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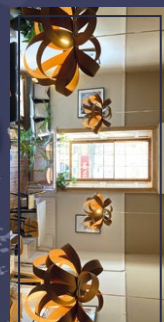
WHAT'S ON // DECEMBER 2025-JANUARY 2026



THEATRE // Hah! Bumhug. From Tues 16 December.

WHAT'S ON CALENDAR

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SEASONS GREETINGS FROM EVERYONE AT THE POLY, WITH THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT IN 2025.

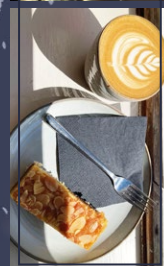
WE'LL BE CLOSED FROM THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER, REOPENING ON FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU IN 2026!

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12	13 EXHIBITION // Ce Chen: THE IN- BETWEEN NOWHERE WORKSHOP // Slow Stitch Circle	14 FILMS // Labyrinth TALK // Where Kea Plums Grow	15 THEATRE // Made in Cornwall Scratch Night	16 POTTERY // Drop-in sessions every Friday FILMS // Becoming Victoria Wood Blue Moon	17 WORKSHOP // Costumed Life Drawing FILMS // Vacuum Becoming Victoria Wood
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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 vary depending on events)



Events are subject to change. For up-to-date information, pricing and booking, visit www.thepoly.org, call 01326 319461, or pop in to **Box Office**. Find us at **The Poly, 24 Church Street, Falmouth TR11 3EG**.



FILM // PALESTINE 36 (12A)
Tues 02 Dec | 19:30

Dir. Annemarie Jacir | 2025 | 120 mins | Arabic & English with English subtitles

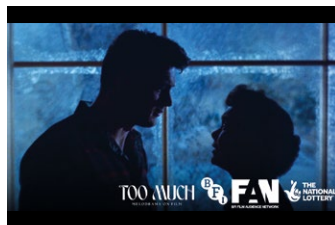
1936. As villages across Mandatory Palestine rise and unite against British colonial rule, and rising numbers of Jewish immigrants arrive, Yusuf drifts between his rural home and the energy of Jerusalem, longing for a future beyond the growing unrest. But history is relentless. All sides spiral towards inevitable collision in a decisive moment for the future of the region.



FILM // LITTLE WOMEN (U)
Weds 03 Dec | 14:30

Dir. Greta Gerwig | 2019 | 135 mins | English

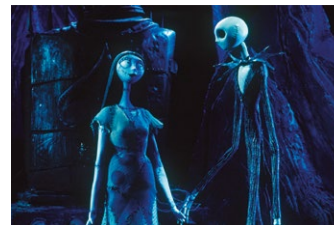
Little Women (2019) is Greta Gerwig's coming-of-age adaptation of the classic novel of the same name, following the four March sisters – Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy – as they navigate love, ambition, and womanhood in 19th-century Massachusetts during the Civil War.



FILM // ALL THAT HEAVEN ALLOWS (1995) (U)
Thurs 04 Dec | 19:30

Dir. Douglas Sirk | 1955 | 85 mins | English

Affluent suburban widow Cary Scott's (Jane Wyman) life is upended when she falls in love with her younger, free-spirited gardener, Ron Kirby (Rock Hudson). Their romance soon becomes the subject of scandal among Cary's children and country-club peers, exposing the prejudices and hypocrisies of mid-century America.



FILM // THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS (PG)
Weds 10 Dec | 20:15
Fri 12 Dec | 18:00
Tues 23 Dec | 11:00

Dir. Henry Selick | 1993 | 77 mins | English

Jack Skellington, a being from Halloween Town, finds Christmas Town and is instantly enchanted.

The situation becomes riveting when his obsession with Christmas leads him to abduct Santa Claus...



FILM // ANEMONE (15)
Thurs 11 Dec | 19:30

Dirs. Ronan Day-Lewis & Daniel Day-Lewis | 2025 | 126 mins | English

Two long-estranged brothers are reunited in the wilderness by a family crisis, rekindling long-buried resentments and revealing long-hidden secrets in a dark and enigmatic film, co-written by director Ronan Day-Lewis and Academy Award-winning actor (and the film's star) Daniel Day-Lewis.



FILM // NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION (12A)
Fri 12 Dec | 20:00

Dirs. Jeremiah Chechik & Jeremiah S. Chechik | 1989 | 97 mins | English

It's Christmastime and the Griswolds are preparing for a family celebration. But things never run smoothly for Clark and his family. His bad luck is worsened by obnoxious family guests, but he manages to keep going, knowing his Christmas bonus is due soon. Screened with Falmouth Meat Counter.



FILM // IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE (1946) (U)
Fri 05 Dec | 19:30
Tues 23 Dec | 14:30

Dir. Frank Capra | 1946 | 130 mins | English

Beset with personal and professional problems, George Bailey finds his previously happy life falling apart around him on Christmas Eve. Seeing no way out, George considers suicide from the edge of a bridge – but Clarence, his guardian angel, intervenes and shows George what his beloved hometown of Bedford Falls would be like without him.



FILM // SOULEYMANE'S STORY (12A)
Sat 06 Dec | 19:30

Dir. Boris Lojkine | 2025 | 94 mins | French with English subtitles

Every second of Souleymane's new life in France is precious. Having fled Guinea, his asylum interview looms. Lojkine's portrait of a modern migrant propels us into the precarious world of an otherwise invisible man. Steeped in compassion and combining the pace of a thriller with the emotional wallop of a social drama. Winner of four César Awards.



FILM // BLUE HAS NO BORDERS (12A), WITH DIRECTOR PANEL DISCUSSION
Weds 10 Dec | 18:00

Dir. Jessi Gutch | 2025 | 87 mins | English

Filmmaker Jessi moves to Folkestone, a Brexit-voting small town, where refugees cross from France daily and tensions rise between 'woke' progressives and a more conservative set, nostalgic for Empire and English influence. Jessi meets six characters embodying hope for a community of messy inclusivity and English identity.



FILM // COSY CRAFTY CINEMA: LITTLE WOMEN (U)
Sat 13 Dec | 15:30

Dir. Greta Gerwig | 2019 | 135 mins | English

Enjoy films in a relaxed, creative space and craft as you watch, with low lights during the film and a laid-back atmosphere – just bring your own crafts. *Little Women* (2019) is Gerwig's coming-of-age adaptation of the classic novel of the same name, following the four March sisters as they navigate love, ambition, and womanhood in 19th-century Massachusetts.

EARLYBIRD DEADLINE: 31 DEC 2025



SHOWCASE YOUR ACTING SKILLS: ENTER THE CORNWALL MONOLOGUE COMPETITION 2026

Cornwall's competition to showcase on-screen acting talent is open to professional & amateur performers aged 18+.

To find out more and enter, scan the QR code to visit **FilmFreeway.**



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FILM // DIE MY LOVE (15)
Fri 09 Jan | 19:30

Dir. Lynne Ramsay | 2025 | 119 mins | English

A visceral and uncompromising portrait of a woman engulfed by love and madness. Anchored by a ferocious, tour de force performance from Jennifer Lawrence, and co-starring Robert Pattinson. Based on Ariana Harwicz's celebrated novel, Ramsay marks her return with this fearless cinematic vision that charts the complexity of love and how it can change and transform over time.



FILM // LABYRINTH (4K) (U)
Sat 10 Jan | 19:30
Weds 14 Jan | 14:30

Dir. Jim Henson | 1986 | 101 mins | English

Sarah (Jennifer Connelly) tries to find her baby brother, Toby, after she angrily wishes him away.

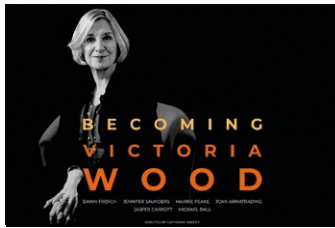
The Goblin King, Jareth (David Bowie), promises Toby's return if Sarah can solve his labyrinth in less than thirteen hours...



FILM // BLUE MOON (15)
Fri 16 Jan | 20:00

Dir. Richard Linklater | 2025 | 100 mins | English

The beginning of Rodgers & Hammerstein... the end of Rodgers & Hart. On the evening of March 31st, 1943, legendary lyricist Lorenz Hart confronts his shattered self-confidence in Sardi's bar as his former collaborator Richard Rodgers celebrates the opening night of his ground-breaking hit musical, *Oklahoma!* Starring Ethan Hawke, Margaret Qualley, Bobby Cannavale and Andrew Scott.



FILM // BECOMING VICTORIA WOOD
Fri 16 Jan | 18:00
Sat 17 Jan | 20:00

Dir. Catherine Abbott | 2025 | 90 mins | English

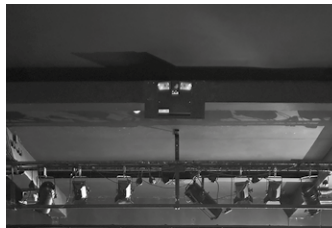
Victoria Wood remains one of Britain's most cherished comics, whose work reshaped the landscape of British humour. But behind the joyous persona lay a young woman navigating insecurity, anger, and self-doubt. This film uncovers the formative experiences that powered Victoria's unmatched ability to make the nation laugh.



FILM // VACUUM (PG), WITH DIRECTOR Q&A
Sat 17 Jan | 18:00

Dir. Malik Abidi | 2025 | 40 mins plus Q&A | English

A directorial debut and premiere of a thrilling student-led project. An unexplainable cosmic explosion separates the trainee of a deep space station from their crew and Earth. Alone in the universe how will they cope - will they ever find home? A pair of underqualified brothers in mission control may be their only hope of communicating with Earth...



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£60

Students / those in receipt of benefits
£15

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FILM // TRACING TRANSCENDENTAL TONE
Weds 21 Jan | 19:30

Dir. Julian Konczak | 2025 | 74 mins plus Q&A | English

A pilgrimage through the sacred sounds of India. Interviews, performances and natural soundscapes - from bubbling hot springs to nocturnal insect symphonies, from mountain winds to temple drums and mantras - invite audiences on an immersive sonic journey into the world's great spiritual traditions. An intimate, transformative experience of sound's power.



FILM // THE LOST BOYS OF CARBIS BAY, PLUS Q&A
Sat 24 Jan | 18:00

Dir. Dan Simpkins | 2025 | 30 mins plus Q&A | English

A daring band of unlikely explorers, named the Carbis Bay Crew, venture into Cornwall's forgotten mines. Filmed over two years, this deeply personal project unearths not just history but the power of camaraderie and connection, resilience and self-discovery, and the quiet battles of men's mental health. Q&A with the Carbis Bay Crew and filmmakers.



FILM // DECISION TO LEAVE (15)
Thurs 22 Jan | 19:30

Dir. Park Chan-wook | 2022 | 139 mins | Korean with English subtitles

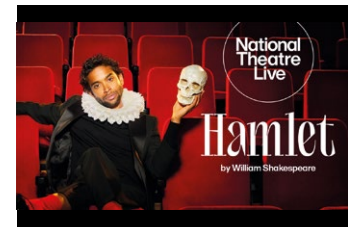
Park Chan-wook returns with a seductive romantic thriller. From a mountain peak in South Korea, a man plummets to his death. When detective Hae-joon arrives on the scene, he begins to suspect the dead man's wife Seo-rae may know more than she initially lets on. But as he digs deeper, Hae-joon finds himself trapped in a web of deception and desire...



FILM // HAMNET (12A)
Weds 28 Jan | 19:45
Thurs 29 Jan | 19:45
Sat 31 Jan | 17:00 & 19:45

Dir. Chloé Zhao | 2025 | 126 mins | English

1580. Impoverished tutor William Shakespeare meets free-spirited Agnes. Captivated, they strike up an affair that leads to marriage and three children. As Will pursues a theatre career in far-away London, Agnes anchors the domestic sphere alone. When tragedy strikes, the couple's once-unshakable bond is tested, setting the stage for the creation of the timeless masterpiece, *Hamlet*.



FILM // NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: HAMLET
Fri 23 Jan | 19:00

Olivier Award-winner Hiran Abeysekera (*Life of Pi*) is Hamlet in this contemporary take on Shakespeare's famous tragedy. Trapped between duty and doubt, surrounded by power and privilege, young Prince Hamlet dares to ask the ultimate question - you know the one. A sharp, stylish and darkly funny reimagining, directed by Robert Hastie.

Shown in collaboration with The Arts Society, Falmouth.



FILM // SILENTS SYNCED: REM x BUSTER KEATON'S SHERLOCK JR. (U)
Thurs 05 Feb | 20:00

Dir. Buster Keaton, Josh Frank | 1924/2025 | 72 mins | English

Silents Synced pairs classic silent movies with epic rock music to bring audiences a unique big screen experience. This sublime 1924 comedy, in which Buster Keaton stars as a film projectionist who dreams of becoming a detective, is reimagined with REM's 1990s alt-rock masterpieces *Monster* and *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*.

**TALK // THE SMALES
LECTURE 2025:
WHERE ARE
CORNWALL'S
MINES NOW?**
Weds 03 Dec | 18:00 |
A Poly fundraiser

The Poly's annual lecture series, given in memory of Paul Smales – a friend of The Poly for many years who made a great contribution to many Cornish institutions. This year's lecture will be delivered by mining historian Ben Sumpter.

Ben's talk tracks the exploration of Cornwall's secret underworld. Underground spaces are among the most rarely visited places and present a frontier of exploration for cavers and explorers. What remains today of Cornwall's once bustling tin, copper and sundry metal mines hidden beneath our countryside?

Ben runs Cornwall Underground Adventures and has spent most of his life exploring underground spaces around the world. He is a research consultant specialising in mining history, geology, classics and archaeology, and lead investigator of the Kassiteros Project, which investigates early metallurgy in ancient literature. Ben regularly gives talks on subjects ranging from caving to church history and quantum physics.



**TALK // SWORDS OF
CORNWALL: LEGENDS,
MYTHS & REALITY**
Weds 10 Dec | 18:30

Join Henry Austwick of Swashbuckling Cornwall for a captivating journey through the blades that forged Cornwall's identity – from legendary swords of folklore to real historical weapons wielded across the ages. Discover how myth and history intertwine to make Cornwall the land of heroes, rebels, and legends. With the opportunity to get up close to selected sword examples after the talk.



**COMEDY // A CHRISTMAS
QUIZSTRAVAGANZA**
Thurs 11 Dec | 19:30

Petra Dish's Quizstravaganzas have appeared at Boardmasters and Glastonbury festivals and have been called 'the best pub quiz ever' on numerous occasions. This brand-new version will be an exciting foray into festive trivia and wintery tomfoolery to ask the ever-elusive quandary: how convoluted and complicated can a question get before it is no longer a question? Expect charades, haikus, kazoos, and some actual questions!



**MUSIC // IN THE
BLEAK MIDWINTER**
Sat 13 Dec | 19:30

Step into a magical Christmas world with a spell-binding concert of timeless carols, soulful folk songs, and festive classics. Audiences will be welcomed with the warmth of candlelight and festive cheer. With sing-alongs, surprises under the tree, and a heartfelt finale, 'In the Bleak Midwinter' transforms theatres into winter wonderlands filled with music, light, and scent. A traditional Christmas concert by Ben Sutcliffe & Rosie Vanier.



THEATRE // HAH! BUMHUG
Tues 16 Dec | 19:30
21, 22, 24 Dec | 14:00

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 Tim (don't let him catch you calling him Tiny) grew into a naughty little bad boy. Want to hear Tim's version of the story? Come see a joyfully funny Christmas classic, retold in a way you've never seen before. *'Better than Dickens, as good as the Muppets!'*

THEATRE // CHRISTMAS. TIME.

Bringing bucket loads of Christmas spirit once again, Near-ta Theatre's cult festive comedy is Cornwall's longest running festive show – celebrating its 16th year!

Charlie and Toby are feeling low, and why wouldn't they? It's Christmas Day and they're serving time at His Majesty's pleasure.

But why shouldn't they be having 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...

Join them on a fantastical adventure through Dickens, pantomime, musical, Christmas dinner and Christmas films!

See as they build a wonderfully Merry Christmas with songs, snowmen and lots of laughs in this truly festive show that puts the 'cell' firmly back in 'celebration'!

Written and performed by Daniel Richards ('Owdyado Theatre) and Ciaran Clarke (Wosson Cornwall), and directed by Simon Harvey (o-region, Kneehigh), **Christmas. Time.** is a musical comedy for all the family, and year after year proves a festive and fantastically funny Christmas offering.

Recommended age 12+.

Weds 17 Dec	19:30
Thurs 18 Dec	19:30
Fri 19 Dec	19:30
Sat 20 Dec	14:30 (relaxed performance)
Sat 20 Dec	19:30
Sun 21 Dec	19:30
Mon 22 Dec	19:30
Tues 23 Dec	19:30



AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH



**MUSIC // CHRISTMAS WITH
THE FAST TRACK BIG BAND**
Fri 19 Dec | 19:30

The Fast Track Big Band was born in the cosy confines of the Blue Anchor pub in Helston, where Tony Richards and Clive King hatched a plan over their Spingo which has resulted in the formation of a 23-musician powerhouse. Enjoy Christmas favourites plus some new music, with a repertoire that spans classic big band pieces to contemporary arrangements. Expect tunes from Ella Fitzgerald, Bing Crosby, Bette Midler, Michael Bublé and more!



**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.



TALK // WHERE KEA PLUMS GROW Weds 14 Jan | 15:00

Local historian Nigel Baker will talk about the origin of the Coombe orchards and their associated industries, such as oyster dredging, river fishing, barges, coppicing oak woods, flower growing and tea. Links will be developed to Kurt Jackson's current exhibition, 'River Fal', on show at the Jackson Foundation Gallery in St Just in Penwith until Feb 2026.



THEATRE // MADE IN CORNWALL SCRATCH NIGHT Thurs 15 Jan | 19:30

A scratch night is about courage and creativity – testing your idea in front of a friendly, constructive audience who'll offer feedback. The format is simple: you share something in progress; they discuss it and give written responses. By joining as an artist or audience member, you're investing in Cornwall's creative future by helping shape what appears on our stages. **Submission deadline 19th December.**



TALK // FALMOUTH GROWS WEST, IN MAPS AND PICTURES Sat 24 Jan | 14:30

An opportunity to revisit last year's popular exhibition by the Falmouth History Archive, 'Falmouth Grows West'. Enjoy seeing some of our old maps and photographs on the big screen in the comfort of the theatre. The talk will be given by Eleanor Williams of the History Archive, with an update on the 'wells of old Falmouth' research.



TALK // ONCE UPON A TIME: THE HISTORY OF FAIRYTALES Weds 28 Jan | 18:00

Many of us will have grown up hearing fairytales, and may have read them to our own children in turn. But how well do we really know these stories, passed down through the generations? This talk delves into the history of our most beloved childhood stories, revealing where they came from, how they have changed over the centuries, and why they are definitely NOT just for children! With Emma Hughes, The Lady Time Traveller.



TALK // THE ART AND LIFE OF GLUCK (1895-1978) Thurs 29 Jan | 18:00

Art historian Catherine Wallace discusses the complex personality and various artworks of Hannah Gluckstein, known as Gluck. She was an artist of the Jazz Age, her work ranging from backstage theatre to crowd scenes at the races, boxing matches or outside courts in murder trials. An artist of great technical skill and precision, Gluck was also a highly respected portrait painter of society hostesses to High Court judges.



TALK // KERNOW TO KALAHARI – A JOURNEY TO THE OLD WAY Thurs 29 Jan | 18:30

Take an inspiring journey with adventure travellers TrackCraft into the heart of the Kalahari and into humanity's shared origins to discover the living culture of the Ju/'hoansi San people – the world's oldest continuous culture. TrackCraft's team will share stories, imagery and first-hand experiences of their time spent living alongside the San in the remote Nyae Nyae Conservancy of Namibia.



THE POLY CHRISTMAS MARKET 2025

FREE ENTRY. EVERYONE WELCOME!

FRIDAY 5 TH DECEMBER	11AM – 5PM
SATURDAY 6 TH DECEMBER	10AM – 5PM
SUNDAY 7 TH DECEMBER	11AM – 4PM

Join us for our annual Christmas Market featuring local makers, crafts and festive cheer – held across both galleries of our beautiful and atmospheric Grade II* listed building.

This year's market features jewellery, ceramics, homeware, wreaths, clothing, wooden and woven crafts, bags, paintings, cards, prints – including seaweed prints – and of course, handmade Christmas decorations!

We also have children's creative workshops on offer, and our gorgeous café will be serving up warming refreshments and festive treats.



POTTERY/WORKSHOPS

FOR FAMILIES



WORKSHOP // CHRISTMAS CREATURES: CHILDREN'S WINTER WORKSHOPS
Sat 06 Dec & Sun 07 Dec
11:00 | 12:30 | 14:00

Running alongside The Poly's Christmas Market, artist Emily Luke's fun and creative collage workshops are one hour long & for families and children of all ages. Using a range of materials, you'll create Christmas creatures and place them in a wintery themed zigzag book for you to take home – display as beautiful self-standing artworks, or fold and use as Christmas cards!



WORKSHOP // LIFE DRAWING AT THE POLY
Tues 09 Dec | 18:30-20:30
Tues 20 Jan | 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.



CHRISTMAS COSTUMED LIFE DRAWING

WORKSHOP // COSTUMED LIFE DRAWING: CHRISTMAS!
Sat 13 Dec | 11:00-13:00

Christmas is coming! The annual Christmas drawing session returns – the costume box is thrown open and anything could come out! Be ready for some interesting, unexpected and just downright strange looks! This untutored session from Swashbuckling Cornwall features a range of costumed poses ranging from one to 15 minutes. Bring your choice of drawing materials.

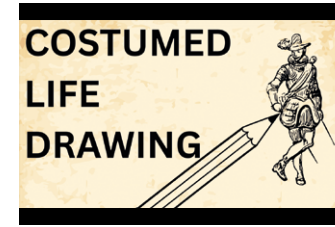


AGE 18+

WORKSHOP // MONTHLY SLOW STITCH CIRCLE
Tues 13 Jan | 14:00-15:30

Learn, create, and connect through stitch. Join a relaxed monthly workshop where we explore a new hand-stitching technique or skill each time – from kantha, embroidery to appliqué, layering, or creative mending.

A friendly space to try new ideas, build confidence, and enjoy making with fabric and thread. Suitable for all levels.



COSTUMED LIFE DRAWING

WORKSHOP // COSTUMED LIFE DRAWING
Sat 17 Jan | 11:00-13:00

Costumed Life Drawing is returning in January 2026! But with what theme? Once we work it out will let you know! While the theme might be TBC but it will be worth the wait – book now to join for our regular monthly costumed life drawing.

This untutored session from Swashbuckling Cornwall features a range of costumed poses ranging from one to 15 minutes. Bring your choice of drawing materials.



HANDBUILDING POTTERY TASTERS FOR ADULTS
//
MUGS & BOWLS

POTTERY // HANDBUILDING TASTERS FOR ADULTS
Mon 19 Jan | Mugs
Tues 20 Jan | Bowls
Weds 21 Jan | Mugs

Two-hour sessions start each day at 14:00 & 18:30

Ever wanted to try your hand at pottery? Join a ceramics taster workshop and create your own handmade mug or bowl under the expert guidance of our master potter, Karl Owen. Perfect for complete beginners, hobbyists, or those with a little more experience, these taster sessions will introduce you to the wonderful world of clay!

2026

SECRET POSTCARD
CALENDAR
NOW ON SALE!

Give a unique gift this Christmas! This A3 wall calendar features a selection of beautiful postcard artworks, created and donated by local artists for our Secret Postcard Exhibition in August 2025.

Sales go towards our #Poly200 campaign – aiming to raise £200,000 for 200 years!

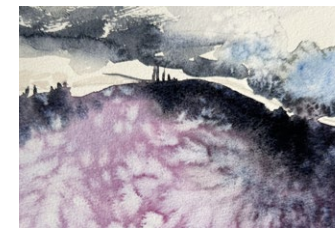
Available in The Poly Guild while stocks last.

£15 each or two for £25.



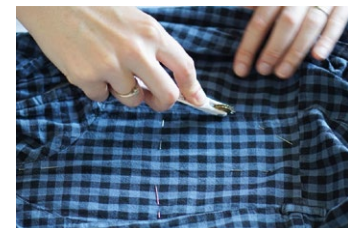
POTTERY // SIX-WEEK THROWING COURSE
Starts Thurs 22 Jan
14:00-16:00 | 18:30-20:30

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 // WONDERFUL WATERCOLOURS
Sat 24 Jan | 10:30-12:30

A watercolour taster session, expertly guided by elected member of Cornwall Watercolour Society, Cathy Eastment. If you are curious, terrified or relatively new to watercolour, this promises to give you an interesting dive into the wonders of this gorgeous medium. A short, fun opportunity for those with little or no experience to play and learn using interesting watercolour techniques under expert guidance.



WORKSHOP // CLONE YOUR CLOTHES: PATTERN-CUTTING
Tues 27 Jan | 10:00-16:00

Do you have a favourite garment you wish you could recreate? Bring it along to this hands-on workshop where you'll learn how to create a custom sewing pattern from your most-loved top or dress, without taking it apart. You'll leave with a fully usable sewing pattern you can make again and again, and construction tips so you're ready to get started at home. Suitable for people with some experience of garment construction.

GALLERIES



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.



POLY POTTERY FOUNDATIONS

Tues 09 - Sat 13 Dec, Spring Gallery

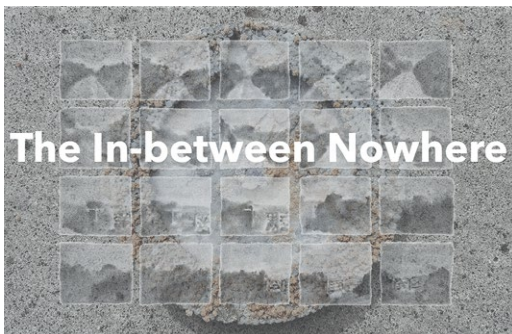
A selection of work created on The Poly's Advanced Ceramics course over the past year. On this dynamic course, which evolves with each groups' interests, students cover and explore a range of exciting techniques and processes, enabling them to experience and develop an understanding of a broad range of ceramics. Every six weeks they are introduced to a different firing method or clay – such as raku, barrel/pit firing, underglazes and colours, and large-scale ceramics.



JUNK MAIL ART: LOVE FALMOUTH

Tues 16 - Weds 24 Dec, Spring Gallery

Join Cathy Harrison of Junk Mail Art for 'Love Falmouth' – an uplifting collection of paper collage prints, wooden hearts and cards celebrating the beauty and heritage of Falmouth. Each piece is handcrafted from recycled paper, transforming everyday materials into colourful scenes of Cornwall's coast and towns. A joyful mix of art, memories and sustainability – made with heart and inspired by Falmouth!



CE CHEN: THE IN-BETWEEN NOWHERE

Tues 13 - Sat 17 Jan, Spring Gallery

This exhibition illustrates how unique spatial-temporal settings stretch the narrative surface and expand it for inscribing heteroglossic narrations of landscapes. Within such a space accommodates a bodily experienced, ambivalent insider-ness and outsider-ness – which forms a unique utterance position for Cornishness.



SUSIE PEARCE & STUDENTS OF ELEMENTS SCHOOL OF ART: ECHOES OF THE ESTUARY

Tues 20 - Sat 24 Jan, Spring Gallery
Private View: Tues 20 Jan | 17:00-19:00

'Through the exploration of collective memory, heritage and belonging, we embarked on an art journey to celebrate the rich history of the King Harry Ferry on the River Fal. This project is not just about art; it's about connecting with our community, bringing people together and honouring what this ferry means to both locals and visitors alike.' Featuring original artworks with profits donated to Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust.



BERNARD KYEI KAFFOUR & CO: ROOTS & ROUTES

Tues 27 - Sat 31 Jan, Spring Gallery
Private View: Tues 27 Jan | 17:00-19:00

A collective of artists exploring ancestry, identity, and movement through an Afrocentric lens. The exhibition reflects on the dual forces that shape African and diasporic experiences; our roots, grounded in heritage and cultural memory, displacement, and reconnection. The artists celebrate the resilience that endures, revealing how history, movement, and expression continue to define and renew contemporary African identity.



FUNDRAISING PRIZE DRAW

WIN A BEAUTIFUL PIECE OF STAINED GLASS
BY STEVE PETHERICK WORTH £150

JUST £2 A TICKET!

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The winning ticket holder will be contacted via phone or email.
Collection only from The Poly Guild Shop.



COMING UP IN 2026...



COMEDY // ROBIN INCE: ICE CREAM FOR A BROKEN TOOTH Tues 03 Feb | 19:30

The co-host of Radio 4's award-winning *The Infinite Monkey Cage* tells stories of love, the universe, and performs poetry from his latest book, *Ice Cream for a Broken Tooth* as well as talking about what he learned from writing *Normally Weird* and *Weirdly Normal*, his book about neurodivergence and the terrors and wonders that come from that. A show full of happiness, empathy and connection.



THEATRE // SMALLTOWN BOY Sat 07 Feb | 19:00

In the wake of their boyfriend Leo's unexpected death, Edie – a drag queen from Bristol – travels down to Cornwall to meet the family they never knew of. Expecting small-town homophobia, Edie instead finds a community they didn't expect. As Edie's arrival awakens new emotions and old tensions, truths begin to pour out. A heartbreakingly joyful play about grief, community, and growing up queer in a rural town, explored through the explosive storytelling medium of drag.



THEATRE // THE 39 STEPS BY PATRICK BARLOW Thurs 12 Feb | 19:30

TOUCH Theatre brings you a juicy & fast-paced spy comedy thriller following a fugitive's riotous adventure from London to the Scottish Highlands and back again. Packed with non-stop laughs and performed by a ridiculously talented all-female cast of four playing 139 characters! The action involves sheep, haddock, missing fingers, handcuffs, mysterious strangers, bizarre accents, political rallies and some good old-fashioned romance.

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