

# MERRION SQUARE OPEN DAY

**Saturday 29 August 2015**  
Exhibitions Talks and Tours

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND

Exhibitions, Tours and Events – Highlights from the Collection will be on display. All free admission. [www.nationalgallery.ie](http://www.nationalgallery.ie)

**9.30am – 5.30pm**

Yeats Archive Open Day – Millennium Wing, Clare Street

**10am – 4.30pm**

## MERRION SQUARE PARK

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

**10am – 9pm**

## IRISH ARCHITECTURAL ARCHIVE

Open for guided tours of the largest terraced house on Merrion Square and an opportunity to see *St Patrick’s Cathedral: an architectural exhibition* in the Architecture Gallery and *TJ Byrne* on the first floor. 45 Merrion Square. [www.iarc.ie](http://www.iarc.ie)

**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! Free admission. 29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower (on the corner of Merrion Square, where Fitzwilliam Street Lower meets Mount Street Upper). Ph: **01 7026163**.

**10am – 5pm**

## IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC ARCHIVE

Exhibition – *Song, Music and Dance from across the Island of Ireland*. ITMA staff have selected sound recordings, books & manuscripts, images and films to take you on a musical journey around the island of Ireland. This in-house exhibition is also available at [www.itma.ie](http://www.itma.ie). There will also be live music during the afternoon. 73 Merrion Square. Ph: **01 6619699**.

**10am – 4.30pm**

## NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND – NATURAL HISTORY

Galleries of animals from Ireland and overseas, also geological exhibits from a total collection of about 2 million scientific specimens. Merrion Street. [www.museum.ie](http://www.museum.ie)

**10am – 5pm**

## THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF IRELAND

*Industrial (r)Evolution*. We welcome you to 63 Merrion Square to celebrate Industrial (r)Evolution, a look at Ireland’s industrial past from Bronze Age tools to the 21st-century use of lasers to record steam trains! 63 Merrion Square. [rsai@rsai.ie](mailto:rsai@rsai.ie)

**10am – 4pm**

## THE DOORWAY GALLERY – PADRAIG MCCAUl EXHIBITION

Padraig McCaul – solo show at 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**

## ARCHAEOFEST 2015

The Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland is delighted to host an archaeological extravaganza suitable for all the family! Join us for experiments, excavations and much much more! Admission free. Merrion Square Park. Email: [iaiar archaeology@gmail.com](mailto:iaiar archaeology@gmail.com). Ph: **01 6629517**. Website: [www.iai.ie](http://www.iai.ie)

**11am – 4pm**

## 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

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*Gold and Silver, Brass and Bronze: an exhibition illustrating Irish metal work in church decoration.* 74 Merrion Square.

[www.catholiclibrary.ie](http://www.catholiclibrary.ie)

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**11am – 5pm**

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## NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND

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Heritage Week Special Exhibition Tour: *From the Archives*. Free.

**11am**

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Drop-in Family Workshop: *Inspired by The Baroque* – Atrium

**11am**

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## MERRION HOTEL

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A private guided tour of the Merrion Hotel's extensive art collection on Saturday the 29th of August at 12 noon.

Booking essential, please see [www.merrionsquare.ie](http://www.merrionsquare.ie)

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**12 noon**

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## PEPPER CANISTER CHURCH

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An opportunity to see the interior and to enjoy short music concerts which will take place at 12.30, 1.30 and 2.30pm. Mount Street Crescent. Further details, please see [www.peppercanister.ie](http://www.peppercanister.ie)

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**12 noon – 5pm**

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## NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND

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Family Tour – meet in the Millennium Wing. Free.

**12.30pm**

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*All events are free; however some are ticketed, please see the website for further information and updates.*

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[www.merrionsquare.ie](http://www.merrionsquare.ie)

[facebook.com/MerrionSquareDublin](https://www.facebook.com/MerrionSquareDublin)

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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 Irish Architectural Archive, 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, and the University of Notre Dame in Ireland.

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

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Why not come along and experience traditional harp music in Georgian surroundings with Máiread Whelan, harpist and singer. Máiread will be playing in our elegant drawing room between 2 and 4pm. 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. Free admission. 29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower.

Ph: **01 7026163**

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**2 – 4pm**

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## NATIONAL PRINT MUSEUM

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Through three fun activities families will learn about a selection of printing presses, will be given the opportunity to experience traditional hand-setting and printing and will 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)

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**2.30 – 4.30pm**

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## NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND

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Heritage Week Special Exhibition Tour: *From the Archives*. Free.

**3pm**

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Public Talk: *Depictions of the West of Ireland*.

Lecture theatre. Free.

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**3pm**

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Film Screening: *Gerard Dillon: Painter and Decorator*.

Lecture theatre. Free.

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**4pm**

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**MERRION SQUARE**

*The Heart of Georgian Dublin*