

# Joy To The World!



## An exhibition celebrating festive traditions around the globe

This intimate exhibition comprises beautifully hand crafted Nativity scenes made from a variety of materials including; wood, precious metals, felt and even bread dough, alongside other seasonal artifacts.

Established in 2007 by Kildare County Council, the collection includes items donated from consulates and embassies in Ireland and abroad as well as specifically sourced pieces.

**Joy to the World!** is truly global with artefacts from more than **30 countries** and from all continents (except Antarctica)!

**Joy to the World!** will enchant both children and adults. Free guided tours for schools, groups and the wider public provide an insight into the tales and traditions behind this collection, such as:

- Why does Santa fill stockings in some countries and shoes in another?
- How did spiders save Christmas?
- Why is it tradition to find an orange in the toe of a Christmas stocking?

In this, the Year of Craft, **Joy to the World!** celebrates craftsmanship. The artefacts are beautifully made and demonstrate a wide variety of craft skills, from precious metal work to wood turning.

*The genesis of this project was a celebration of the diversity of communities in Kildare. It is very special to have such an exhibition, not limited to a Christian tradition but instead, illustrating the connection between worldwide celebrations and festivals of light at this time of year. There is something inspiring that throughout history and across continents we celebrate light at the darkest point of the calendar.*

Susan Boyle, Curator

This year, **Joy to the World!** takes place in the historic setting of Kildare town Courthouse.

The exhibition is open to the public from **December 10<sup>th</sup> 2011** to **January 6<sup>th</sup> 2012**. **Opening times below**

A story telling session with Julie Duane takes place on Sat. December 17<sup>th</sup> 1.00- 3.00 pm

**Admission is free of charge.**

To arrange **group visits**, **guided tours** or further information, please contact Susan on **086-3712572** or **susanboyle@gmail.com**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Preview evening from 6-8pm	8 <sup>th</sup> By arrangement and for tours and groups	9 <sup>th</sup> By arrangement and for tours and groups	10 <sup>th</sup> Opening day 1-6pm
11 <sup>th</sup> 11 am -6pm	12 <sup>th</sup> 11 am -6pm And other times by arrangement for tours and groups	13 <sup>th</sup> 11 am -6pm And other times by arrangement for tours and groups	14 <sup>th</sup> 11 am -6pm And other times by arrangement for tours and groups	15 <sup>th</sup> 11 am -6pm And other times by arrangement for tours and groups	16 <sup>th</sup> 11 am -6pm And other times by arrangement for tours and groups	17 <sup>th</sup> 11-6pm Story telling with Julie Duane 1-3pm
18 <sup>th</sup> 11 am -6pm	19 <sup>th</sup> By arrangement and for tours and groups	20 <sup>th</sup> By arrangement and for tours and groups	21 <sup>st</sup> By arrangement and for tours and groups	22 <sup>nd</sup> 11 am -6pm	23 <sup>rd</sup> 11 am -6pm	24 <sup>th</sup> 11am -3pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Closed	26 <sup>th</sup> Closed	27 <sup>th</sup> 11 am -6pm	28 <sup>th</sup> 11 am -6pm	29 <sup>th</sup> 11 am -6pm	30 <sup>th</sup> 11 am -6pm	31 <sup>st</sup> Closed
January 1 <sup>st</sup> Closed	2 <sup>nd</sup> 11 am -6pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> 11 am -6pm	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 am -6pm	5 <sup>th</sup> 11 am -6pm	6 <sup>th</sup> 11 am -6pm	

