

WHAT'S ON // OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2025



WHAT'S ON CALENDAR

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20	21 EXHIBITION // Jo Lay: GATHERINGS WORKSHOP // Landscape Sketchbook FBF TALK // Jonathon Porritt	22 FBF TALK // Alexander McCall Smith	23 FILM // Josep FBF TALKS // Pam Ayres Philip Hoare	24 POTTERY // Drop-in sessions every Friday FBF TALK // Tim Key FILMS // The Worst Ones Reality Is Not Enough Urchin	25 FBF TALKS // Damian Le Bas Rose George Horatio Clare Miranda Sawyer Irvine Welsh	
SUNDAY 26 FBF TALKS // Jay Griffiths Prue Leith Lally Macbeth Merlin Hanbury Tenison	28 EXHIBITION // Georgie Harrison: GEE BY THE SEA WORKSHOP // Blood & Gore Horror Make-up THEATRE // An Audience with Yorick	29 FILM // National Theatre Live: Mrs Warren's Profession	30 POTTERY // Throwing / Glaze Technology THEATRE // Samhain Tournament TALK // Lucy Kemp- Welch FILM // Nosferatu THEATRE // Falmouth H	31 FILMS // Corpse Bride / House on Haunted Hill / The Rocky Horror Picture Show THEATRE // Shivers & Shadows lalloween Haunting Street	O1 FILMS // Phantom of the Opera / Night of the Living Dead / Halloween MUSIC // Where Words End Theatre (30th, 31st, 01st)	



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Open Tues-Sat 10:00-16:00
with additional opening
Weds-Thurs 17:00-20:00
Fri-Sat 17:00-22:00
(hours may yary depending on events)





FILM



FILM // NATIONAL THEATRE **LIVE: INTER ALIA (15)** Thurs 02 Oct | 17:30

Writer Suzie Miller and director Justin Martin reunite following their global phenomenon Prima Facie, with this searing examination of modern motherhood and masculinity. Oscar®-nominated Rosamund Pike is Jessica Parks, a smart Crown Court Judge at the top of her career. Behind the robe, she is a karaoke fiend, a loving wife and a supportive parent. When an event threatens to throw her life completely off balance, can she hold her family upright?



FILM // HAPPYEND (12A) Fri 03 Oct | 20:00

Dir. Neo Sora | 2025 | 113 mins | Japanese with English subtitles

Set in a dystopian near-future Tokyo, Néo Sora's striking debut offers a hopeful, youthful vision of resistance and joy in the face of control. Pulsing with a techno soundtrack, this is a vivid coming-of age portrait, following best friends Yuta and Kou as they confront a world where Al surveillance is tightening under the voke of oppressive authoritarianism.



FILM // THE BALLAD **OF WALLIS ISLAND (12A)** Thurs 02 Oct | 19:45

Dir. lames Griffiths | 2025 | 100 mins | English

Eccentric lottery winner Charles dreams of getting his favourite musicians, McGwyer Mortimer, back together. The fantasy becomes real when the bandmates and former lovers agree to play a private show at his home on Wallis Island. But old tensions resurface as Charles tries desperately to salvage his dream gig.



FILM // CHRISTY (15) Fri 03 Oct | 17:45

Dir. Brendan Canty | 2025 | 99 mins | English

Seventeen-year-old Christy is at a crossroads. Kicked out of his suburban foster home, he moves in with his estranged older brother Shane and his young family. As far as Shane is concerned this is a temporary arrangement, but Christy begins to feel at home on Cork's working-class Northside. Shane wants something better for Christy at any cost – even if it means he has to push him away.



FILM // ACKROYD & HARVEY: THE ART OF ACTIVISM (12A) Weds 08 Oct | 19:30 Sat 11 Oct | 18:00

Dir. Fiona Cunningham-Reid | 2025 | 77 mins | English

When does practice become protest? Or protest, poetry? Uncompromisingly preoccupied with the climate and ecological crisis, Ackroyd & Harvey's work at the intersection of art, activism, biology and ecology has become a rallying cry for the environmental móvement. This intimate portrait asks questions of where art, hope and love stand become a site of healing and in our very uncertain world.



FILM // UNTIL THE SEA (12A), WITH O&A Thurs 09 Oct | 18:00

Dir. Mel Mackie | 2025 35 mins plus Q&A | English

Reflecting on migration and belonging, Until The Sea tells the story of the sea helping three women who have left their home countries. Screened as a fundraiser for Reclaim the Sea – a movement for a world with no borders where everyone can access the sea as a space of safety, joy, and renewal - the film explores how water can resistance.



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sightings? Larger than life, of

course, this is a tale of very

real women trying to do the

secret lives, Cathy is forced to

prejudices of her community.

confront her husband's

hidden world and the

subject of scandal among

Cary's children and country-

club peers, exposing the prejudices and hypocrisies

of mid-century America.



FILM // DEAF (12A) Sat 11 Oct | 20:00

Dir. Eva Libertad | 2025 | 99 mins | Spanish with **English subtitles**

Ángela, a deaf woman, is expecting a baby with her hearing partner, Héctor. The pregnancy brings her fears around motherhood and how she will communicate with her daughter to the surface. When the baby arrives, the couple's relationship is disrupted, and challenges of raising a child in a world that isn't built for her.



FILM // ERIC RAVILIOUS: DRAWN TO WAR (PG), WITH Q&A Fri 17 Oct | 19:15

Dir. Margy Kinmonth | 2023 | 88 mins + Q&A | English

Ravilious is as compelling and enigmatic as his art. Set against the dramatic wartime locations that inspired him, the film brings to life this brilliant but still grossly undervalued British artist. Caught in the crossfire of war 80 years ago, Ravilious' legacy largely sank without trace, until now. O&A with writer and teacher Alan Powers.



FILM // SOLO (15) Weds 15 Oct | 20:00 Thurs 16 Oct | 17:45

Dir. Sophie Dupuis | 2023 102 mins | French & English with English subtitles

Simon is a rising star on the Montreal drag scene. When he meets fellow drag gueen Olivier, Simon thinks he's in for an electrifying love affair, but a power struggle dynamic develops between them. A stirring exploration of love, identity, and ambition, portraying a young man's fight to find where he truly belongs.



FILM // BLUE JUICE (1995) (15) Thurs 16 Oct | 20:00

Dir. Carl Prechezer | 1995 | 95 mins | English

As his 30th birthday nears, champion surfer I.C. finds himself torn between his career and commitment to his girlfriend, Chloe. When his three friends show up unexpectedly to help him celebrate, it's apparent they're struggling through their own minor crises. Shown in collaboration with Roma Surfshop and National Maritime Museum Roma. Surfshop WATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM Cornwall.



FILM // DON'T LET'S GO **TO THE DOGS TONIGHT (15)** Sat 18 Oct | 20:00

Dir. Embeth Davidtz 2024 | 99 mins | English

The tumultuous childhood of eight-year-old Bobo unfolds on her family's Rhodesian farm, now Zimbabwe, as the Bush War rages to its bitter end. Set against this violent backdrop, and seen through her eyes, we witness the family's desperate attachment to Africa's soil and the deep, festering scars of a war that reshapes both land and soul.



FILM // JOSEP (15) Thurs 23 Oct | 14:30

Dir. Aurel | 2020 | 74 mins French, Catalan and Spanish, with English subtitles

The unknown story of a brilliant illustrator, Josep Bartolí, who survived the Spanish Civil War only to be interned in a French concentration camp. He eventually made it to Mexico, where he became the lover of Frida Kahlo before moving to New York, meeting painters like Rothko and de Kooning. A glimpse into the pain and plight suffered by the Spanish people.



FILM // THE WORST ONES (15) Fri 24 Oct | 14:30

Dir. Lise Akoka & Romane Gueret | 2023 | 99 mins | French with English subtitles

The challenges of street casting are explored in this drama about After experiencing huge success, a film within a film, which sees a film crew descend on a workingclass French town, with thought- his hedonistic days drawing provoking and sometimes darkly to a close, the outspoken funny results. Director Gabriel is casting in the suburbs of Boulogne. His feature is about a pregnant teen and her younger brother, and he is looking for ordinary local residents...



FILM // IRVINE WELSH: **REALITY IS NOT ENOUGH (18)** Fri 24 Oct | 18:00

Dir. Paul Sng | 2025 | 88 mins | English

Irvine Welsh is at a crossroads. he has become acutely aware of his own mortality. Now, with author decides to explore the boundaries of consciousness through a psychedelic DMT trip. Through this unique lens, join Welsh on a brutally honest examination of his life.



FILM // URCHIN (15) Fri 24 Oct | 20:00

Dir. Harris Dickinson | 2025 | 99 mins | English

A young addict living on the streets of London is given a shot at redemption, but his road to recovery soon curdles into a strange odvssev from which he may never escape.



FILM // PRINCESS **MONONOKE (12A)**

Weds 29 Oct | 10:30,13:30,16:30 Thurs 30 Oct | 15:00 Sat 01 Nov 11:00 (subbed)

Dir. Hayao Miyazaki | 1997 | 134min | All screenings dubbed except Sat 01 Nov

Inflicted with a deadly curse, young warrior Ashitaka heads west in search of a cure. There, he stumbles into a bitter conflict, and the enigmatic Princess Mononoke, a young girl raised by wolves who will stop at nothing to defend her home and the forest spirits who live there against the encroaching people of Iron Town.



FILM // NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: MRS WARREN'S **PROFESSION** Weds 29 Oct | 19:00

Imelda Staunton and her real-life daughter Bessie Carter play mother and daughter in Bernard Shaw's incendiary moral classic, exploring the clash between morality and independence, traditions and progress. Vivie Warren is a woman ahead of her time, but her mother is a product of the old patriarchal order. Exploiting it has earned Mrs. Warren a fortune – but at what cost? In collaboration with Arts Society Falmouth.



FILM // RADIOHEAD x **NOSFERATU: A SYMPHONY** OF HORROR (PG) Thurs 30 Oct | 20:00

Dir. FW Murnau, Josh Frank | 1922/2025 | 95 mins | English

Silents Synced pairs classic silent movies with epic rock music to bring audiences a unique big screen experience. This reimagining of the iconic Nosferatu features Radiohead's Kid A (2000) and Amnesiac (2001). *Nosferatu* is the quintessential vampire film – perhaps the most genuinely disturbing incarnation of vampirism yet envisioned.



FILM // CORPSE BRIDE (PG) Fri 31 Oct | 10:30

Dir. Tim Burton | 2005 | 77 mins | English

There's been a grave misunderstanding.

In a 19th-century European village, a young man about to be married is whisked away to the underworld and wed to a mysterious corpse bride, while his real bride waits bereft in the land of the living.

FILM // THE PHANTOM

OF THE OPERA (1925):

Sat 01 Nov | 14:30

86 mins | English

modern cinema!

he loves a star.

100[™] ANNIVERSARY (PG)

Dir. Rupert Julian | 1925 |

The greatest horror film of

The deformed phantom who

haunts the Paris Opera House

causes murder and mavhem in

an attempt to make the woman



FILM // HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL (1959) (12A) Fri 31 Oct | 18:00

Dir. William Castle | 1959 | 75 mins | English

Frederick Loren, a millionaire, along with his fourth wife, Annabelle, invites five people to a house on a hillton for a haunted-house party, promising them \$10,000 if they make it through the night.

A cult classic not to be missed, featuring genre icon Vincent Price.



FILM // THE ROCKY HORROR **PICTURE SHOW (1975) (12A)** Fri 31 Oct | 20:00

Dir. Jim Sharman | 1975 | 100 mins | English

After getting a flat tyre in the middle of nowhere, newly engaged couple Brad and Janet encounter the eerie mansion of the flamboyant, seductive Dr. Frank-N-Furter and a variety of eccentric characters. Through elaborate dance and rock music, the mad scientist unveils his latest creation: a perfect, muscular man.



FILM // NIGHT OF THE **LIVING DEAD (1968) (15)** Sat 01 Nov | 17:45

Dir. George A. Romero 1968 | 116 mins | English

If it doesn't scare you, you're already dead!

A group of strangers trapped in a farmhouse find themselves fending off a horde of recently dead, flesh-eating ghouls.

Restored in 4K from the original camera negative.

FILM // HALLOWEEN: RARE EXTENDED CUT (1980) (15) Sat 01 Nov | 20:00

Dir. John Carpenter | 1980 | 105 mins | English

The night he came home!

Fifteen years after murdering his sister on Halloween night 1963, Michael Myers escapes from a mental hospital and returns to the small town of Haddonfield, Illinois to kill again.

Starring Donald Pleasence, Jamie Lee Curtis (in her film debut), P. J. Soles, and Nancy Loomis



FILM // UK SURF CINEMA: **2025 SHOWCASE (12A)** Tues 04 Nov | 19:00

UK Surf Cinema is a new touring showcase for everyone who loves the sea, created to celebrate surf films and the people behind them. Filmmakers are paid for each screening and the tour aims to grow a fund to support new projects and mentor fresh talent. At its core, the platform is about sharing surf content with heart and purpose - films that tell real stories and connect us to the ocean. £1 from every ticket goes to The Wave Project.



FILM // JOHN CLEESE PACKS IT IN (12A) Thurs 13 Nov | 18:00

Dir. Andy Curd | 2025 | 90 mins | English

One 85-year-old Man, five countries, 16 cities, 23 shows, six weeks. Will he make it home ... or is this the end of the road? One of the most recognisable figures in British comedy, John Cleese sets off on what might be his final European tour. With unexpected tenderness, this is a documentary about legacy, laughter, and the dignity of bowing out... however reluctantly.



FILM // SIGNS OF LIFE (15), WITH DIRECTOR O&A Sun 09 Nov | 14:30 + Q&A Thurs 13 Nov | 20:00

Dir. Joseph Millson | 2025 87 mins plus Q&A | English

Stuck in a cycle of depression and grief, Anne (Sarah-Jane Potts) attempts to shift her life by taking herself on a cheap noise, squalor and danger, but a to the Channel Islands to build chance encounter with another solo traveller, Bill (David Ganly) offers an unexpected solution and a chain of surprising and often hilarious events unfold...



FILM // GHOSTS OF ALDERNEY: HITLER'S ISLAND SLAVES. **PLUS Q&A** Weds 12 Nov | 19:30

Dir. Andrew Johnstone | 2025 | 60 mins plus Q&A | English

Artist Piers Secunda has spent five years tracing stories of slave labourers sent to the tiny island of Alderney. People from hóliday. On arrival she's met with all over Nazi Europe were shipped the Fuhrer's 'fortress' against an Allied attack. When Hitler's forces invaded, nobody knew just how brutal the occupation of this piece of UK Crown land would become.



FILM // COSY CRAFTY CINEMA: FILM // DREAMS (PG) THE BALLAD OF WALLIS ISLAND (12A) Sat 15 Nov | 16:00

Dir. James Griffiths | 2025 | 100 mins | English

Craft while you watch in a relaxed creative space! Eccentric lottery winner Charles dreams of getting survivor...Van Gogh painting his favourite musicians, McGwyer crows... A terrifying nuclear Mortimer, back together. The fantasy becomes real when the bandmates and former lovers agree to play a private show. But old tensions resurface as Charles tries desperately to salvage his dream gig.



Sat 15 Nov | 19:30

Dir. Akira Kurosawa | 1990 | 120 mins | Japanese with **English subtitles**

A Japanese legend... Living dolls in a peach orchard... A deadly snow fairy... A haunted war disaster... Miserly ogres... And the village of the watermills...

Eight visions of breathtaking beauty. Eight powerful moments revealing human nature.

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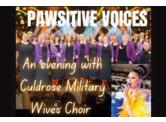
FILM // NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: THE FIFTH STEP (15) Thurs 27 Nov | 20:00

Jack Lowden (Slow Horses, *Dunkirk*) is joined by Martin Freeman (The Hobbit, The Responder) in the critically acclaimed and subversively funny new play, written by David Ireland and directed by Finn den Hertog. After years in the 12-step programme of Alcoholics Anonymous, James becomes a sponsor to newcomer Luka. As Luka approaches step five - the moment of confession - dangerous truths emerge, threatening the trust on which both of their recoveries depend. Shown in collaboration with Arts Society Falmouth.



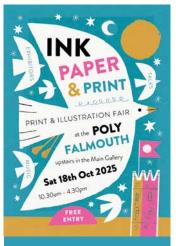
TALK & FILM // STORIES FROM THE WILD EDGES, WITH FILMMAKER Q&A Weds 01 Oct | 19:00

Documentary filmmaker Ted Simpson's work explores our relationship with nature in the British Isles. Ted's latest short film – *The Pine Hunters*, which follows two ecologists in search of the last of our ancient wild pine forests – will be screened and followed with insights from Ted on the lessons he has learnt through making these films: about ourselves, nature, and the future of our wild places.



MUSIC // PAWSITIVE VOICES: AN EVENING WITH CULDROSE MILITARY WIVES CHOIR Sat 04 Oct | 19:00

Come and join us for an evening of singing by Culdrose Military Wives Choir and Scarlette Von B, a contestant on *The Voice*, bringing together a range of songs for the audience to join in with.



Also featuring talks in The Poly Library...

11:00 | ACCOUNTING FOR CREATIVE BUSINESSES



12:45 | BEING AN ARTIST/ ILLUSTRATOR, WITH TABBY BOOTH & MATT IOHNSON



14:45 | WAVELENGTHS: RAVILIOUS, PIPER, & THE SEASIDE IN INTERWAR CULTURE, BY ALAN POWERS





MUSIC // NERINA PALLOT Fri 10 Oct | 20:00

An artist who has always forged her own way, Nerina Pallot is a Brit and Ivor Novello-nominated singer-songwriter with a career spanning over two decades. Known for her sharp wit, heartfelt storytelling, and a voice that can break hearts and mend them in the same breath, she has built a devoted following that spans generations. A rare opportunity to experience one of the UK's most captivating live performers up close.



TALK // WRITING UNCOVERED: THE WRITING JOURNEY TO PUBLICATION Sat 11 Oct | 14:30

Ever wonder how to turn your ideas into a novel or a screenplay? Wonder no longer: successful novelists, a BAFTA-winning scriptwriter, a Cornwall-based publisher and a psychotherapist talk you through their experiences. You'll come away from this session with practical insights into making your dreams a reality, so bring a pen and paper and take the first step in your publishing journey.





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EVERY LAST FISH, WITH HUGO TAGHOLM Sat 25 Oct | 14:00

Rose George investigates global fishing, law and illegality, communities and oceans, in conversation with campaign-





WE CAME BY SEA Sat 25 Oct | 16:00

Bringing to life the reality of small-boat crossings to the UK, celebrating volunteers, lifeboat crews, refugees, blending reportage and

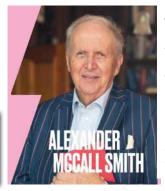




THE CLIMATE **CRISIS: LOVE. ANGER & BETRAYAL** Tues 21 Oct | 19:00

Events take place at The Poly and The Princess Pavilion – please see website for details.

A powerful, timely and emotionally charged book that reframes the urgent LOVE, Anger& moral questions raised BETRAYAL by climate břeakdown and civil disobedience.



IN CONVERSATION Weds 22 Oct | 19:00

Sharing stories from the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency to 44 Scotland Street, reflecting on the role of humour and community in his inimitable style of storytelling.

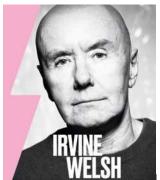


UNCOMMON **PEOPLE** Sat 25 Oct | 18:00

er Hugo Tagholm.

Miranda unpacks Britpop through twenty defining songs, revisiting artists, scenes and stories

with humour and incisive critique.



IN CONVERSATION **WITH MIRANDA SAWYER** Sat 25 Oct | 20:00

with

Irvine Welsh discusses Trainspotting's legacy and it's sequel, Men in Love, culture, language, clubs



DOGGEDLY ON: A LIFE IN POEMS Thurs 23 Oct | 13:00

Assembled for the first time in a single volume, annotated throughout with her own reflections on six

decades of making the nation laugh and cry.



CELEBRATING **WILLIAM BLAKE** Thurs 23 Oct | 19:00

Weaving between the historical, cultural and personal, Philip Hoare reveals how one visionary inspired 200 years of art.



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HOW ANIMALS HEAL US Sun 26 Oct | 12:00

Award-winning nature writer lav Griffiths provides a unique and heartfelt insight into the healing how nature animals heal

of our relationship with animals.



PRUE LEITH IN CONVERSATION Sun 26 Oct | 14:00

and chaos

Reflections on restaurants, Bake Off, and Britain's food revolution from a true national

treasure whose career has inspired generations.





loneliness and laundrettes, with readings, and behindthe-scenes stories.





THE DROWNED **PLACES** Sat 25 Oct | 12:00

protest...

Exploring legends and real undersea worlds, from Atlantis to wrecks and ruins, discovering meaning, grief,

wonder. resilience in this spellbinding love letter to diving.



THE LOST FOLK Sun 26 Oct | 14:00

On a mission to breathe new life into British folk traditions, The Lost Folk encourages us to reexamine and revive

these rapidly disappearing customs



THESE OAKEN BONES Sun 26 Oct | 16:00

An honest and intimate true story about renewal, the astonishing healing power of nature,

and our duty to heál it in return.





TALK // DARK TALES OF **CORNISH SMUGGLING** Weds 15 Oct | 18:00

Our smuggling past crops up everywhere, and this talk takes a look at some of the darker stories and legends connected with it, exploring some of the most notorious characters and nefarious deeds, the reality of Cornish smuggling, and why it continues to fascinate us. With 'The Piskie Trap' podcast host Keith Wallis, who collaborates with historians, writers, folklorists comedic tale about art, power, and storytellers to preserve local folklore traditions and promote Cornish history and heritage.



TALK // EQUESTRIAN PAINTER THEATRE // THE FALMOUTH LUCY KEMP-WELCH Thurs 30 Oct | 18:00

Best known for her illustrations of the book *Black Beauty*, it is not so well known that the artist Lucy Kemp-Welch spent her life creating powerful and heartfelt images of horses on a grand scale in a way that competed with and surpassed many of her Will of Falmouth Uncovered male rivals. Her depictions of her will lead you through subjects, whether ploughing fields Falmouth's streets to unravel a or pulling guns on the battlefield, gruesome murder story and its brought her success but not the fame she deserved. With art to be unnerved – when you go historian Catherine Wallace.



THEATRE // AN AUDIENCE WITH YORICK Tues 28 Oct | 19:30

When Queen Elizabeth I delivers an ultimatum – produce a new play or face the end of theatre as we know it – Shakespeare's retreat to the guiet of Cornwall is shattered. Enter Yorick, a loud-mouth skeleton whose irreverence and relentless humour force Shakespeare to confront the very things he's been avoiding. A bold, darkly and struggle, where the fate of theatre, and Shakespeare's soul, hang in the balance.



HALLOWEEN HAUNTING: **IMMERSIVE STREET THEATRE** Thurs 30 Oct | 20:15 Fri 31 Oct 20:15 20:15 Sat 01 Nov

Get your spook on this Halloween with an immersive street theatre experience. Back this year by popular demand, paranormal legacy. Be prepared looking for the dead you might find they're looking right back...



THEATRE // THE SAMHAIN TOURNAMENT Thurs 30 Oct | 11:00

Let it be known the Samhain Tournament has arrived! Two wandering knights have meandered into Falmouth ready to entertain the masses with their skills at arms, bad jokes and friendly boxed dragon!

Come and cheer or boo as we see in Hallowe'en. Costumed audience welcome.

Runtime approx. 45-60 mins followed by a chance to take a closer look at some of the props.



THEATRE // SQUASHBOX THEATRE PRESENTS: **SHIVERS & SHADOWS** Fri 31 Oct | 15:00

Craig, your host, has inherited a creepy mansion from his Great Uncle Vladimir. Join him as he explores it and meets some strange and spooky inhabitants. An overflowing cauldron of a show, brimming with delightful frights, hilarious horrors, ingenious puppetry, seasoned with scary stories and tall tales, and sprinkled with slapstick and silliness. Recommended for brave children aged 6+ and their scaredy-cat grown-ups.



MUSIC // WHERE WORDS END... INSPIRING MUSIC FOR CHOIR AND ORGAN Sat 01 Nov | 19:30

Join the Swan Singers chamber choir, from Wells in Somerset, with conductor Tricia Rees-Jones and Julian McNamara on the mighty All Saints organ in a feast of music to uplift your soul. Featuring work by Byrd, Harris, Pärt, and Bach's great A minor fugue BWV 543, be taken on a glorious musical journey as we explore works which console, heal and inspire. This concert is a fundraiser for the hospitality facilities at All Saints Church.



THEATRE // CIRQULESQUE: **BANTER & BOO-LESQUE** Fri 07 Nov | 19:30

Cirqulesque cabaret returns with extraordinary acts blending circus, drag, sultry burlesque, and mesmerising dance numbers. With a dash of naughty and a sprinkle of saucy, this event encourages you to leave your inhibitions at home and join in spreading the love.



TALK // FALMOUTH: THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS OF **TOURISM, 1860-1960** Thurs 06 Nov | 15:00

Following the loss of the Packet Service in the 1850s, investment in new docks and railway connected Falmouth to the rest of the UK. This resulted in the development of new hotels and boarding houses offering entertainments and outings for visitors to explore the coast and countryside as never before. This of people at a time of great well-illústrated talk by Jill Harris of Falmouth History Archive will explain how tourism developed and what can still be seen today.



TALK // JANE AUSTEN'S REGENCY YEARS Thurs 06 Nov | 18:00

Following her death in 1817, Jane Austen's family carefully curated an image of her as a talented inventor of characters who lived in a quiet, enclosed world. But this does not quite tell the whole story. Loving nothing more than to talk about others, often with acerbic wit, Austen was an observer change, both at home and abroad. This talk examines her novels through the lens of the era in which they were written.



MUSIC // TAMMY ADAMS PLUS SUPPORT Sat 08 Nov | 19:30

Tammy Adams is a transgender songwriter and producer living and working in Cornwall, England. Best known for her distinctive falsetto vocals and atmospheric production aesthetic, Tammy first came to public attention in 2014 with the soundtrack for the film *The Knife* That Killed Me. She has released 10 full-length albums, receiving international airplay on radio and TV. 'Poignant, atmospheric music that seems to slow time.' Bob Boilen (NPR).



TALK // ART OF WAR: **ARTISTS OF WWII** Tues 11 Nov | 18:00

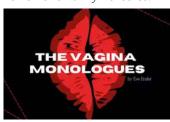
An extended two-hour lecture with Catherine Wallace exploring some of the art of the Second World War. Featuring work by the men and women who painted the war on the home front and those who were sent abroad, capturing theatres of war from Dunkirk to Egypt, refugees in Germany, the release of prisoners from concentration camps, and some who experienced imprisonment themselves yet bravely recorded what they saw.

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THEATRE // SANTA VERSUS THE PEOPLE Weds 26 Nov | 19:30

Move over Santa, Christmas needs a new hero, and that man is Jeff Bezos – Amazon now owns Christmas. Santa won't give up without a fight though, and stands trial for his right to deliver presents in a world that see's him as outdated and draconian due to his overworking of reindeers and elves. Times are changing... see just how far in this laughout-loud comedy from OMF Theatre, makers of *Apocalypse* Kernow and Barmy Nonsense.



THEATRE // THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES Fri 28 Nov | 19:30

Written by V (formerly Eve Ensler) in 1996, this iconic masterpiece of theatre explores the complexities of womanhood, weaving together intimate narratives to reveal both universal truths and deeply personal experiences. Join 'The Vaginas' in candid stories and discussions to celebrate resilience, desire, femininity and empowerment. Raising funds for West Cornwall Women's Aid and the Women's Centre Cornwall.



TALK // THE ART OF SIR WILLIAM NICHOLSON Thurs 27 Nov | 18:00

Art historian Catherine Wallace explores the various subjects, styles and techniques of this modest British master. Initially a woodblock artist creating illustrations for books such as The Almanac of Sports by Rudyard Kipling, Nicholson (1872-1949) developed his painting style from 1900 onwards, specialising in still lifes, landscapes and capturing key creative figures in London society of the time as a very successful portrait painter.



MUSIC // JOHN BRAMWELL (I AM KLOOT) PLUS SPECIAL **GUESTS** Sat 29 Nov | 20:00

John Bramwell has been on a never-ending rolling adventure since his workings away from the cherished Mercury Prizenominated Mancunian band. I am Kloot. He released his acclaimed sophomore album The Light Fantastic in 2024 – a masterclass in emotionally charged and melodically driven tunes for the adventurous which have been lighting up, and selling out, countless live shows across the country.





WORKSHOP // COSTUMED LIFE DRAWING: WIZARDS, **WITCHES & WARLOCKS** Sat 04 Oct | 11:00-13:00

Wizards, witches and warlocks are here for our October Costumed Life Drawing! Will there be pointy hats? Majestic beards? Warts on noses? You will just have to come and see! This untutored session from Swashbuckling Cornwall features to take home. a range of costumed poses ranging from one to 15 minutes. Bring your choice of drawing materials. Event supported by the Archaeology Committee of the Roman Society.



POTTERY // FOUR-WEEK BEGINNERS' HANDBUILDING THROWING COURSE Start Mon 13 Oct Start Mon 17 Nov 14:00-16:00 | 18:30-20:30

For the perfect introduction to ceramics, join in our fourweek beginners' course. Handbuilding is one of the oldest forms of pottery. allowing you to make pots, bowls and more. You'll learn the techniques of pinch pots, coil pots and slab making while being in encouraged to experiment with traditional decorative methods such as slip and glazing.



WORKSHOP // CORNISH **SEASHORE WREATH MAKING** Tues 07 Oct | 10:30-12:30

Come and spend a creative, relaxing morning where the coast inspires your craft. Using beautiful finds from the shoreline – seaweeds, sea glass, driftwood, shells and seed heads – you'll make your own unique coastal-inspired wreath

Everything you need will be provided, but if you've collected vour own beach treasures, feel free to bring them along and add your own personal touch.



WORKSHOP // ABSTRACT LANDSCAPES WITH OIL & **COLD WAX** Tues 07 - Thurs 09 Oct

Tues 11 - Thurs 13 Nov 10:30-16:30

A fun and experimental threeday workshop with artist Laura Ménzies to learn more about painting with oil and cold wax. Take a deep dive into various techniques and processes and learn how to create atmospheric landscape paintings, full of layers, texture and depth. You'll develop a series of works and find vour personal voice, with 1:1 feedback.



POTTERY // FOUR-WEEK Start Tues 14 Oct Start Tues 18 Nov 14:00-16:00 | 18:30-20:30

Whether you're a novice or an experienced potter looking to expand your skills on the wheel, this course will teach you the basics of pottery throwing, starting with throwing basic cylinders and then developing your skills to help you make more complicated forms, including bowls and mugs, as learning about turning, firing, and glazing techniques.



WORKSHOP // LIFE DRAWING AT THE POLY Tues 14 Oct | 18:30-20:30 Tues 11 Nov | 18:30-20:30

Practice drawing from a model in a range of media in a relaxed, supported environment.

Held in The Poly's Library, tutor Lisa Waldron provides guided exercises and extra support if required as well as opportunities to draw freely. Experienced artists, improvers and beginners are all welcome.

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POTTERY // FOUR-WEEK INTERMEDIATE COURSE Weds 15 Oct | 14:00-16:00 Weds 19 Nov | 14:00-16:00

This course has been designed A practical course for those for people with some experience who would like to develop their existing skills and start to gain knowledge in a broader range of building, firing and glazing techniques. Every week we'll explore a different firing technique, clay and construction method, playing with the materials to help you develop a more personálised approach to vour making.



WORKSHOP // BLOOD AND GORE HORROR **MAKE-UP TUTORIAL** Tues 28 Oct 10:30-12:30 | 14:00-16:00

Get ready for Halloween and fun by learning how to use FX make-up techniques to create realistic blood and gore and zombie effects, with make-up artist Joanne Stambridge.

For ages 12-15. Max 10 per class.



POTTERY // FOUR-WEEK **ADVANCED COURSE** Weds 15 Oct | 14:00-16:00 Weds 19 Nov | 14:00-16:00

with an extensive knowledge of clay, looking to further expand existing skills and broaden knowledge of different kinds of firing techniques. We recommend having a project in mind, for example tiles, tableware, larger vessels or other bespoke projects. Building on your experience and ideas, support will be tailored to help you realise your vision.



POTTERY // SIX-WEEK THROWING COURSE Thurs 30 Oct | 14:00-16:00

This course is open to all abilities, whether you're a novice or an experienced potter looking to expand your skills on the wheel. The course will teach you the basics of pottery throwing, starting with throwing basic cylinders and then developing your skills to help you make more complicated forms, including bowls and mugs, as learning about turning, firing, and glazing techniques.



WORKSHOP // CREATE YOUR OWN LANDSCAPE **SKETCHBOOK** Tues 21 Oct | 10:00-16:00

A hands-on workshop where vou will make a sketchbook from scratch, using premium cartridge paper for detailed drawings, watercolour paper for vibrant paintings, and hand-sewn binding that's built to last through countless creative adventures. All materials and traditional bookbinding instructions provided, you'll leave with your handcraftéd sketchbook and the skills to make more!



POTTERY // SIX-WEEK GLAZE TECHNOLOGY COURSE Thurs 30 Oct | 18:30-20:30

Suitable for beginners and professionals, this course provides an insight into the materials that make up glaze and how they affect it. Through experimentation and tests vou'll learn to make a range of basic glaze recipes from scratch, and see the results each week. By analysing and reflecting on results, you'll build your own folder of glaze recipes, as well as gaining a basic awareness of studio health & safety practices.





SECRET POSTCARD CALENDAR 2026

An A3 wall calendar featuring over 100 images from our Secret Postcard Exhibition, held in August this year to raise funds for our #Poly200 campaign – aiming to raise '£200,000 For 200 Years'.

Launched to celebrate The Poly's upcoming 200th anniversary in 2033, #Poly200 aims to ensure The Poly will be here for another 200 years!

Postcard artworks were kindly created and donated by local artists and exhibited and sold anonymously to raise funds. Now their contribution will go even further, with calendar sales also raising funds for #Poly200.

Available soon from The Poly Guild, priced at £15.00.

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WORKSHOP // NATURAL BIRD FEEDER WREATHS Tues 04 Nov | 14:00-16:00

Create your own natural bird feeder wreath by weaving a hand-plaited willow frame and decorating with sustainably foraged willow, branches, cones, seed heads, berries, fruits, grasses, nuts and fragrant herbs. A decorative and functional handmade wreath that provides a nourishing treat for the birds in your garden, or a thoughtful nature-inspired gift for any bird lover.



WORKSHOP // PAINT & SIP: SGT. PEPPER'S YELLOW **SUBMARINE** Tues 25 Nov | 18:00-20:30

A glass in one hand and a paintbrush in the other, create your own version of The Beatles' iconic Yellow Submarine and Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band images.

With music and wine/nonalcoholic alternative, indulge your creativity with fun and laughs with like-minded people. Let your imagination flow. It's a whole unique experience. All materials are provided.



WORKSHOP // CAPTURING THE AUTUMN TREES IN OILS Tues 04 - Weds 05 Nov | 10:30-16:00

In this relaxing and informative to more recent adventurers two-day course, work from your own images of autumn trees. Experienced artist and tutor Lisa Waldron will take you through the process of capturing the scene, from constructing the composition in an underpainting, to adding the final finishing touches. Includes a detailed explanation of colour mixing. all materials provided.



WORKSHOP // FESTIVE LIVING WREATHS Tues 25 Nov | 18:30-20:30

Create a truly unique statement including flowers, foliage, cones, by creating your own still life berries, seed heads, ferns, lichens, and mosses, along with mini living plants set into compost within a recycled cardboard base. This living framework is complemented by seasonal cut blooms that can be refreshed as they fade, ensuring your wreath remains vibrant throughout the festive season.



WORKSHOP // COSTUMED **LIFE DRAWING: EXPLORERS** Sat 08 Nov | 11:00-13:00

From the Victorian plant hunters delving deep underground to explore long-lost mines, Cornwall has a long history of exploration. Now we will bring to life our own take on this intrepid individual! This untutored session from Swashbuckling Cornwall features a range of costumed poses from one to 15 minutes. Make sure to bring your choice of drawing materials. Event supported by the Archaeology Committee of the Roman Society.



WORKSHOP // SEASONAL STILL LIFE IN OILS Tues 26 - Weds 27 Nov | 10:30-16:00

wreath using sustainably grown Celebrate the beautiful textures and foraged Cornish naturals, and warm tones of autumn painting with artist and tutor Lisa Waldron. Working from an abundant selection of seasonal vegetables, flowers and natural forms, Lisa will take you through the entire painting process from creating the underpainting, to colour mixing, to adding the final finishing touches. All materials provided.



POTTERY // FRIDAY DROP-IN SESSIONS 15:00-20:00

Whether you're a thrower looking for a wheel to rent, or a hand-builder looking to make in a community space, every Friday we open our doors for potters to use our facilities.

These untaught sessions are perfect for anyone wanting to develop their skills and catch up on some quality studio time.

Pop down to the pottery and use the wonderful studio space for just £10 an

- > Bags of clay (12.5kg) are available for purchase from just £17
- > Three wheels are available for use prebooking via email is recommended
- > Kiln firings from £12 per shelf
- > Metal and wooden tools, knives, batts, whirlers/ banding wheels, sponges, paint brushes etc, are all free to use as you make.

Pop in and pay as you go or email pottery@thepoly.org to prebook a slot on one of the wheels.



VISIT THE POLY'S RELAUNCHED CAFÉ & BAR

Open daily Tues-Sat 10:00-16:00 with evening opening Weds-Thurs 17:00-20:00 Fri-Sat 17:00-22:00 (hours may vary depending on events)

10% OFF FOR POLY MEMBERS!









GALLERIES



SUE LOVELL: THREADS OF TRANSFORMATION

Tues 07 - Sat 18 Oct, Spring Gallery Private View: Fri 10 Oct | 17:00-19:00

This exhibition, including paintings, drawings & boxes, is a visual response to the transformational aspects of nature, alchemy & yoga – three strands Sue hones in on to weave together her interests as ways of making sense of the world.

Alongside the exhibition, Sue will be running yoga workshops in the Main Gallery on Sat 11 October. To book tickets, please email: sueyoga40@gmail.com.



INK. PAPER & PRINT: **PRINT & ILLUSTRATION FAIR** Sat 18 Oct, Main Gallery | 10:30-16:30

A celebration of illustration and print featuring some of the most amazing printmakers from Falmouth and beyond, with risos, screenprints, posters, cards, artist's books, linocuts, wood engravings and more.

With talks, two live DJs, and so much to see and enjoy. For more information, visit www.inkpaperandprint.co.uk.



IO LAY: GATHERINGS

Tues 21 - Sat 25 Oct, Spring Gallery Private View: Tues 21 Oct, 17:00-19:00

A collection of work from a group of artist friends: Carol O'Toole, Johanna Lay, Louise Walter and Jennie Buckingham.



GEORGIE HARRISON: GEE BY THE SEA Tues 28 Oct - Sat 01 Nov, Spring Gallery

Paintings by Georgie Harrison ('Gee by the Sea') capturing the essence of the ocean, from serene shorelines and sunsets to being up close and personal with the water's surface. Art intended to inspire a deeper connection with and commitment to protecting our oceans.



FAMILY AFFAIR: MADE WITH LOVE

Tues 04 - Sat 08 Nov, Spring Gallery Private View: Tues 04 Nov | 17:00-19:00

A joyful collection of eclectic arts celebrates one family's love of colour, texture, and creativity. From vibrant paintings to playful textiles and lovingly crafted jewellery, each piece reflects a unique perspective, yet is united by a shared spirit of positivity, curiosity, and connection.

This expressive showcase is a celebration of making for the joy of it, and an invitation to explore the beauty in everyday things and the power of creativity to uplift, connect, and inspire.

TEXTILES PLUS: FRAGMENTS Tues 11 - Sat 15 Nov, Spring Gallery

An exhibition of work designed and created by a Cornwall-based textiles group. The work is varied and encompasses a mixture of disciplines, from stitch to woven textiles. The group members have various backgrounds in textiles, demonstrated in the work displayed. 'Fragments' as a title and inspiration point invited many responses, the work showing a varied use of materials – from landscapes to leftovers, sumptuousness to scraps, and everything in between.



CONVERSATIONS, TIME AND TIDE

Tues 18 - Sat 22 Nov, Spring Gallery Private View: Tues 18 Nov | 17:00-19:00

'Four beached women make art': showcasing textiles, ceramics, print and resin from Bronwen Sewell, Nicky Stone, Sarah McCartney and Sarah Sullivan



POLY POTTERY CONNECTIONS:

Tues 25 Nov - Weds 03 Dec, Spring Gallery Private View: Tues 25 Nov | 17:00-19:00

'Connections' is a celebration of ceramics, reflecting on the dialogue between potters and the many ways in which they transform a shared material into distinct expressions.

COMING UP IN DECEMBER...





THEATRE // HAH! BUMHUG Tues 16, Sun 21, Mon 22, Weds 24 Dec

We all know the classic Dickens tale *A Christmas Carol*, but did you ever wonder what happened after the ghosts had scarpered? Sure, Scrooge changed his ways, but a certain kid grew up wanting more, more, MORE! It's turned Tim (don't let him catch you calling him Tiny) into a naughty little bad boy. Want to hear Tim's version of the story? Grab your overcoats and top hats and come to see a joyfully interactive, funny, festive Christmas classic, retold in a way you've never seen before.

THEATRE // CHRISTMAS.TIME. Weds 17 - Tues 23 Dec | 19:30 Sat 20 Dec | 14:00 (relaxed screening)

Near-ta Theatre's cult festive comedy and Cornwall's longest running festive show! Charlie and Toby are feeling low. It's Christmas Day and they're serving time at His Majesty's pleasure. But why shouldn't they have a Merry Christmas in spite of their incarceration? What's stopping them from creating Christmas around them? Absolutely nothing! And so they set off on their festival of carols, Claus, Christ and custody...

THEATRE // SIR TRISTAN AND THE CHRISTMAS TREE Sat 20 Dec | 11:00

Sir Tristan returns! The Great Tree for Camelot is late arriving, and the king is worried. Armed with some extra festive gadgets from Merlin, Sir Tristan is sent out into the wild dark forests to discover just what is going on. A tale-telling show which will take you on a journey with knights, wizards, princesses, yule logs, Christmas trees and more! Bought to you by Swashbuckling Cornwall.

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