PROGRAMME

The Ashmolean Museum and Wilderness Festival present

WILDERNESS IN THE CITY
FESTIVAL THROUGH THE AGES

Friday 31 May 2013
7.00–10.30pm

Oxford's Weekend Starts Here…

On the last Friday of each month, the Museum opens its doors from 7.00–10.30 pm, giving visitors the opportunity to see the collections and major exhibitions after hours. Interactive events including theatrical performances, creative workshops and lively talks will be on offer, with drinks and tapas in the rooftop Dining Room on Level 4 and a bar in the vaulted Café on the Lower Ground Level.

www.ashmolean.org/livefriday
Wilderness is a celebration of the arts and the outdoors taking place 8-11 August in Cornbury Park, Oxfordshire. It is a multi-award winning 4-day festival combining live music, contemporary arts and an array of theatre, craftsmanship and dining experiences. To view detail of the festival programme and to book tickets, please visit www.wildernessfestival.com

PARTICIPANTS

Siobhan Davies Dance was founded in 1988 by pioneering the choreographer Siobhan Davies. The investigative contemporary arts organisation explores choreography and movement across artforms, including visual arts, film and craft. In 2013/14 works by Siobhan Davies Dance will be presented in leading art galleries and museums across the UK and internationally including, Arnolfini (Bristol), the ICA and The Roundhouse (London), Glasgow Museum of Modern Art, and Tramway (Glasgow), and Washington DC, Berlin, Hong Kong and Mexico. In addition their Studios in South London play host to a range of exhibitions and events as they commission work by leading contemporary artists. Tonight’s performance is performed by dance artists Andrea Buckley, Lindsey Butcher, Annie Lok and Charlie Morrissey.

The Idler Academy is a school and bookseller founded in 2011 by Tom Hodgkinson and Victoria Hull with the intention of providing lifelong education in useful, enjoyable but neglected subjects. Tonight Tom Hodgkinson and musician Michael Tyack offer a musical lecture on the festive culture of pre-Reformation Britain in Gallery 41.

The School of Life is a cultural enterprise offering good ideas for everyday life. Based in Central London, they offer a variety of programmes and services concerned with how to live wisely and well.

Poet George Chopping lives on a boat in Oxford. He has written a collection of poems entitled ‘Smoking With Crohn’s’ which is being published by Unbound. Chopping also hosts a cabaret style night called “George’s Jamboree of Music, Poetry & Comedy...Possibly” at The Jam Factory Arts Centre in Oxford.

The Oxford Imps have been performing their high-energy improvised comedy in Oxford for nearly a decade, as well as taking the show to sell out Edinburgh runs and touring in Europe and the US. They have also produced long form improvised plays, taking on everything from Arabian Nights to musical theatre to Shakespeare.

Petersham Playhouse specialises in producing immersive theatrical journeys in unique and exciting locations throughout the country. Along your journey you may happen upon all manner of theatre, music, puppetry, dance, acrobatics and illusion.

The August List are a boy / girl two-piece who play ‘backwards country / porch folk’ with a startling rock ‘n’ roll attitude. Acoustic guitars, kick drums, harmonicas and voices are deployed with verve and passion on songs that take in life, love, death and making merry.

Empty White Circles, influenced by the big band Americana of luminaries such as Bright Eyes and Neutral Milk Hotel, quickly made a name for themselves alongside fellow Oxford purveyors of the genre, such as Family Machine and The Epstein.

Rainbow Reservoir is an Oxford-based band founded by American ex-pat and saxophonist Angela Space. Musical influences include Silver Jews, Eels and Magnetic Fields as well as the timeless sounds of the Kinks and the Beatles.

Ralfe Band is the work of English songwriter, Oly Ralfe. His debut album ‘Swords’ received a Mojo awarding a 4-star review, calling it “a whiskey-soured folk trip from east to west. Ralfe’s moon-eyed beauty is simply the work of one vivid imagination”.

Guerrilla Archaeology is a Cardiff-based collective made up of archaeologists, scientists and artists dedicated to bringing the past alive. With the Shamanic Street Preachers, discover ancient British Shamanism and a different way of interacting with the world.

Temple Theatre is an international company based in the UK whose work employs ensemble practices to explore old stories and create exhilarating, accessible and unique theatre.

Oyster Opera was created in order to bring the magic of opera off the distant stage and closer to the public. Maybe you thought opera was boring?! Well, it’s not every day you encounter a professional opera singer at such close range, let alone be invited to waltz along with the soprano to Verdi’s Brindisi or be enveloped by a smouldering Carmen!

ABOUT TONIGHT
WHAT’S ON TONIGHT

Café Bar
-1 7.00–10.30pm
Enjoy an alcoholic or non-alcoholic summer punch in the Vaulted Café.

Live Music
-1 Café
BBC Oxford Introducing presents:
Empty White Circles
7.15–7.45pm

The August List
8.15–8.40pm

Rainbow Reservoir
9.05pm–9.30pm

London Folk Guild presents:
Ralfe Band
9.50pm–10.30pm

Guerrilla Archaeology Workshops with the Shamanic Street Preachers
-1 7.00–10.30pm
Education Centre
• Shamans and Goddesses – Horny Men vs Doe-eyed Maids
• Shaman Style - Free Photo Portraits
• Adorn the Shamanikin
• Feedback table

Roaming Poetry Recitals with George Chopping
-1 Café, Atrium & roaming
7.00–10.30pm

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Lunacy and Jest with The Village Green
Forecourt and Lobby, 7.00–10.30pm
A committee of village eccentrics and eclectics are here to welcome you to The Ashmolean.

Improvised Comedy with The Oxford Imps
Roaming 7.00–10.30pm
Tonight Oxford Imps are delighted to welcome you as the proprietors of this fine museum.

‘Jabberwocky’ Artefacts Tables and Treasure Hunt with Petersham Playhouse
Ancient World 7.00–10.30pm
A unique opportunity to handle the ancient relics from the tale of the legendary Jabberwock! Also take part in a Treasure Hunt throughout the museum and win tickets to Jabberwocky at Wilderness. Start your tour in Gallery 9 and head off around the museum.

Guerrilla Archaeology Workshops with the Shamanic Street Preachers
7.00–10.30pm Egypt, Galleries 22–27
- Reading the bones
- Mind in a Cave
- Language of animals

Temple Theatre
The Classical Mystery Tour
Gallery 21, Greek and Roman Sculpture, 7.15, 8.00, 8.45 & 9.30 pm (15 mins)
Join Dr Quis on a journey through time and space, meeting some of his archaeological heroes along the way.

Philosophy Slam, discussion with The School of Life
Gallery 14, Cast Gallery 7.45 & 8.45pm (25 mins)
Steer a random course through the history of ideas with Robert Rowland Smith.
This fast, illogical contemporary music score, full of risk features too many words, sounds and movements, and often the feat seems absurd and impossible.

Let The Idler take you back to the Middle Ages with a musical lecture on the festive culture of pre-Reformation Britain.

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SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

MASTER DRAWINGS

INCLUDING MICHELANGELO • RAPHAEL • RUBENS • TURNER

Until 18 August 2013

Entrance on Level 3, Gallery 58
Tickets: £5/£4/Under 18s FREE

COMING SOON...

STRADIVARIUS
13 June–11 August 2013

FRANCIS BACON
HENRY MOORE
12 September 2013–5 January 2014

Members & University of Oxford students get in FREE to all Special Exhibitions

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www.ashmolean.org/exhibitions