ONE WORLD FAMILY FESTIVAL

Celebrate the many communities and faiths of Oxfordshire through a dazzling array of free activities, performances, talks and crafts for all ages. This year is a celebration of colour, faith and community.

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Welcome and One World Poem
Time: 11 AM  |  Place: Atrium
Description: The opening of the One World Family Festival led by Ashmolean Director of Audiences and Content, Gina Koutsika, featuring a reading of the poem One World.

World Board Games
Time: 11 AM – 3 PM  |  Place: Gallery 35
Description: Play boardgames from around the world.

A Taste of China
Time: 11 AM – 4 PM  |  Place: Gallery 31
Description: Enjoy family-friendly activities that reflect Chinese cultural heritage including dressing up and taking photos in traditional Chinese costumes, a traditional papercutting workshop, Dunhuang Dance demonstrations, a Peking Opera sample and Erhu recital at 11.30 am and 3 pm.

Interfaith Harmony: Singing Together, Across Languages and Times
Time: 11:15 – 11:45 AM  |  Place: Gallery 14
Description: This event presents music from medieval religious illuminated manuscripts from the Bodleian Library. The performance will also feature songs in Hebrew, Greek, Latin, German, and English for all to join, and will be interspersed with the sound of shofar and shell horn. Organised by the Oxford Interfaith Forum with the St Edmund Consort.

Interfaith Harmony through Ritual, Meditation and Visual Art
Time: 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM  |  Place: Lecture Theatre
Description: Across religions and cultures, ritual, meditation, and storytelling bind people together and help them find and create meaning in their lives. Through presentation and audience participation, we hope to help you reflect more deeply on how humans around the world use ritual, meditation, and storytelling in their spiritual and religious traditions.

Rumi Music Time
Time: 11:35 AM – 12:15 PM  |  Place: Gallery 44
Description: A combination of music and spoken word, reflecting the spirit of Rumi, the eminent 13th-century Sufi master and poet. Jay Rumi, a contemporary Oxford-based poet, leads this collection of performances, which will be presented by the Oxford Rumi Study Group.

Nepalese Cultural Dance
Time: 12 – 1 PM  |  Place: Gallery 21
Description: Nepal is a small beautiful country but rich in tradition and culture. We Nepalese living in Oxfordshire are trying to preserve our traditions and culture as much as possible. Today we are very pleased to present our cultural dance of our children at the Ashmolean Museum.

Colours Festival Workshop
Time: 12 – 3 PM  |  Place: Education Gallery on -1
Description: Join to explore patterns and colours. Create 'The Wall of Colours' collage, to design and colour a vibrant Rangoli. Use your body as a canvas, let a Henna artist get creative, allowing you to take away a temporary tattoo design on your hand.

Adhan, Islamic Call to Prayer
Time: 12:15 & 2:40 PM  |  Place: Atrium
Description: The Adhan is the Muslim call to prayer, and it is said five times a day by a mu'adhin. Traditionally, the mu'adhin would stand atop of the mosque roof or the minaret. With the advent of the microphone the melodious call to prayer is now often said within the mosque, the amplification carrying mu'adhin’s beautiful voice outside into the neighbourhood.

Christian Handbell Ringers
Time: 1 PM & 2 PM  |  Place: Atrium
Description: Listen to skilledringers from the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers and Christ Church Cathedral ringing changes using handbells. Originating in 17th-century England, these melodic instruments have evolved into a cherished form of calling people to worship.

Stained Glass
Time: 1:15 – 2:15 PM  |  Place: Lecture Theatre
Description: After a brief introduction to stained glass, one window will be described that demonstrates the interpretation of scripture and briefly contrast it with a window portraying the life of a saint. Then, have a go at making your own ‘stained glass window’ design.

Dunhuang Dance
Time: 1:20 – 1:50 PM  |  Place: Gallery 21
Description: Watch a Dunhuang Dance that reflects Chinese cultural heritage. Aurebta Dance Studio will perform “The Prayer of Thousand Years”. Dunhuang dances are inspired by the images of flying asparas (Feitian) from the Mogao grottoes in West China.

Hindu Invocation - Bhajan and Chanting
Time: 1:30 & 3:45 PM  |  Place: Atrium
Description: Come and share in the spiritual kirtans and the expression of devotion.

Becoming: Stories and Songs
Time: 2:50 – 3:50 PM  |  Place: Gallery 21
Description: Follow the narrative of a young woman as she navigates the realms of love, relationships, migration, and the complexities of growing up within the intersections of two distinct cultures. Join a captivating journey, tracing her life from childhood to young adulthood across the vibrant landscapes of London and Nigeria. Melodic interludes feature songs sung in Yoruba, a tribute to the cultural tapestry and linguistic diversity of Nigeria. Look out for the full production coming soon.

Classical Indian Music
Time: 3 – 3:30 PM  |  Place: Gallery 44
Description: Listen to flautist Prayag Kotecha and percussionist Nihal Singh perform music from the classical traditions of North India. Nihal will begin with a drum solo on jori-pakhāvāj of the Sultānpur Lodhī-Āmrtīsārī Bāj, accompanied on the bamboo flute. Prayag will then play Rāga Bhimpalās on the bānsuri, with tablā accompaniment.

Holi Celebration
Time: 3:55 – 4:45 PM  |  Place: Atrium and Forecourt
Description: Holi, a Hindu festival, has been celebrated since ancient times and is also known as the Festival of Colours as it welcomes the colours of Spring. It is a time for new beginnings, reflection, appreciation and celebrating friendships. Watch the story behind the legend of Holi presented through Indian dance and drama. Watch a performance of Ghoomar, a twirling colourful folk dance, a way of celebrating. Let’s celebrate the colours of friendship on the Forecourt to the beat of the Dhol.
World Board Games ●
**Time:** 11 AM – 3 PM | **Place:** Gallery 35
**Description:** Play boardgames from around the world.

Islamic Calligraphy ●
**Time:** 11 AM – 3 PM | **Place:** Gallery 31
**Description:** Create a mini paper organiser, decorated with Islamic-patterned paper, and have your name written in Arabic to add to it. When you are finished, you will have a hand-made product that you would love to show around, and that is handy too! Little hands can enjoy colouring Islamic patterns or Arabic letters.

Turkish Marbling Art ●
**Time:** 11 AM – 1:30 PM
**Place:** Lecture Theatre
**Description:** Ebru is the traditional Turkish art of creating colourful patterns on water, that are transferred to paper. The patterns often include flowers, latticework, masques and moons. Join this interactive art activity to create beautiful marbled patterns on water using this traditional technique. Once dry you can take your marbled paper home.

Joseph and the Coat of Many Colours ●
**Time:** 11:30 AM – 3 PM [11 AM – 1 PM]
**Place:** Gallery 23
**Description:** Joseph, apple of his father’s eye, strolls around with his coat of dazzling colours streaming behind him, while his work-weary brothers look on. Adele Moss tells you the story and then you make the coat of your dreams.

Tour: Tactile Wall Hanging with Braille ●
**Time:** 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM [11 AM]
**Place:** Starts in Gallery 30
**Description:** This tour is about the development of a tactile wall hanging with braille. It will explore the relationship of the design process to museum engagement and those with disabilities, taking inspiration from textile artefacts. This will be complemented by a display with related information and an opportunity to share feedback on the work.

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Jewish Melodic Prayer
**Time:** 1 PM | **Place:** Atrium
**Description:** The Jewish Community shares a melodic prayer, Bar’chu. This prayer marks the beginning of Jewish communal worship in a service.

Japanese Tea Ceremony ●
**Time:** 11:55 AM – 12:55 PM (each ceremony is approximately 30 minutes)
**Place:** Gallery 36
**Description:** Enjoy a bowl of matcha tea in our Japanese tea house, and discover more about the art of the tea ceremony.

Garba and Block Printing Workshop ●
**Time:** 2 – 4 PM [3 – 3:30 PM]
**Place:** Lecture Theatre
**Description:** Immerse yourself in the rhythm of Garba dancing and unleash your creativity with block printing. Dance joyously, celebrating togetherness through a fun participatory Garba dance session suitable for everyone. Take part in a hands-on workshop to create unique block-printed masterpieces with artists from OVADA.

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Jewish Tunes: Much Loved Melodies from the Jewish World ●
**Time:** 3:45 – 4:30 PM | **Place:** Gallery 44
**Description:** Music is a very central part of Jewish life, both in the secular and in the sacred sphere. This programme is a voyage through the many melodies that have inspired Jewish people over the last few hundred years, wherever they have lived.

Event Close ●
**Time:** 4 PM | **Place:** Atrium
**Description:** The closing of the One World Family Festival led by Ashmolean Director, Xa Sturgis.

Starling Session ●
**Time:** 4:15 – 4:45 PM | **Place:** Atrium
**Description:** Think local, folk global! Oxfordians from around the world come together to perform the music of their heritage in an international community folk orchestra.

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many objects in the Ashmolean were made, cared for and used by people living in faith communities, in different times and places. Performances and activities this weekend bring these objects to life.

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ACCESS INFORMATION
- A Quiet and Prayer room space is available in the Learning Centre, from 10 AM – 4:30 PM both days, for meditation, rest, prayer or personal reflection.
- There is British Sign Language (BSL) 🎤 interpretation for some events on both days, as indicated in the programme.
- There is level access throughout the Museum, with ramps into the building and lifts to all floors. Wheelchairs are available.
- If you need any assistance, please ask our Visitor Experience Assistants for help.

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