

Feb Half Term Holiday Programme 2025

MONDAY 17TH - SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

The Enchanted Library

THEMED CREATIVE CLASSES



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The
Conservatoire

NOW OFFERING
7 HOUR DAY COURSES!

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Step into the Enchanted Library at the Conservatoire as we prepare for World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. We have a series of extra special art workshops on offer, all inspired by your favourite tall tales and sensational stories. Come and celebrate the classics as you climb through the wardrobe into Narnia, pack up your suitcase with Paddington, mix potions at Hogwarts, fly to Neverland with Peter Pan, and explore the Hundred Acre Wood with Winnie the Pooh and the gang... whatever you are looking for, there is a story here for everyone.

Inside you can find out more about our next family concert and an exciting chance to sample our classes at our adult Open Day.

Head to the back pages for our series of art workshops for adults, including watercolour botanicals, self-portraits, and Indonesian bookmaking. There's magic there too!

MONDAY 17th

Art



Explore the Hundred Acre Wood

Monday 17/02/2025, 09.30 - 11.30, 3-5yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

Inspired by the classic stories of Winnie the Pooh, this art class will explore the world of our friends from the Hundred Acre Wood. We'll make a map of the Hundred Acre Wood, a honeypot, and some puppets to take home so we can recreate these much-loved stories.



There's No Such Thing as a Gruffalo!

Monday 17/02/2025, 12.30 - 14.30, 3-5yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

Inspired by the modern classic by Julia Donaldson, and the famous illustrations by local illustrator Axel Scheffler, come to explore the world of 'The Gruffalo' in this art class! Who would you like to be in the story of The Gruffalo? We will illustrate the story ourselves. How will we make the texture of the Gruffalo's hairy fur, the slithering snake and the clever mouse?

Let The Wild Rumpus Start

Monday 17/02/2025, 15.00 - 17.00, 4-7yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

Inspired by the beloved story 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak, in this art class we will have a go at drawing our own monsters (or are they self portraits?) in the style of Maurice Sendak. We will make masks and a crown and some musical instruments and dance around like the characters in the story. Perhaps you could wear your crown as your World Book Day costume!



Story Explorers: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Monday 17/02/2025, 09.30 – 13.30, 6-12yrs

Tutor: Clare Kendall, £51

Create your own spell book inspired by the first book in the Harry Potter series by J.K Rowling! We will explore marbling and paper aging techniques, collage and found materials to make our books look as old as Dumbledore himself. To stay inspired we'll listen to music by John Williams from the original film series.

Story Explorers: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Monday 17/02/2025, 14.30 – 18.30, 6-12yrs

Tutor: Clare Kendall, £51

Inspired by the second book in the Harry Potter series, we'll be making our own wands from found materials such as wood, glass beads, string and glue and brushing up on our potion brewing skills. Make and take home a vial of polyjuice potion or Wolfsbane tonic to keep those werewolves at bay!

Music

Uke & You!

Monday 17/02/2025, 13.30 – 15.30, 3-5yrs

Tutor: Russell Harris, £24

Have you ever picked up a ukulele? Come to the Conservatoire to get started on the right note! Join us on this fun-filled introduction to the instrument, perfect for young musicians who are just starting their musical journey. In this two-hour course you will learn to play your first song and have fun making music with others. Young participants will learn the basics of this beginner-friendly instrument, under the guidance of our fantastic tutors. All levels are welcome! You can bring your own instrument or borrow one of ours for the session. Come along to find out what's in store for uke and you!



Roundabout

Roundabout: Half Term Taster

Monday 17/02/2025 & Tuesday
18/02/2025,
10.00 – 12.30 both days, 4.5-7yrs

Tutors: Victoria Heath & Roundabout
Tutors, £72

Roundabout has been running at the Conservatoire for over 30 years! Since 1992 we have been introducing children aged 5-7 to music through this exciting, informative and inclusive year-long course. Are you thinking of signing up? Perhaps you are already on the waiting list? Well then, this two-day taster is perfect for you!

Join us for two mornings this half term to explore all of the many instruments that learners get to explore in their year of Roundabout: strings, flute, piano, brass, percussion and guitar. You'll get time with each instrument, and even try playing in an orchestra. Join us and join the fun!

TUESDAY 18th

Art



How To Catch a Dream with the BFG

Tuesday 18/02/2025, 09.30 – 16.30, 5-11yrs

Tutor: Fiona Berry, £76

Come along to this all-day art class at the Conservatoire to explore the world of the BFG, based on the children's classic by Roald Dahl! Inspired by Joseph Cornell's vitrines and boxes, you will create your own beautiful dreams in jars... just as if they had been captured by the BFG himself! You'll combine collage, found objects and drawing to create your very own dreamscape. Perhaps there will be some snozzcumbers and frobscottle too!



Let's Visit Narnia!

Tuesday 18/02/2025, 09.30 – 16.30, 5-11yrs

Tutor: Lilly Walker, £76

Take a walk through the magic wardrobe and come to visit Narnia for the day! Under the guidance of your tutor Lilly, you will create a beautiful 3D model using card, clay and paint, based on the children's classic 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis. Decorate your winter scene of an icy castle, and include your favourite characters from Narnia too - you could add a faun, a lion, or a witch!



Teen Clay Club

Tuesday 18/02/2025, 17.00 – 20.00, 12-15 yrs

Tutor: Ellie Osborne, £51

Join us for Clay Club! Suitable for both beginners to clay and those who want to develop their skills. In this half-day workshop, you will be free to create your own ceramic ideas under the guidance of an experienced ceramic tutor. Students will create one or two pieces using techniques to form pinch pots and coiling, decorating with texture and coloured slips. Pieces will then be glazed, fired and ready to collect in a month.

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WEDNESDAY 19th

Art



A Peruvian Adventure with Paddington

Wednesday 19/02/2025, 09.30 - 16.30, 5-11yrs

Tutor: Nicola Corrigan, £76

Come and spend the day with everyone's favourite bear! In this fun all-day art class, you will create a rainforest collage of Paddington's journey through the Amazon rainforest and up the mountain peaks. You will produce your own adventure backpack using scrap fabric, as well as designing a sketchbook for your adventures with Paddington... you'll even make a Peruvian plate to eat your marmalade sandwich on!



Story Explorers: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

Wednesday 19/02/2025, 09.30 - 13.30, 6-12yrs

Tutor: Clare Kendall, £51

In this class we'll be making our own copy of the Wizarding World's newspaper, the 'Daily Prophet'.

Covering the twists and turns of events in this third book of Harry Potter, we'll produce illustrated articles on the escape of Sirius Black, the new appointment of teacher (and werewolf) Remus Lupin and the daring rescue of Buckbeak. We'll use techniques such as pen and ink drawing, image transfer, mono printing and photo collage.



Story Explorers: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Wednesday 19/02/2025, 14.30 - 18.30, 6-12yrs

Tutor: Clare Kendall, £51

In this class we'll create our own Goblets of Fire using plaster, alongside a mini programme of events for the famous Triwizard Tournament. You will learn to illustrate how Harry and his contemporaries competed to steal dragon's eggs, rescue loved ones from the Black Lake and navigate the Triwizard maze.

Music



Beatmaking and Songwriting

Wednesday 19/02/2025, 10.00 - 17.00, 8-12 yrs

Tutors: Annalise Morley & Joseph Thomas, £76

Ever wondered how your favourite songs are written and produced in the studio? In this special edition of this popular course, together we will create a beat from scratch, experimenting with different instruments, iconic song samples and sounds from one computer and a midi keyboard. We will create our own rap/song lyrics as a team and even record your vocals together in our pop-up music studio! Watch your idea grow into a finished song. Bring any instruments you play, and we may incorporate them. Our goal is to complete one finished track and upload it to YouTube, SoundCloud & Instagram to amaze your friends and family. No prior musical knowledge needed, just come and find out how creative you can be!

THURSDAY 20th

Art



Let's Visit Oz!

Thursday 20/02/2025, 09.30 – 16.30, 5–11yrs

Tutor: Lilly Walker, £76

It's time to head somewhere over the rainbow for this all-day class based on the classic book 'The Wizard of Oz' by L. Frank Baum! Under the guidance of your tutor Lilly, you will create a beautiful 3D model using card, paint, and plaster of paris, making your very own version of the sparkling Emerald City! You will add each of the famous characters who have travelled on the yellow brick road to get there... will they get to meet the wizard?



Dancing with the Animals

Thursday 20/02/2025, 09.30 – 11.30, 3–5yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

Inspired by 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andrea and Guy Parker-Rees, in this art class we will find we can all do extraordinary things even if we are told we can't! We will make a painting of the jungle and construct a giraffe puppet with moving parts. So Gerald The Giraffe really can dance!



Elmer's Colours

Thursday 20/02/2025, 12.30 – 14.30, 3–5yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

Inspired by the beloved 'Elmer' series by David McKee, come to explore the world of patchwork elephants in this art class. Everyone loves Elmer! We will make our own Elmer using bright squares of colour in paint and one using coloured acetates. We will explore primary colours and how to mix the secondary colours. Elmer has them all!

We're Off to Neverland

Thursday 20/02/2025, 15.00 – 17.00, 4–7yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

Inspired by the magical classic 'Peter Pan' by J. M. Barrie, in this art class we will look at the worlds of pirates and fairies, and make some shadow puppets – what will our shadows get up to! We will make a backdrop of scenery, make some pirate props and sprinkle some fairy dust magic.

Music

Uke & You!

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Tutor: Aram Bahmaie, £24

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FRIDAY 21st

Art



Dinosaurs Galore!

Friday 21/02/2025, 09.30 – 11.30, 3-5yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

Inspired by 'Harry And The Bucket Full Of Dinosaurs' by Ian Whybrow and Adrian Reynolds, in this art class we will make all sorts of colourful dinosaurs out of plasticine. Will you make a stegosaurus or a brontosaurus? We will make a bucket to carry our dinosaurs home, and explore different media including using rubbings and stencils.



Designing with Dr Seuss

Friday 21/02/2025, 09.30 – 16.30, 5-11yrs

Tutor: Nicola Corrigan, £76

Enter the wonderful and wacky world of Dr Seuss! Inspired by his illustrations and stories, this all-day art class will take inspiration from the fantastical forests and lakes of 'The Lorax' and 'McElligot's Pool'. You'll design fantasy trees, forests and plants to help the Lorax save the environment, drawing and painting from real leaves, and using collage and scrap paper. You might even find a very famous cat in a very famous hat...



Please Look After This Bear, Thank You

Friday 21/02/2025, 12.30 – 14.30, 3-5yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

Inspired by the wonderful 'Paddington' series by Michael Bond, in this art class we will explore the exciting world of that famous bear! We'll need a suitcase with a travel tag on it, a red hat, some marmalade sandwiches... what else does Paddington take on his travels?



Wander into Wonderland

Friday 21/02/2025, 15.00 – 17.00, 4-7yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

Inspired by the much-loved classic 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll, in this art class we will collage using playing cards to make puppets with moving parts, and create our own versions of some much-loved characters, like the Cheshire Cat, Alice, The Mad Hatter and The White Rabbit. And of course we'll make a magic potion... will it make you grow smaller, or taller?

ADULT OPEN DAY

Saturday 22nd February 2024, 1-5pm

Try out our classes for free at our:

Art and Music Adult Open Day

Saturday 22nd February, 2024, 1-5pm

Come along to try out a selection of our fantastic courses, to learn new skills and techniques in art.

Fancy taking up or rediscovering an instrument?

Have a trial lesson with our wonderful tutors, who are all practising professional musicians.

Release some endorphins as you sing in the choir!

Discover what goes on inside our Victorian buildings and studios!



Find the full programme and timings and book your free spots at www.conservatoire.org.uk/events

The Emperor's Nightingale

A fairytale told through
storytelling and flute music

Concert

Sunday 23rd February, 2pm & 3.30pm

Adults - £9, children £7, under 2s free

Based on Hans Christian Andersen's timeless fairy tale, the Emperor of China desires the finest treasures, and when he hears of a nightingale with a song sweeter than any jewel, he brings her to his palace. Though plain in appearance, her voice captivates him - until a glittering clockwork bird from Japan steals his attention. When the mechanical bird breaks and the Emperor falls ill, the real nightingale returns to sing him back to health.



Bookings at www.conservatoire.org.uk/events

ADULT COURSES

Art



Painting Flowers in Watercolour

Monday 17/02/2025, 18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs

Tutor: Sophie Knight, £38

In this evening watercolour course, your expert tutor Sophie will show you how to work in a loose and spontaneous way, responding to the texture and colours of flowers.

Working from photographs of flowers, the group will paint each flower on a larger-than-life scale. There will be an emphasis on being bold with the composition and colour, allowing yourself to work in a free and creative manner. It will suit all abilities and is a good way to work more freely if you feel you are often too cautious in this medium. If you have your own watercolour brushes that you usually use, please bring them along. Brushes will also be provided.

Sophie Knight is an associate member of The Royal Watercolour Society and her work is in the British Museum, the House of Lords, and several high-profile collections. She teaches her watercolour class on Friday afternoons at the Conservatoire.



Botanical Clay Sculpture

Tuesday 18/02/2025, 18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs

Tutor: Dot Young, £38

The botanical bas relief art class is a hands-on workshop where you will be creating unique, individual relief artworks celebrating nature for your home environment or as a personalised gift!

We will be looking at composition, botanical and seed press castings and finishing effects.

Drawing on inspiration from nature the course will encourage an understanding of basic sculptural practices, experimentation and will also consider the environmental implications of creative practices and when and where sustainability can be built in. Beginners are welcome as well as more established practitioners. All materials are provided, but an apron is advisable.

Magic & Medicine: make a pustaha concertina book

Wednesday 19/02/2025, 18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs

Tutor: Fiona Berry, £38

A 'pustaha' is an ancient book used by Batak priests in northern Sumatra, Indonesia, with beautiful examples currently housed in the British Library. Inspired by our enchanted library theme, and guided by your expert tutor, you will create your own version of these concertina books with wooden covers. You will paint the wooden book covers inspired by the drawings which exist in pustahas in the British Library collection. Pustahas were used for magic, divination and medicine... what magic will yours contain?



Michael Rosen by Lee Feather, oil on linen, 2011.
© Lee Feather, housed at the NPG

Introduction to Self-Portraiture in Oils

Thursday 20/02/2025, 18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs

Tutor: Lee Feather, £38

Explore self-portraiture in oils in this beginner-friendly class. Learn how to observe and paint facial proportions, understand the structure of the skull, block in shadow areas, and mix skin tones. You'll work on one piece during the class, gaining experience and creating your own self portrait sketch.

We are delighted to be working with visiting tutor Lee Feather. Lee has over fifteen years of experience as a practicing artist in Greenwich, specialising in portrait commissions and landscape drawings. Lee's portrait of broadcaster and author Michael Rosen can be seen at the National Portrait Gallery.



Drink & Draw

Friday 21/02/2025, 18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris & Lilly Walker, £28

Come along to the Conservatoire Drink & Draw workshop series to let your hair down, learn some new skills, and make friends. Led by two of our expert art tutors, you'll spend a fun Friday evening mixing prosecco with paint as you tackle your very own A3 canvas, inspired by a well-known artist! You'll come away with a wonderful piece of painted work, no matter your prior experience – beginners are welcome.

In this session you will be inspired by the work of artist Amanda Brittner, creating abstract mountain landscapes with acrylic paint.

Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided by our on-site café Arts Kitchen, and food is available before or during the session. If you have any allergies please share them with us at the point of booking, thank you.

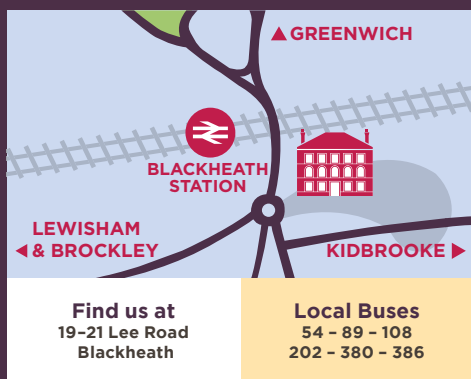
So that we can ensure our holiday courses are viable, we are unfortunately not able to offer refunds. Holiday courses are also not transferable between people.

Holiday Opening Times

Monday – Friday 9am – 9pm

Saturday 9am – 6pm

Sunday 9am – 5pm



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