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TONIGHT’S EVENTS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

HAVE A GO

Be the Hero! Play the Villain! Check out a variety of Hero & Villain themed games provided by Oxford’s Thrity-Meeples board game Café, taught by their own Game Guru.

Draw your own Superhero
Join Museums volunteers and have a go crafting your own superhero or villain just like graphic artists would.

Superhero Mask Making
Create your very own superhero or villain mask with museum volunteers.

The Phoenix Comic Jam
Join the Phoenix’s brilliant Gary Northfield and Simon Reid as we delve into the undiscovered depths of Heroes and Villains of the collections from Gladiator Squid to Dastardly Frogspawn, join the Ashmolean’s hero Ashley and the villain MOLE bring your imagination and get ready for some wonderful adventures.

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9.15: ‘The Alfred Jewel and Kingship’
9.45: ‘Heroes from Chinese Myths and Legends’

YOUR TICKET ENTITLES YOU TO ALL OF THE EVENTS TONIGHT, ALTHOUGH SOME PERFORMANCES HAVE LIMITED CAPACITY. PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

Stories from Mesopotamian Myth
Listen to some of the epic tales from ancient Mesopotamian myths. Hear about the stories of Anzu and Enuna Elish, and many more!

The Oxford Gargoyles
The Oxford Gargoyles are Oxford’s jazz a cappella ensemble. With a mix of black-tie class, charm, and impeccable musicality, and with a range of toe-tapping jazz standards and growing funk tunes, the Gargoyles will dazzle you with an unforgettable performance in the Bruce Wayne Enterprises Dining Room.

STORYTELLING

Heroes and Villains of the Ashmolean
Visit the trail booth by the welcome space and follow the clues with the Ashmolean’s Student Creative Board and TORCH experts to find out the stories of the heroes and villains lurking within the collections of the museum.

Hidden Heroes and Deadly Villains
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Star Wars Doilies
Join Museum volunteers to make your own star wars Doilies and add it to the window constellation. Will you make a Leia, BB8 or a Stormtrooper?

Tolkien Writing Workshop
Learn to write your name in JRR Tolkien’s elven and dwarvish scripts with Taruithorn, Oxford’s Tolkien Society.

LISTEN

I’ve got the Silver-Finned Blues
A lyric based on Bicci di Lorenzo’s 15th Nicholas of Bari. Banning the Storm – as viewed by the mermaid, with Diana Moore.

Decadent Times with Dr Foreigner & Tom Ivey
Join DJ Decadent Times in the Mos Eisley Café, watch out for characters from Star Wars, and enjoy the music of bands Dr Foreigner and Tom Ivey. Food and drinks served until 22.15, please keep all purchases within café areas.

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Genghis Khan, hero or villain?
Discover the real personality of the man who founded the largest continuous empire in the world and explore the Mongol Empire through its coins.

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Get inspired and make a history and secret heroes as seen under the microscope. Get inspired and make a badge - will you wear a deadly disease or a heroic white blood cell?

The Epic Battle of Horus and Seth
Come to see the epic battle between the gods Horus and Seth and how ancient Egyptian pharaohs fight against the chaos

Heroes From Chinese Myths and Legends
Come and discover China’s favourite legendary superheroes the Monkey King from the novel Journey to the West, the epic stories of the heroes of the Romance of the Three Kingdoms and the Demon Quaffer Zhong Kui, who is believed to scare away evil ghosts. Colourful paintings and paper cuts from our modern Chinese art collection will make their tales come alive.

Villainous Bugs and Weevils
Conservators will share information and examples of the types of insect found in the Museum building. Some can accurately be described as villainous with regard to the Museum’s collections while others are not a threat. Strategies used to keep them under control will be explained.

WATCH

Anime Films
Relax in this quieter bar and watch the anime movies from your own headrest in the lecture theatre of the museum. Drinks served until 22.15

Sherlock Holmes & Watson in “The Ashmolean File”
Follow Electric Cabaret’s Sherlock Holmes and Watson towering over the LiveFriday revellers to solve the mystery of the lost Ashmolean artifacts. Who committed these dastardly crimes? Could it be the bower hatted men carrying that suspicious sack?

Shiny Shimmey Bang Bang
The Oxford based belly-dance trio that likes to bring a bit of fun to the party, their style is rooted in traditional Middle Eastern dance with a touch of the West thrown in. Come and check out their theatrical take on good and evil.

The Marriage of Thor
The Marriage of Thor features characters that have been popularised by the recent films from Marvel comics with a Don’t Hate the Players twist.

COMING SOON

Portraits
Fri 13 May

Warhol Lates
10, 24 Mar & 7 Apr

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Friday 29 January 2016
7.00–10.30pm
WHAT’S ON TONIGHT

Bar & Anime Movies
WATCH, Lecture Theatre

Cosplay for Beginners
DISCOVER, Education Centre

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LISTEN, Café

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DISCOVER, Gallery 7

The Phoenix Comic Jam
HAVE A GO, Gallery 2

Oxford Lindy Hoppers
WATCH & HAVE A GO, Café & Around -1

Shimmy Shimmy Bang Bang Bellydancers
WATCH, Café

Draw Your Own Superhero
HAVE A GO, Gallery 5

Villainous bugs and weevils
DISCOVER, Gallery 4

Demon Creation Station
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HAVE A GO, Gallery 11

Heroes from Chinese Myths and Legends
DISCOVER, Jameel Centre (by Gallery 29)

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Play your Renaissance Cards Right!
HAVE A GO, Gallery 43

Superhero Masks
HAVE A GO, Gallery 38

The Marriage of Thor
WATCH, Gallery 44

TORCH Bite-sized Heroic Talks
LISTEN, Gallery 46

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Rooftop Bar Serving drinks
until 10pm on LEVEL 4