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DEAD FRIDAY

Friday 30 October 2015
7.00–10.30pm

EXHIBITIONS, ROOFTOP BAR & CRYPT CAFÉ

Explore ghosts and ghouls in the museum that you would like to take to the afterlife, and take a selfie with an object in the Ashmolean’s Student Creative Board

Dress up as a long dead Pharaoh and join THE PHARAOH’S BUCKET LIST

Try your hand at spooky ORIGAMI BATS WORKSHOP

Models as they explore death rituals from darkness into the art of life drawing. Give ‘death drawing’ a go, sketch skeletal faced models as they explore death rituals from the Ashmolean’s Education Centre.

Have a go at making shadow puppets SHADOW PUPPETRY (GALLERY 28)

Have a go at making your own Halloween mask ready for Trick or Treating, or HALLOWEEN MASK MAKING (GALLERY 16)

Find out how the ancient Egyptians prepared bodies for preservation. Discover which organs were left in the body, and what happened to others...

GHOST STORIES WITH OXFORD UNIVERSITY DRAMATIC SOCIETY (GALLERY 30)

Looking for a sweet, soothing tale to waft you toward dreamland? Look somewhere else. These ghost stories collected by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm in the early 1800s serve up life as generations of central Europeans knew it, with dramatic readings by The Oxford Drama Society.

TORM BITE-SIZE TALKS HOTSPOTS (LECTURE THEATRE & GALLERY 44)

The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities hosts a series of expert bite-sized 20 minute talks. Expect everything from ’Accidental death in Tudor England,’ to ‘Oscar Wilde’s Love Beyond the Grave.’ Our two main hotspots will have talks starting from 19.15 until 22.15. Seek out the other speakers throughout the museum.

DEATH AND MUSIC IN TUDOR ENGLAND (GALLERY 39)

Singing about Death in Tudor England with the Schola Cantorum Choir. The choir is conducted by James Burton. The Oxford Imps are back to showcase their award winning comedy pushers The Dead PLAY (GALLERY 19)

Roderick Usher lives in the eerie house to a private meeting, unaware of the mysterious adventures to come…

FALL OF THE HOUSE OF USHER (1928, JEAN EPSTEIN), SILENT HORROR FILM AND MUSIC (ATRIUM)

Roderick Usher lives in the eerie house with his sick wife Madeleine Usher and her doctor. When she dies, Roderick does not accept her death, and in a dark night, Madeleine returns. Accompanied by piano music.

ROM’S WALKING DEAD (ALL OVER -1)

Watch the Ashmolean Latin Inscriptions Project bring their ancestors back to life with a noisy Roman funeral procession.

SECRET’S FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE

Study bones through a microscopic lens, learn how the make-up of the skeleton is altered in a hands-on bendy and breaky bone exhibit, and discover how your lifestyle affects your skeleton . With rheumatology and musculoskeletal sciences.

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-Visitors are advised that this display involves chicken and lamb bones

WANDERING GHOSTS WITH OXFORD UNIVERSITY DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Tonight the ghostly visions of deceased museum staff came to life for one night only to stalk the corridors of Britain’s oldest museum.

TALKABOUT DEATH TOUR GUIDES

Talkabout’s self-guided tours through the museum use conversation prompts to talk about death while seeing some of the Ashmolean’s best artworks and objects relating to the afterlife.

ABOUT TONIGHT

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WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

Bar on the Rooftop Terrace Serving drinks and food until 10pm on LEVEL 4

Vampire DJ, Music in the Crypt
LISTEN Crypt Café

The Dead funny Oxford IMPS
LISTEN Crypt Café

Fall of the House of Usher Film and Music
WATCH Gallery 2

Deadly Drawing Menu
DISCOVER Crypt Café and Rooftop Bar

Rome’s Walking Dead
WATCH Atrium

Make your own Latin Headstone
HAVE A GO Gallery 6

Secrets from beyond the Grave
DISCOVER Gallery 3

Choir Schola Cantorum
LISTEN Gallery 2

Death Drawing, with Art Macabre
HAVE A GO Education Centre

TORCH bite-size Talks Hotspot
LISTEN Lecture Theatre

Excerpts from Hamlet & Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead
WATCH Gallery 11

Halloween Mask Making
HAVE A GO Gallery 16

In Loving Memory Soundscape
LISTEN Gallery 21

Before I die Scroll
HAVE A GO Gallery 21

Avid for Ovid, Roman Pantomime
WATCH Gallery 14

Make a Mummy
DISCOVER Gallery 24

The Curiositorium Comedy
WATCH Gallery 19

TORCH bite-size Talk Hotspot
LISTEN Gallery 23

The Pharaoh’s Bucket List
HAVE A GO Gallery 22

Shadow Puppetry Danse Macabre
HAVE A GO Gallery 28

Ghoulish Poetry Workshop
HAVE A GO Gallery 33

Devils and Demons in Japanese Woodblock
DISCOVER Jameel Eastern Art Study Room

What became of Harley Warren? Murder Mystery
WATCH Gallery 46

Ghost Stories
LISTEN Gallery 40

Day of the Dead Display
DISCOVER Gallery 39

TORCH bite-size talks Hotspot
LISTEN Gallery 44

Origami Bats Workshop
HAVE A GO Gallery 37

Death and Music in Tudor England
LISTEN Gallery 39