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Bloody Sunday March Committee 2014

Launch of Mural by Acclaimed Artist Robert Ballagh

Where: Glenfada Park, Bogside, Derry

When: Wednesday 22nd January 2014 at 1.30 pm

On Wednesday 22nd January 2014 the Bloody Sunday March Committee will launch a new mural based on artist Robert Ballagh's *'The Third of May - After Goya'* as part of this year's Bloody Sunday March events. It will be launched at 1.30 pm in Glenfada Park in the Bogside.

A spokesperson for the March Committee said: *"We were delighted when Robert Ballagh agreed to give permission to the Committee to adapt his 1970 artwork for this year's events surrounding the on-going campaign for justice."*

Robert Ballagh will himself launch the new mural which has been produced by local artists and volunteers. Also speaking at the launch will be Eamonn McCann of the Bloody Sunday March Committee.

Placing the work in its context the spokesperson said *"The artwork by Robert on which the new mural will be based was making direct reference to Francisco Goya's anti-war painting 'The Third of May 1808 in Madrid' (El tres de mayo de 1808 en Madrid). Goya sought to commemorate the bloody massacre in Madrid by French forces in 1808 during Spanish resistance to Napoleon's armies during the Peninsular War. Using Goya's work for inspiration Robert created his artwork as a response to the redeployment of British Troops on to the streets of Derry and Belfast in August 1969."*

The spokesperson went on to say *"The committee would like to thank the local residents who agreed to the mural being displayed as part of this year's events. We would encourage as many people as possible to come to the launch or to visit Glenfada Park to view the artwork over the next two weeks."*

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