



**The Friends**  
*of the*  
**National Collections**  
**of Ireland**

## Who are the Friends?

The Friends of the National Collections of Ireland is a charitable body founded in 1924 by the painter and activist Sarah Purser and a group of Irish philanthropists who were passionate about the need to support public collections throughout the island of Ireland. Through the Friends, works of artistic interest and historic importance are secured for public collections by means of purchase, contribution, gift or bequest.

## What have the Friends done?

In over 80 years, the Friends have presented nearly 800 works, dating from the 14th century to the present time, to public collections all over Ireland. These include important paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture, carvings, silver, textiles, stained glass, ceramics, books, manuscripts and furniture.

In its early days the Friends played a significant role in lobbying for the return of the Lane pictures to Dublin and supporting the establishment of a Gallery of Modern Art in Charlemont House when it moved from Clonmell House. By the 1960s the core of the Gallery's collection, now the Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane, was established and the Friends shifted its focus to the development of collections in regional centres throughout the island.

Currently, in addition to donating work to the public collections, the Friends run a significant programme

of cultural activities aimed at supporting new collections. Visits, led by experts, are organised to unique collections at home and abroad, including those not usually open to the public. The Friends also facilitate the appropriate distribution of bequests and donations.

The Friends can also facilitate the donation of works on behalf of named or anonymous donors or in honour of a named person. Assistance in the purchase of works at the request of the National Collections is also provided in certain instances.

## What can you do?

The FNCI is an entirely voluntary organisation funded solely by subscriptions, donations and bequests, all of which are spent on the purchasing of works for public collections. Joining the Friends offers you a unique opportunity to support the longest serving arts charity in Ireland.

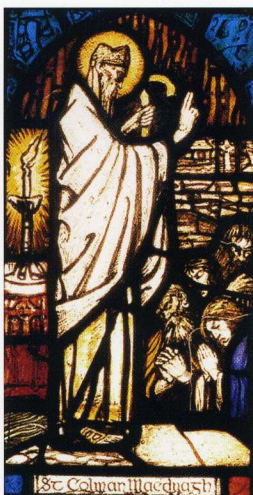
If you are already a Friend we invite you to encourage your relatives and friends in Ireland and abroad to become Friends of the National Collections. It is a wonderful way of demonstrating your commitment and appreciation of our national heritage by contributing to the growth of the collections in our museums and galleries throughout Ireland.

**Website:** [www.fn-ci.ie](http://www.fn-ci.ie)

PATRON  
PRESIDENT OF IRELAND  
MARY McALEESE

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ABOVE FROM TOP

### Scenes from the life of St. Colman MacDuagh

by Wilhelmina Geddes (1887-1955)

Donated to Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane

### The Sad Head, Kathleen Behan by Sarah Purser (1848-1943)

Donated to National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin

### Portrait of John O'Leary by John B. Yeats (1839-1922)

Donated to Tipperary County Museum, Clonmel

# Donees from The Friends of the National Collections of Ireland

	<i>Gifts*</i>		<i>Gifts*</i>
ABBEY THEATRE	1	ARCHBISHOP MARSH'S LIBRARY	2
AER RIANTA, SHANNON AIRPORT	1	MILLMOUNT MUSEUM, DROGHEDA	1
ARMAGH COUNTY MUSEUM	3	MONAGHAN COUNTY MUSEUM	9
ATHLONE COUNTY LIBRARY	1	MUCKROSS HOUSE	2
BOYLE CIVIC COLLECTION	1	NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND	90
BUTLER GALLERY, KILKENNY	16	NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND	8
CAVAN COUNTY MUSEUM	1	NATIONAL SELF-PORTRAIT COLLECTION UL	3
CENTRAL LIBRARY SERVICES, DUBLIN	3	NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND	32
CHESTER BEATTY LIBRARY	2	OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY	2
CLONFERT DIOCESAN MUSEUM	1	ROYAL HIBERNIAN ACADEMY	3
COBH U.D.C., CO. CORK	1	ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY	1
CORK PUBLIC MUSEUM	6	ROYAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF IRELAND	1
CRAWFORD MUNICIPAL ART GALLERY	53	THE MODEL ARTS AND NILAND GALLERY	28
DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM, DOWNPATRICK	1	ST. COLUMB'S, DONEGAL	1
DROGHEDA MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION	16	ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, MAYNOOTH	1
DUBLIN CIVIC MUSEUM	2	SYNGE MUSEUM, INIS MEÁIN	2
DUBLIN CIVIC OFFICES	1	TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN	3
DUBLIN CITY GALLERY THE HUGH LANE	157	TIPPERARY COUNTY MUSEUM, CLONMEL	5
DÚCHAS, GLENDALOUGH	1	TYRONE GUTHRIE CENTRE, ANNAGHMAKERRIG	1
DUN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL	18	ULSTER MUSEUM, BELFAST	36
ENNISCORTHY MUSEUM	2	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE GALWAY	2
FERMANAGH COUNTY MUSEUM, ENNISKILLEN	2	WATERFORD MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION	9
GALWAY MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION	3	WATERFORD MUSEUM OF TREASURES	2
GILBERT LIBRARY, DUBLIN	2	WEXFORD ARTS CENTRE	12
GLEBE HOUSE AND GALLERY, DONEGAL	2	WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL	1
HERALDIC MUSEUM	2		
IRISH ARCHITECTURAL ARCHIVE	13		
IRISH COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION	2		
IRISH JEWISH MUSEUM	1		
IRISH MUSEUM OF MODERN ART	7		
KERRY COUNTY LIBRARY	3		
KILKENNY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY	1		
KILLARNEY BRANCH LIBRARY	6		
KINSALE MUSEUM	2		
LIMERICK CITY GALLERY OF ART	13		
LIMERICK MUSEUM	1		
LISTOWEL BRANCH LIBRARY	2		
MALAHIDE CASTLE	7		
MANSION HOUSE, DUBLIN	1		



*\*Gift numbers exclude certain multiple or series of works and certain assisted donations.*

# Bank standing order

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TO (NAME OF YOUR BANK)

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Please pay on \_\_\_\_\_ and on every succeeding January 1st  
until further notice, to **THE FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL COLLECTIONS OF IRELAND**

ACCOUNT NUMBER 26072-036

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, P.L.C.,

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# How can you become a Friend?

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Simply complete this Friends Application Form and send it with the appropriate subscription to the Honorary Treasurer. The Friends' year is from 1st January to 31st December.

I wish to join as a Friend of the National Collections of Ireland and would like to pay my subscription by:

- Cheque payable to FNCI or
- Credit/Debit Card (Visa, Mastercard, Laser)

Card No.     /     /     /

Expiry:   /   / Security No.    (three digits on signature strip) or

- Bank Standing Order (see overleaf)

### Please tick as appropriate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate  | €600 |                                 |      |

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### Special donations

Donations of either cash or suitable art works are an ideal way of supporting the work of FNCI.

### Bequests

Leave a legacy of art to future generations by including FNCI as a beneficiary in your will.

### Tax relief

As FNCI is an eligible charity (No.5214), donations in excess of €250 in any one year qualify for tax relief.

### Please return completed form and payment or bank standing order to:

The Honorary Treasurer, FNCI, PO Box 11481, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

# Join us



## The Friends of the National Collections of Ireland

COVER IMAGE

**Figures** by Mainie Jellett (1897-1944)  
*Donated to Butler Gallery, Kilkenny*

FROM TOP CLOCKWISE

**An Indian Lady, perhaps Jemdanee** by Thomas Hickey (1741-1824)  
*Donated to National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin*

**Senate Casket** by Mía Cranwill (1880-1972)  
*Donated to Royal Irish Academy, Dublin*

**Chair (Empire Style)** French School  
*Donated to Crawford Municipal Art Gallery, Cork*

**Portrait of Sarah Purser** by Mary Swanzy (1882-1978)  
*Donated to Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane*

