



THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF MERRION SQUARE offers festive cultural events, and a selection of inspired gifts this year. From limited edition albums at the Irish Traditional Music Archive; olde world gifts at No. 29 Georgian House Museum; beautiful books and wonderful games and crafts for children (and grown ups!) at the National Gallery; animal curiosities at the National Museum of Ireland – Natural History; stunning picture books at the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland bookshop; stunning stationery and cards at The National Print Museum, Beggars Bush and luscious food and drink from the Merrion Hotel. The trail is sure to inspire your gift giving this year.

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THE MERRION SQUARE INNOVATION NETWORK ENABLED BY Fáilte Ireland
National Tourism Development Authority



December 2012

Unique gifts and cultural events on Merrion Square this festive season.



CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

There are a wealth of organisations in and around Merrion Square hosting a variety of seasonal events in the month of December. The listing below offers a selection of highlights. For further information for these, and other events, please contact the organisation directly or visit:

www.merrionsquare.ie

PLEASE NOTE: all details are correct at time of going to print, but do contact the individual organisations' websites to check before heading out. All events are free unless otherwise indicated.

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NATIONAL PRINT MUSEUM CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thurs 6 – Sun 9 December

The very popular Christmas Fair returns! The mezzanine level of the Museum will transform into a winter wonderland with market stalls selling all sorts of unique gift ideas. The Gutenberg Café will be open for the duration of the event and there will be lots of Christmas arts and crafts activities for all the family in the Education Area.

OPENS: Thurs 6th, 4 – 8pm, Fri 7th, Sat 8th & Sun 9th Dec, 11am – 4pm

NATIONAL PRINT MUSEUM
WWW.NATIONALPRINTMUSEUM.IE

DISCOUNT SHOPPING DAY

Thurs 13 December

For one day only, the National Gallery Shop will offer a 10% discount on all stock to shoppers. Friends of the National Gallery of Ireland will receive a 15% discount on presentation of their membership card.

OPENS: 9.30am–8pm

NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND
WWW.NATIONALGALLERY.IE

CHRISTMAS SALE NIGHT

Thurs 13 December

Bookshop Sale night with late opening until 8pm.

OPENS: Late night until 8pm

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS OF IRELAND – WWW.RIAI.IE

EXHIBITION OPENING

Thurs 13 December

Annual Members' Christmas Show.

OPENS: 8pm

UNITED ARTS CLUB
WWW.DUBLINARTS.COM

MY MUSEUM – DO NOT DISTURB

Sun 16 December

It's winter and animals are hibernating to avoid the cold weather. Join us on this trail, and whatever you do – DO NOT DISTURB THE ANIMALS.

OPEN: 3 – 4pm

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND – NATURAL HISTORY – WWW.MUSEUM.IE

BOOK LAUNCH

Tues 18 December

The Colony Room Club 1948–2008: A History of Bohemian Soho, by Sophie Parkin.

OPENS: 6.30pm

UNITED ARTS CLUB
WWW.DUBLINARTS.COM

CHRISTMAS FAMILY ART HOLIDAY

Thurs 27 – Sat 29 December

The annual Christmas Family Art Holiday will include artist-led workshops with Don Conroy, Clare Henderson and Louise Neiland, as well as gallery tours and recitals by 'Musical Trio'. No booking required. Admission is free.

OPENS: 3 – 4.30pm

NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND
WWW.NATIONALGALLERY.IE

FAMILY TOUR

Sat 29 December

Find out how animals in Polar Regions survive the cold, like the Arctic Fox who can survive temperatures of down to -50°C! No booking required.

OPENS: 3 – 4pm

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND – NATURAL HISTORY – WWW.MUSEUM.IE

EXHIBITIONS AND ONGOING EVENTS THROUGHOUT DECEMBER

WINTER ACTIVITY SHEET – DO NOT DISTURB!

December

Drop in over the holidays and try our Winter Activity Trail. Copies of this activity sheet trail are available at the stand in the Irish Room. Don't forget your pencils!

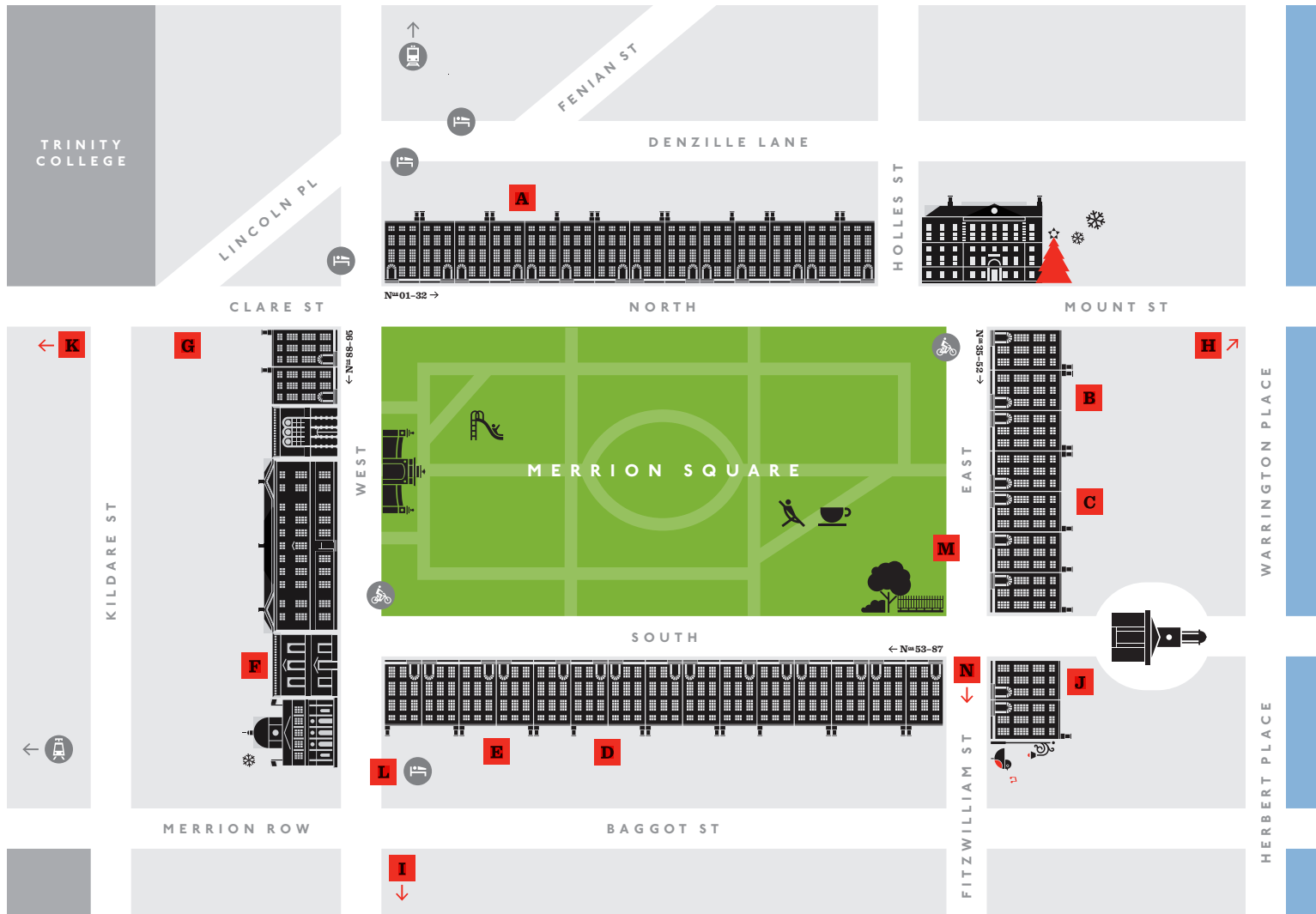
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND – NATURAL HISTORY – WWW.MUSEUM.IE

NGI DECEMBER TALKS & TOURS

Tuesdays and Sundays

A series of free talks on Dutch landscapes will take place on Tuesdays and Sundays in December (admission free). There will also be tours and art film screenings, see website for full details.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND
WWW.NATIONALGALLERY.IE



EXHIBITIONS

Art Surpassing Nature: Dutch Landscapes in the Age of Rembrandt and Ruisdael.

Until 20 January.

Imagining the Divine: The Holy Family in Art.

Until 1 April.

G NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND
WWW.NATIONALGALLERY.IE

Francis Boag, Paintings.

Until 5 December

Christmas show.

6 December until 24 January

K THE DOORWAY GALLERY
WWW.THEDOORWAYGALLERY.COM

Seán Keating and the ESB, Enlightenment and Legacy

Michael Warren, Predella

Eithne Jordan, Street

John Beattie, An Artist, The Studio, and all the rest...

Until the 21st of December

I ROYAL HIBERNIAN ACADEMY
WWW.RHA.IE

THE MERRION HOTEL'S FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA

1- 31 December

Recover after Christmas Shopping; give the family a pre-Christmas treat; or simply get in the mood for the holidays. Whatever the reason, Afternoon Tea in the beautiful Georgian Drawing Rooms, will be an occasion to remember and savour. Delicate finger sandwiches, gingerbread, Viennese bridge rolls, meringues, mince pies, gateaux – just some of the home-made delights on offer from 1st to 31st December.

L THE MERRION HOTEL
WWW.MERRIONHOTEL.COM

CHRISTMAS FLAIR AT NO. 37 MERRION SQUARE

Sat 1 – Wed 19 December

Literature, music, film and typical culinary delights will provide a flavour of German Christmas in the Goethe-Institut Reading Room.

OPENS: Tues – Thurs, 1pm – 7pm;
Fri & Sat, 10am – 1.30pm

B THE GOETHE-INSTITUT IRLAND
WWW.GOETHE.DE/IRLAND

MERRION SQUARE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRAIL & EVENT MAP

Uncover unusual gifts, surprising seasonal treats and cultural events to inspire your Christmas in the Heart of Georgian Dublin.

A NO. 8: THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF THE ARCHITECTS OF IRELAND (RIAI) BOOKSHOP, MERRION SQUARE – WWW.RIAI.IE

B NO. 37: THE GOETHE-INSTITUT IRLAND, MERRION SQUARE
WWW.GOETHE.DE/IRLAND

C NO. 45: THE IRISH ARCHITECTURAL ARCHIVE, LOCATION OF THE MERRION SQUARE POP-UP SHOP ON DEC 1ST – WWW.IARC.IE

D NO. 74: THE GEORGIAN SOCIETY GIFT SHOP, MERRION SQUARE
WWW.IGS.IE

E NO. 82: MERRION SQUARE INTERIORS, SCENTED CANDLES
WWW.MERRIONSQUAREINTERIORS.COM

F NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND – NATURAL HISTORY, GIFT SHOP
WWW.MUSEUM.IE

G NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND, GIFT SHOP
WWW.NATIONALGALLERY.IE

H NATIONAL PRINT MUSEUM, BEGGARS BUSH, GIFT SHOP
WWW.NATIONALPRINTMUSEUM.IE

I IRISH DESIGN SHOP AT THE RHA GALLERY, 15 ELY PLACE
IRISHDESIGNSHOP.COM / WWW.RHA.IE

J THE GEORGIAN HOUSE MUSEUM, NO. 29 FITZWILLIAM STREET LOWER
WWW.ESB.IE/NO29/

K THE DOORWAY GALLERY, 24 SOUTH FREDERICK STREET
WWW.THEDOORWAYGALLERY.COM

L THE MERRION PANTRY, THE MERRION HOTEL, MERRION STREET
WWW.MERRIONHOTEL.COM

M ART ON THE SQUARE, MERRION PARK RAILINGS (EVERY SUNDAY)
WWW.MERRIONART.COM

N UNITED ARTS CLUB, 3 UPPER FITZWILLIAM STREET
WWW.DUBLINARTS.COM