

EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS



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WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

14 Sep 2024 to 16 Mar 2025  
BRIGHTON MUSEUM  
Free with Brighton Museum admission, members free  
See over 100 extraordinary photographs from around the world showcased in the 59th edition of this prestigious exhibition from the Natural History Museum, London.

AUTUMN AT THE BOOTH MUSEUM

21 Sep to 18 Dec 2024  
BOOTH MUSEUM  
Free admission  
Find out what some animals do to slow down and prepare for winter in this autumnal display.

THE MECHANICAL CIRCUS

21 Sep 2024 to 23 Feb 2025  
HOVE MUSEUM  
Free admission  
Hove Museum of Creativity proudly presents ten circus-themed automata. The push of a button brings the performers to life in a fusion of whimsical art and robotic engineering.



When in Rome  
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Photographer Andrew Gardner, The Argus



CHRISTMAS MICE AT BRIGHTON MUSEUM

19 Nov 2024 to 2 Jan 2025  
BRIGHTON MUSEUM  
Free with Brighton Museum admission, members free  
The mischievous Christmas mice are back and are hiding in Brighton Museum. How many can you spot?

CHRISTMAS MICE AT HOVE MUSEUM

21 Nov 2024 to 2 Jan 2025  
HOVE MUSEUM  
Free admission  
Upstairs in Hove Museum the Christmas mice have come out to play! How many can you find?

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

21 Nov 2024 to Spring 2025  
HOVE MUSEUM  
Free admission  
Inspired by Jonathan Wright's Constellation sculpture, the display's theme is 'Sparkle & Shine'.



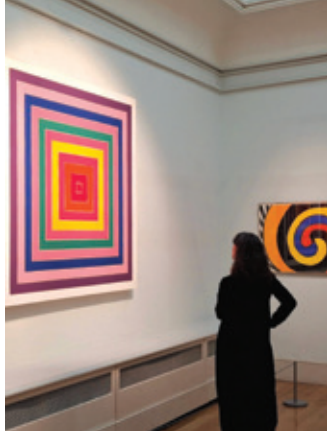
WINTER AT THE BOOTH MUSEUM

21 Dec 2024 to 19 Mar 2025  
BOOTH MUSEUM  
Free admission  
Join us as we take a look at folklore of the animal world in this seasonal display.

SEE THE SEA

Continues to Spring 2025  
FINE ART GALLERY, BRIGHTON MUSEUM  
Free with Brighton Museum admission, members free  
This family-friendly display of paintings includes dramatic seascapes and beachside scenes.

EVENTS



SECRETS AND STORIES  
A series of short gallery talks and pop-ups presented by members of our collections team:

CURATING CHINESE DEITIES

Thursday 26 September  
OUTSIDE MUSEUM LAB, BRIGHTON MUSEUM  
11.30am Free with Brighton Museum admission, members free

FROM COLOUR WHEELS TO RED SCRAMBLES:  
ABSTRACT PAINTINGS IN BRIGHTON MUSEUM

Thu 24 Oct  
FINE ART GALLERY, BRIGHTON MUSEUM  
11.30am Free with Brighton Museum admission, members free

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?  
GALLERY TALK

Thu 21 Nov  
HOVE MUSEUM  
11.30am Free

A KIND OF MAGIC

Thu 12 Dec  
HOVE MUSEUM  
11.30am Free



SHADOWS OF EMPIRE:  
A TASTE OF TEA AT PRESTON MANOR

Sun 15 Sep & 13 Oct  
PRESTON MANOR  
2-4.30pm £28. Age 12+  
Experience an introduction to the dark history of tea combined with a bespoke tea tasting with Tea Sommelier, Kim Jack-Riley.

LGBTIQ+ HISTORY CLUB  
@ BRIGHTON MUSEUM

Sun 22 Sep, 27 Oct & 24 Nov  
THE OLD COURTROOM  
2-4pm book in advance  
queerheritagesouth.co.uk  
An afternoon of talks on all things to do with local(ish) queer heritage accompanied by tea, cake and friendly conversation.

OPIUM DREAMS:  
HALLUCINATION & MEDICATION IN THE VICTORIAN HOUSE

Fri 27 Sep  
PRESTON MANOR  
7-9pm £20, members £15  
Age 18+

SHADOWS OF EMPIRE:  
TAKING TEA AT PRESTON MANOR

Sat & Sun to 27 Oct  
PRESTON MANOR  
12 & 2pm. Approx 2 hours  
£20, members £15. Age 12+  
Discover the shocking history of tea in this interactive experience.



THE JOHN DINKEL MEMORIAL LECTURE:  
PAGODAS, PRINCES AND PRETENDERS

Sat 19 Oct  
WILLIAM IV ROOM, ROYAL PAVILION  
11am-12pm £15, members £12  
Dr Patrick Conner, former Keeper of Fine Art at Brighton Museum, talks about the history and meaning of Chinese pagodas and the enthusiasm for them among Europeans.

AN EVENING AT THE BOOTH MUSEUM:  
HALLOWEEN EDITION

Fri 25 Oct  
BOOTH MUSEUM  
6.30-8.30pm  
£25, members £22. Age 14+  
A special evening with behind-the-scenes taster tours, Booth favourite taxidermist Jazmine Miles-Long and some spooktacular surprises in store.

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FLIGHT OF THE LANGOUSTINE: A FILM BY SCULPTOR PIERRE DIAMANTOPOULU WITH Q&A

Thu 21 Nov  
HOVE MUSEUM  
2-3.30pm Free, pre-booking required.  
Brighton based sculptor Pierre Diamantopoulou tells the story of how he created the Hove plinth sculpture.

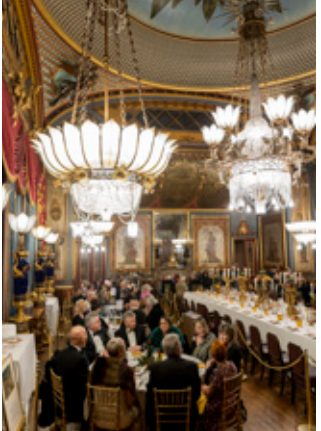
CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING MASTERCLASS

Sun 24 Nov  
ROYAL PAVILION  
11am-12.30pm,  
£20, members £15  
Ages 14+

Top tips and secrets to help you create a spectacular Christmas tree at home.



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MINCE SPY MYSTERY

Various dates between  
Sun 30 Nov to Tue 31 Dec  
PRESTON MANOR  
£29 per person, for groups of 4 to 30. Book directly at pierpressure.co.uk  
A brain-teasing, light-hearted Whodunnit with completely new escape-room-style puzzles from Pier Pressure and (un)real elves!

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Wed 11 Dec  
ROYAL PAVILION  
Doors 7pm, Concert 7.30pm  
£37.50, members £32.50 (includes an interval drink)  
Ages 14+

A special evening of Christmas carols performed by two talented Sussex based choirs.

CHRISTMAS BANQUETS

Thu 12, Fri 13 & Sat 14 Dec  
ROYAL PAVILION  
Doors from 6.30pm  
£190, members £170  
Over 18s only  
A drinks and canapé reception in the Great Kitchen, a musical interlude in the Music Room, and three course dinner in the Banqueting Room.

TOURS



GUIDED TOURS

With eleven different tours across our sites there's a treat in store for everyone! For the full list of all our tours and to book, visit [brightonmuseums.org.uk/guided-tours/](https://brightonmuseums.org.uk/guided-tours/)

BASEMENT & TUNNEL TOURS

Tue 3 & 17 Sep, 1, 15 & 29 Oct, 5 & 19 Nov, 3 & 17 Dec & every Sat from 7 Sep to 14 Dec  
ROYAL PAVILION  
10.30-11.30am  
£30, members £15 (includes entry to the Royal Pavilion at end of tour)  
Discover more about life below stairs for Royal Pavilion servants and see the vaulted basement used as an air raid shelter during WWII.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS TOUR – GROUND FLOOR

Wed 11 Sep, 9 Oct, 13 Nov & 11 Dec  
ROYAL PAVILION  
5.30-6.30pm  
£20, members £15  
Go behind the scenes of the ground floor.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS TOUR – UPPER CHAMBERS

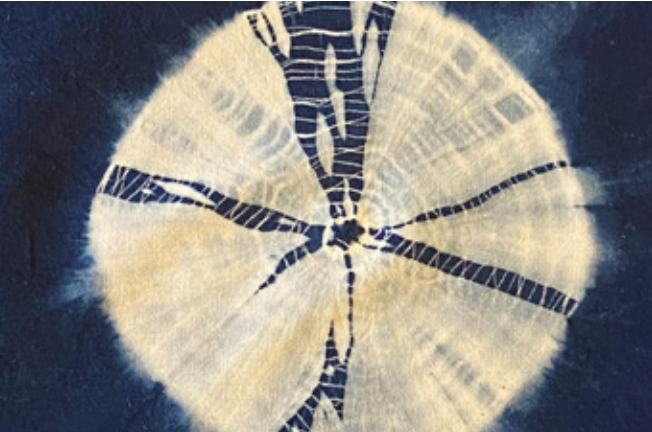
Wed 25 Sep, 23 Oct & 27 Nov  
ROYAL PAVILION  
5.30-6.30pm £20, members £15  
Go behind the scenes of the first floor.

A KING'S ESTATE:  
HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

Sat 12 Oct & 9 Nov  
ROYAL PAVILION ESTATE  
10.30am £10, members £8  
An exploration of life before the Royal Pavilion on this tour of the Royal Pavilion estate.



WORKSHOPS



**EXPLORING THE SHIBORI CIRCLE WITH INDIGO DYEING**  
Sat 12 Oct  
BRIGHTON MUSEUM  
10.15am–4.45pm £100, members £95. Age 16+  
Learn a variety of stitched Shibori patterns with artist Rob Jones.

**BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION: A SUSSEX HARVEST**  
Sat 2 Nov  
ADELAIDE ROOM, ROYAL PAVILION  
10am–4pm £100, members £95. Age 16+  
A one-day botanical illustration workshop with botanical artist Leigh Ann Gale.

**DECOUPAGE CHRISTMAS BAUBLES**  
Sat 23 Nov  
WILLIAM IV ROOM, ROYAL PAVILION  
1.30–4.30pm £50, members £45  
Age 16+  
Design and create your own unique and beautiful Christmas baubles.



Cobnuts © Leigh Ann Gale

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE



**CREATIVE KIDS CLUB**  
Sun 8 & 22 Sep, 6 & 20 Oct, 3 & 17 Nov, 1 & 15 Dec  
HOVE MUSEUM  
10–11am & 11.30am–12pm, book in advance at mycrafttribe.com. Ages 5–14  
Art is for everyone so join in the fun at the Creative Kids Club.

**PUMPKIN PICKING PATCH**  
Fri 18 to Thu 31 Oct  
PRESTON MANOR  
10am–7pm £5 per person  
Age 2 and under Free  
Book directly at pickingpatch.com/brighton  
Enjoy a spooky mystery trail throughout the pumpkin patch, plus craft workshops, pumpkin carving, marshmallow toasting, face painting and seasonal treats available at our pop-up café.

**VICTORIAN COOKERY CLUB**  
Tue 29 Oct  
PRESTON MANOR  
10am–12pm £20, members £16, £30 for 2 siblings, members £24. Ages 8–13  
Learn the secrets of a Victorian Kitchen and take part in a hands-on cookery workshop creating genuine Victorian recipes.



**HAUNTED HAPPENINGS: A GHOST TOUR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**  
Tue 29 Oct  
PRESTON MANOR  
3–4pm £10, members £8  
Ages 13–16  
Do you dare explore one of Britain's most haunted houses?

**BOOTH ART CLUB**  
Wed 30 Oct  
BOOTH MUSEUM  
12.30–2pm & 3–4.30pm  
£6, members £5  
Ages 5–13  
Draw some strange and creepy creatures from the Booth Museum Collection and create your own spooktacular monsters in this Halloween special!

**HOVE ART CLUB**  
Thu 31 Oct  
HOVE MUSEUM  
10.30am–12pm & 2–3.30pm  
£6, members £5.  
Ages 5–13  
Design your own terrifying ghosts, zombies or vampires!



**SPOOKY STORIES AT BRIGHTON MUSEUM**  
Fri 1 Nov  
BRIGHTON MUSEUM  
10.30–11am & 1–1.30pm for Ages 5 and under. 11.30am–12pm & 1.30–2pm for Age 5+  
Free with Brighton Museum admission, members free  
Fun Halloween stories with a spooky twist.

**FATHER CHRISTMAS AT THE ROYAL PAVILION**  
Various dates from Sat 30 Nov to Tue 24 Dec  
THE ADELAIDE ROOMS, ROYAL PAVILION  
From 10am time slots vary  
Prices start from £19 for one child, £15 for members (slots before 4.30pm include admission to the Royal Pavilion)  
Meet Father Christmas in his magical Grotto. Includes games, photo opportunities and festive drinks and snacks for all the family.

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- Up to four children (18 and under) go free
- A free welcome tour of the Royal Pavilion
- Priority booking and members' prices for events, talks and activities
- Special discounts in our shops and cafes
- Regular updates directly to your inbox

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VENUES

**Brighton Museum & Art Gallery**  
Royal Pavilion Garden, Brighton BN1 1FN

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Brighton BN1 1FN

**Preston Manor & Gardens**  
Preston Drove, Brighton BN1 6SD

**Hove Museum of Creativity**  
19 New Church Road, Hove BN3 4AB

**Booth Museum of Natural History**  
194 Dyke Road, Brighton BN1 5AA

**The Old Courtroom**  
118 Church Street (side entrance)  
Brighton BN1 1UD (open for events only)

HOW TO BOOK

Book tickets online at [brightonmuseums.org.uk](https://brightonmuseums.org.uk) or contact the Bookings Team on 03000 290902 or [info@rpmt.org.uk](mailto:info@rpmt.org.uk) (Mon–Fri)

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If you have any access requirements please contact the Bookings Team who will be able to advise you on 03000 290902 or [info@rpmt.org.uk](mailto:info@rpmt.org.uk)

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