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What's New in London | December 2017

As 2017 comes to a close, London continues to host a variety of events and activities for visitors. Read on for our highlights...

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Exhibitions

Winter Arts Fair

Half Moon Young People's Theatre, 2 December 2017

The Winter Arts Fair is a part of the *Pictures at Play* exhibition, and is an arts and crafts fair that will feature local artists and children's book illustrators, as well as free events in the theatre with some of the illustrators on show. Half Moon's patron, actress Linda Marlowe, will also be reading from some of the featured books. For more information, contact stephen@halfmoon.org.uk

Henry Miller Fine Art: The Male Form

Coningsby Gallery, 4 – 16 December 2017

Henry Miller Fine Art presents an exhibition of rare works focusing on the male form. These works include paintings, drawings, prints and photographs from the last five centuries. The exhibition features works by Keith Vaughan, Richard Hamilton, John Minton, Michael Leonard, Ronald Bowen, Erich Heckel, Pavel Tchelitchew and Noel Coward. For more information, contact info@coningsbygallery.com

Charles II: Art and Power

The Queen's Gallery, 8 December 2017 – 13 May 2018

Retrace the fascinating story of Charles II and his attempts to regain legitimacy by reclaiming his father's art collection. The exhibition displays prime pieces from Charles II's collection, such as *Orazio Gentileschi's A Sibyl*, and drawings from Leonardo da Vinci, acquired to reinforce the Merrie Monarch's right to the throne. For more information, contact press@royalcollection.org.uk

Winnie-the-Pooh: Exploring A Classic

V&A Museum, 9 December 2017 – 8 April 2018

This exhibition will reveal the story behind the creative partnership of A.A. Milne and E.H. Shepard and the factors contributing to the phenomenal success of Winnie-the-Pooh. Designed for both children and adults, visitors will be led on a multi-sensory journey to rediscover these classic books such as discovering language as a child, and inspiring creativity with drawing. For more information, contact press.office@vam.ac.uk

From Life

Royal Academy of the Arts, 11 December 2017 – 11 March 2018

In December, the Royal Academy of Arts will present *From Life*, a special exhibition project that will examine what making art from life has meant to artists throughout history and how the practice is evolving as technology opens up new ways of creating and visualising artwork. For more information, contact press.office@vam.ac.uk

Events & Activities

Greenwich Wintertime Festival

Royal Naval College, 1 – 31 December 2017

Set in the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site, with the iconic Cutty Sark and river Thames as a backdrop, the festival mixes Christmas traditions with modern additions for an alternative Christmas day out in London. The festival features attractions such as an ice rink, Christmas markets and an art display. For more information, contact mel@impressivepr.com

The Design Museum Market

Design Museum, 1 – 3 December 2017

The Design Museum Market presents a beautiful selection of jewellery, ceramics, glassware, textiles, homewares, graphic design, digital and children's products. Returning for the second year, the market offers visitors the opportunity to meet new designers, find out more about their work, and view, buy or commission items. For more information, contact Jordan.Lewis@designmuseum.org

The new Design Museum BSL and touch tours

Design Museum, from 3 December 2017

From December the Design Museum will be providing a British Sign Language tour for deaf and hard of hearing visitors, as well as a multi-sensory tour for blind and partially sighted visitors. Attendees will gain an insight into the history of this landmark modernist structure. The tours last between 1 and 1.5 hours. For more information, contact Jordan.Lewis@designmuseum.org

Tiu de Haan - Bring in the Light

Morning Gloryville, Shoreditch, 5 December 2017

As part of the Morning Rituals series at Morning Gloryville, Tiu de Haan will be leading a workshop on spirituality and mediation. Tiu is passionately devoted to the creation of experiences that connect us to ourselves, to each other, and to our own creativity. Her gift is reminding people how to shift their perspective so they can connect with the wonder that wakes up the heart. For more information, contact sarah@kapranos-pr.com

Christmas Carols at Trafalgar Square

Trafalgar Square, 11 – 22 December 2017

In the build-up to Christmas, 40 carol groups each sing for an hour beneath the world-famous Trafalgar Square Christmas tree (an annual gift from Norway since 1947). These free Christmas carol concerts in Trafalgar Square raise funds for voluntary and charitable organisations. For more information, contact press@londonandpartners.com

Menorah on Trafalgar Square

Trafalgar Square, 12 – 20 December 2017

Chanukah, sometimes known as Hanukkah or the festival of lights, is a Jewish celebration that dates back almost 2,500 years. One of the lights of the nine-branched Trafalgar Square menorah will be lit each day during the festival. For more information, contact press@londonandpartners.com

Enchanted Eltham Palace

Eltham Palace & Gardens, Greenwich, 15 – 23 December 2017

The former royal palace turned Art Deco mansion will be bathed in dramatic illuminations which will bring its rich medieval history to life through light. This festive installation will celebrate the vibrancy of the medieval period through light trails and projections, showcasing the property's history to visitors. For more information, contact Abbie.Connell-Smith@english-heritage.org.uk

Get into Design workshops for families

Design Museum, 18 December 2017 – 27 February 2018

For children between the ages of 7 – 11 years, this activity is led by design studio Bare Conductive. Get into Design offers an opportunity for enthusiastic young designers to develop skills and confidence in design, to meet like-minded people and to explore new ideas. For more information, contact

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Get into Design workshops for young people

Design Museum, 18 December – 27 February 2018

For young adults between the ages of 12 – 16 years, this three hour workshop includes a short exhibition tour followed by an introduction to the technology behind Bare Conductive and a creative making project. For more information, contact Jordan.Lewis@designmuseum.org

London Kirtan

Morning Gloryville, Shoreditch, 19 December 2017

Featuring in the Morning Rituals series at Morning Gloryville, Kirtan is the combination of mantra and music

featuring in the morning rituals series at Morning Gloryville, ritual is the combination of mantra and music. Singing the mantra along with musical instruments is a way for participants to focus and absorb themselves in the sound. For more information, contact sarah@kapranos-pr.com

The Peter Pan Cup

Hyde Park, 25 December 2017

Watch brave outdoor swimmers compete in the icy waters of the Serpentine Lake in Hyde Park at the annual Christmas Day race. The race on 25 December starts at 9am and takes place on the south bank of the lake, close to the Serpentine Cafe. For more information, contact press@royalparks.gsi.gov.uk

London New Year's Eve Fireworks

Southbank, 31 December 2017 – 1 January 2018

This year's stunning spectacle will once again be focused around the Coca-Cola London Eye on the River Thames. More than 3,000 people, from pyrotechnicians to stewards, work together to ensure that the capital's celebrations run smoothly and are the most dazzling on the planet. You must purchase a ticket for admission. Members of the media can apply for accreditation from the Mayor's office by completing [this form](#). For more information, contact communitydesk@london.gov.uk

Entertainment

The Nutcracker

Royal Opera House, 5 December 2017 – 10 January 2018

Peter Wright's high-on definitive production for The Royal Ballet ranks as one of the most enduring and enchanting versions of *The Nutcracker*. With its festive period setting, dancing snowflakes and enchanting stage magic, Lev Ivanov's 1892 ballet has become the perfect Christmas entertainment, with Tchaikovsky's music the most recognizable of all ballet scores. For more information, contact ashley.woodfield@roh.org.uk

La Bohème

The King's Head Theatre, 6 December 2017 – 6 January 2018

Adam Spreadbury-Maher and Becca Marriott's reinterpretation of Puccini's classic *La Bohème* is set in present-day East London and delves into the lives and loves of Mimi, Musetta, Ralph and Mark. The production lays bare the damaging effects of co-dependent relationships against a backdrop of spiralling rents and social media. For more information, contact info@amandamalpass.com

Scarlet & Gold

Cadogan Hall, 6 – 7 December 2017

The Bands of the Household Division will be performing their winter concert in December. Featuring musicians from the five regiments of Foot Guards alongside musicians of the Household Cavalry Band and the Countess of Wessex's String Orchestra, the concert showcases an exciting eclectic mix of music and visually stunning performances. For more information, contact karenlim@householddivision.org.uk

Robert Plant & The Sensational Space Shifters

Royal Albert Hall, 8 December 2017

Rock legend Robert Plant is returning to the Royal Albert Hall this Christmas to play his first solo show here in four years. Plant will be performing greatest hits and music from his forthcoming album 'Carry Fire' with his band The Sensational Space Shifters. Special guest Seth Lakeman, who features on three of the album's tracks, will join the electrifying former Led Zeppelin vocalist, playing viola and fiddle. For more information, contact rickb@royalalberthall.com

Christmas Festival at the Royal Albert Hall

Royal Albert Hall, 13 – 24 December 2017

Hosting a series of traditional and joyful concerts and seasonal performances, the festival gets the Christmas party in full swing in the beautiful surroundings of the historic hall. Featuring performances from Katherine Jenkins, the Choir of King's College of Cambridge and the Mozart Festival Chorus and Orchestra. For more information, contact rickb@royalalberthall.com

Peter Pan – An Arena Spectacular

The SSE Arena, Wembley, 29 – 30 December 2017

For the first time ever, The World's Biggest Pantomime Ltd will play in London, presenting *Peter Pan – An Arena Spectacular*. Starring Bradley Walsh as Mr Smee, Martin Kemp as Captain Hook, and Matt Knight as Peter Pan, J.M. Barrie's original story and characters will be brought to life by a cast of over 100 performers, including a team of BMX riders, stuntmen and trapeze artists. For more information, contact info@amandamalpass.com

Restaurants and Nightlife

Harry's Dolci

Knightsbridge, Opens 6 December 2017

Harry's Dolci, an Italian all-day dining restaurant will open on Basil Street in Knightsbridge. Exuding stylish décor, seasonal Italian plates, and all the elegance and glamour of 1950's Italy, Harry's Dolci is a nod to the namesake Harry's Bar in Mayfair, and the iconic Venice original. The menu will feature a choice of antipasti, signature Italian mains and a range of desserts. For more information, contact Ria@gerbercomms.com

Bone Daddies Victoria

Victoria, Opens December 2017

The newest addition to the Bone Daddies chain based across London, featuring a menu of high-energy ramen dishes. Signature meals will include spicy miso with Padrón peppers, snacks of soft-shell crab in high-octane chili and ginger sauce and more. The restaurant will also offer a cocktail list influenced by Asian

high-volume chili and ginger sauce and more. The restaurant will also offer a cocktail list influenced by Asian drinks such as yuzu and shochu. For more information, contact paul@gerbercomms.com

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