

Minister Martin provides €500,000 additional support to the National Gallery of Ireland

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Minister Martin today announced additional support to the National Gallery of Ireland in the context of ensuring business stability and an ongoing service to the public and the National Collections against the ongoing impact of COVID-19.

The additional funding will ensure that the Gallery continues to provide a safe environment for visitors and staff alike and allow the internationally recognised collection to continue to be available for visitors over the holiday period.

Currently, visitors can also enjoy an exhibition dedicated to Piet Mondrian, one of the greatest pioneers of abstract art and a preeminent, hugely influential painter of the first half of the twentieth century. The Gallery has secured a unique opportunity to collaborate with the Kunstmuseum in The Hague which holds the largest collection of Mondrian work. This exhibition will display works from all periods of Mondrian's fascinating career. They will be complemented by paintings and decorative arts by De Stijl artists such as Theo van Doesburg and Bart van der Leek. Advanced booking is required.

Throughout 2020, the Gallery has continued to offer innovative and accessible programming via education resources and digital initiatives such as virtual tours. This support will also allow the Gallery to continue its important outreach in the coming weeks and months.

Minister Martin said,

"I am pleased to be able to offer further support to the National Gallery of Ireland, along with other National Cultural Institutions, in order to somewhat mitigate against the impact of COVID-19 on this particular sector, while ensuring, as best we can, the safety of staff and visitors."

Patricia Golden, Director of Corporate Services at the National Gallery of Ireland, commented,

"As we reach the end of a challenging year for the National Gallery of Ireland, we appreciate the support of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. This funding will ensure that our visitors will continue to be able to engage with the Gallery safely – whether in person, or from home via our online and education initiatives."

