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## **THE RITZ-CARLTON, POWERSCOURT PARTNERS WITH ART IMPRESSIONS, OFFERING A CREATIVELY INSPIRING REASON TO VISIT THE HOTEL**

### **Relax and uncover your inner artist by taking part in the *Complete Art Experience Day***

ENNISKERRY, COUNTY WICKLOW, IRELAND – 13th June 2012 – Yearning for the ability to decipher any painting in an art gallery at home or abroad? Develop skills which will bring paintings to life and all in one day, in wonderful surroundings! The Ritz-Carlton, Powerscourt has partnered with Art Impressions, run by Cathy Roche, offering attendees a visit to the hotel with a creative twist. Guests have the opportunity to unlock their creative sides (even for those who think they lack a creative bone in their body!) and surprise themselves as they partake in a half day tour of the Dublin City gallery The Hugh Lane viewing the galleries stunning masterpiece collection. There is also an unique opportunity to view Francis Bacon's entire Studio at the gallery before returning to the hotel for lunch and a painting session with artist Karen Ebbs. The next Art Impression Tour Date will take place on Saturday 21st July 2012, a full day is priced at €140 per person, small groups are guaranteed and booking in advance is essential.

Cathy is a freelance guide who set up Art Impressions, specialising in art tours in her native city of Dublin. Cathy is both educated in and passionate about art and enjoys making art accessible to those she works with. Forget feeling inadequate or uneasy whilst in the galleries of Dublin, as Cathy has a wonderfully informal approach to explaining famous works of art. Following the tour, guests return to a delicious lunch at The Ritz-Carlton, Powerscourt, taking in the breathtaking scenery, offering food for thought for their afternoon painting class.

The afternoon will be spent with Karen Ebbs who is not only a very successful artist but is also an excellent tutor who believes painting should be fun. Karen's relaxed approach will release inner creativity and introduce attendees to the enjoyment of using colour on canvas. Guests are encouraged to relax, enjoy and learn whilst trying different brushes or a palette knife to create their own painting to take home. Discover your inner artist and also get to relax, push your boundaries, meet new people and try something new which can be shared or even shown off to family and friends.

For more information and reservations about the Complete Art Experience Day, please call +353 1 274 8888 or visit [www.ritzcarlton.com/powerscourt](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/powerscourt). For more expert advice please see - [www.artimpressions.ie](http://www.artimpressions.ie), email Cathy Roche on [cathy@artimpressions.ie](mailto:cathy@artimpressions.ie) or call 083 375 6668. Excellent overnight rates are available for participants.

### **About The Ritz-Carlton Powerscourt, County Wicklow**

A 200-room resort showcasing Palladian style architecture, The Ritz-Carlton, Powerscourt offers many attractions including two championship-calibre golf courses on the grounds, a 30,000 square foot (2,788 square meter) ESPA spa, a Gordon Ramsay signature restaurant, a traditional Irish pub and the most spacious guestrooms in the country with panoramic views over the estate. With 2,500 square feet (232 square meters) the Presidential Suite includes two bedrooms, a private dining room, secluded rooftop garden and a plunge pool. The destination resort offers the ideal venue for corporate events and special occasions, featuring 10,168 square feet (945 square meters) of dedicated meeting and conference space and a unique private outdoor Secret Garden. For more

information please visit [www.ritzcarlton.com/powerscourt](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/powerscourt) , call the hotel at +353 (1) 274 8888 or email: [powerscourtreservations@ritzcarlton.com](mailto:powerscourtreservations@ritzcarlton.com)