in them. An ideal visit for history buffs of all ages or the plain curious! **29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower** (on the corner of Merrion Square, where Fitzwilliam Street Lower meets Mount Street Upper).  
**Ph:** 01 7026163

**10am – 4.30pm**

## **IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC ARCHIVE**

The Written Note: Music Manuscripts in the Irish Traditional Music Archive. Exhibition of manuscripts of Irish traditional music, which date from 19th–20th centuries, with computer mounted scans and interactive music scores. Supported by online visual material. **73 Merrion Square. [www.itma.ie](http://www.itma.ie)**

**10am – 4.30pm**

## **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND – NATURAL HISTORY**

Tour Heritage Week: All Creatures Great & Small in Ireland. Join Geraldine Breen for these special Heritage Week family tours of the displays in the Irish Room at the Museum. Learn about the fish, birds, mammals and insects that share our island with us. No booking required. Places limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis. Wheelchair accessible. Family Age 7+  
**Merrion Street. Ph:** 01 6486307

**10.15am, 11.30am**

## **THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF IRELAND**

Guided tours of the house and garden are offered every hour from 10.30 until 3.30 on a first come, first serve basis. Our famed Tea Room will be in operation with homemade cakes and teas for sale. Children (5+) can join in the tea party at the Craft Corner. Excavated treasures from the restored Georgian garden will be on display and archaeologists will demonstrate the work of the Discovery Programme - the Centre for Irish Archaeological Research. Learn how the life of the house has changed over 221 years, passed through the hands of MPs and judges to historians and archaeologists! **63 Merrion Square. [rsai@rsai.ie](mailto:rsai@rsai.ie)**

**10.30am – 3.30pm**

## **THE DOORWAY GALLERY SUMMER SHOW**

The Doorway Gallery, **24 South Frederick Street**, Dublin 2.  
**Ph:** 01 7645895. [www.thedoorwaygallery.com](http://www.thedoorwaygallery.com)  
Email: [denise@thedoorwaygallery.com](mailto:denise@thedoorwaygallery.com)

**10am – 6pm**

## **COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS**

Introductory talk on the History of Anaesthesia and Merrion Square followed by a tour of the building and a short demo in the simulated theatre. Places are limited to 15 spaces on a first come, first served basis. **22 Merrion Square. Ph:** 01 6614412 or [events@coa.ie](mailto:events@coa.ie)

**11am**

## **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND**

Self guided tour of the unique painted murals on the first floor with staff available for questions. **49 Merrion Square.**

**11am – 5pm**

## **UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME IN IRELAND**

58 Merrion Square was the residence of Daniel O'Connell 'The Liberator' for most of his political life. This elegantly restored Georgian house is now the home of the University of Notre Dame in Ireland. Tours of the house on the hour and half hour from 11am to 3pm: limited to 20 people per tour. **58 Merrion Square.** Sign up at [www.merrionsquare.ie](http://www.merrionsquare.ie)

**11am – 3pm**

## **CENTRAL CATHOLIC LIBRARY**

The Library will host an exhibition entitled Christian Art: the Irish dimension. **74 Merrion Square. [www.catholiclibrary.ie](http://www.catholiclibrary.ie)**

**11am – 5pm**

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND

Film: Van Gogh's The Sunflowers (lecture theatre). Free.

11.30am

## MERRION HOTEL

A private guided tour of the Merrion Hotel's extensive art collection on Saturday the 30th of August at 12 noon. Booking essential, please see [www.merrionsquare.ie](http://www.merrionsquare.ie)

12 noon

## GOETHE—INSTITUT

Exhibition and talks about the redevelopment of the Goethe—Institut in Dublin by Henschon Reuter Architects. Talks at 1pm and 3pm. The redevelopment of the Goethe—Institut's Irish HQ at 37 Merrion Square will see the 1790 Georgian townhouse refurbished to its period glory and welcome the creation of a contemporary news building for the language school and a new garden on the site. The building work will commence in February 2015 and will be completed in autumn 2016. Architect Martin Henschon will give talks about the project, accompanied by an exhibition. **37 Merrion Square. [www.goethe.de/irland](http://www.goethe.de/irland)**

12 noon – 4pm

## PEPPER CANISTER CHURCH

An opportunity to see the interior and to enjoy informal talks by Ricky Cox. **Mount Street Crescent.** Further details, please see [www.peppercanister.ie](http://www.peppercanister.ie)

12 noon – 5pm

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND

Family Tour – meet in the Millennium Wing. Free.

12.30pm

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1pm

## TTT PRESENTS: 10 YEARS OF PRACTICE

To mark their 10th year in practice, the studio of TTT will be open to the public. TTT will present a view into their creative process with a selection of prints and sketches from completed and current projects. **77 Merrion Square. Ph. 01 5079161**

1 – 4pm

## THE FASHION HISTORY OF MERRION SQUARE

Come and discover the lost fashion history of Merrion Square with fashion historian Ruth Griffin. Find out why the Square has such a special place in Dublin's fashion history and the amazing individuals whose designs and personal style made an impact on the world stage. Sign up at [www.merrionsquare.ie](http://www.merrionsquare.ie) Meet at **45 Merrion Square.**

2pm

## NUMBER TWENTY NINE, ESB'S GEORGIAN HOUSE MUSEUM

Experience traditional harp music in Georgian surroundings in Number Twenty Nine, ESB's Georgian House Museum with Máiread Whelan harpist & singer. Máiread studied music in UCD graduating in 1986. She is classically trained in harp, piano and singing. She was a founding member of choral group Anúna, Máiread lives in south Leitrim and has set up and teaches a new Post Leaving Cert course in Traditional Irish Music. Free. **29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower. Ph: 01 7026163.**

2 – 4pm

## NATIONAL PRINT MUSEUM

Through three fun and interactive activities and working directly with artefacts from the Museum's collection, families will learn about a selection of the traditional printing machines, will be given the opportunity to experience traditional handsetting and printing and using the Japanese paper craft of origami learn how to make and decorate their very own printer's hat. Free admission. **Beggars Bush Barracks, Haddington Road. [www.nationalprintmuseum.ie](http://www.nationalprintmuseum.ie)**

2.30 – 4.30pm

## GOETHE—INSTITUT

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3pm

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND

Public Talk: The World of Jack B. Yeats. **Lecture theatre.** Free.

3pm

Film Screening. **Lecture theatre.** Free.

4pm

## IRISH GEORGIAN SOCIETY

Conservation Matters – architectural walking tour of Merrion Square with DCC Architectural Conservation Officer Nicola Matthews. Meet at Rutland Fountain opposite National Gallery of Ireland.

4pm

This event is coordinated by the Merrion Square Innovation Network in association with the Central Catholic Library, the College of Anaesthetists, the Doorway Gallery, Dublin City Council, ESB's Georgian House Museum, Number Twenty Nine, Fáilte Ireland, the Goethe—Institut, the Irish Architectural Archive, the Irish Georgian Society, the Irish Traditional Music Archives, the Merrion Hotel, the National Gallery of Ireland, the National Museum of Ireland – Natural History, the National Print Museum, the National University of Ireland, the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, St Stephen's Parish Church, TTT (thirtythreetrees), and the University of Notre Dame in Ireland.



**MERRION SQUARE**  
The Heart of Georgian Dublin