

THE POLY

ARTS & CULTURAL VENUE



WHAT'S ON // AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2026



THEATRE // A Midsummer Night's Dream, Sat 22 Aug | 19:00.



**FILM // SALATHÉ - BLOOD, SWEAT & BAGELS (12+)**

Sat 01 Aug | 18:00  
Thurs 13 Aug | 18:00  
Sat 12 Sept | 18:00

Dir. Richard Heap | 2000 | 55 mins | English

Rich Heap and Neil Bentley, two of Britain's top free climbers, journey to Yosemite to try and make a free ascent of the Salathé Wall. This screening will be shown with two short films from Richard Heap - SPLINTER (four mins) and CHOSS (nine mins).

In collaboration with BoulderRyn.



**FILM // SURFILMUSIC (PG)**  
Sat 01 Aug | 20:00

Dir. Emmett Malloy | 2026 | 75 mins | English

SURFILMUSIC is more than a documentary. It's an intimate insight into Jack Johnson's evolution from rising North Shore surf star, to iconic surf filmmaker to world-renowned, stadium filling, 25-million album-selling musician. The film traces how Johnson's early years making surf films became the bedrock for a broad creative life - capturing moments in and out of the water that later surfaced in his songwriting.



**FILM // NIRVANNA: THE BAND - THE SHOW - THE MOVIE (15)**

Thurs 06 Aug | 19:30  
Fri 14 Aug | 19:30

Dir. Matthew Johnson | 2025 | 100 mins | English

When their plan to book a show at the Rivoli goes horribly wrong, Matt and Jay accidentally travel back to the year 2008.

'This ridiculous hellzapoppin' spectacular from Canadian comic and director Matt Johnson will win you over.'  
- *The Guardian*



**FILM // ROSE OF NEVADA (15)**  
Sat 08 Aug | 19:30

Dir. Mark Jenkin | 2026 | 114 mins plus Q&A | English

When a fishing boat, the *Rose of Nevada*, lost with all hands 30 years ago, mysteriously reappears in the old harbour of a forgotten Cornish village, for those who remember, it's surely a sign. The boat must go out to sea again and maybe then the luck of the devastated village will turn.

'A Cornish modern classic. Eerie, heartbreaking, wonderful.'  
Mark Kermode



**FILM // ON THE SEA (15)**  
Thurs 13 Aug | 19:45

Dir. Helen Walsh | 2025 | 111 mins | English

Married to Maggie for over half his life, Jack works on the mussel beds in North Wales alongside his younger brother, Dyfan, and Dyfan's three sons.

Struggling to keep his business afloat, he is forced to grapple with his hidden desires when he meets a stranger in town looking for work.

ON THE SEA is a beautiful, sensual and at times tragic exploration of masculinity, place and desire.



**FILM // POLY OLLIE SKATE FILMS (12+)**  
Weds 19 Aug | 18:00

Join us for an evening of short films celebrating local and young skaters. Titles include:

SKATE LIKE A LASS - Juliet Klotrupp's 2025 film documents young skaters in northern England. GET UP AND TRY AGAIN - Matt Aitia's 2025 film shows the struggles of learning how to kick flip. KERNOW REMIXED - The first screening of a shorter remixed version of the full-length Cornwall-based skate video released April 2025 titled KERNOW. More to follow!

## CORNISH STORIES ON SCREEN

A SEASON OF LOCALLY MADE INDEPENDENT FILMS  
CELEBRATING CORNISH IDENTITY, HERITAGE  
AND FILMMAKING TALENT THROUGH SCREENINGS,  
LIVE EVENTS AND FILMMAKER Q&AS AT THE POLY.

WITH Q&A



**FILM // CORNISH LABYRINTHS**  
Fri 07 Aug | 19:30

**KERDROYA & THE CORNISH HEDGE**  
From artistic director Will Coleman and filmmaker Gemma Gilbert. In the middle of Bodmin Moor Kerdroya, the Cornish landscape labyrinth, entwines the two ancient cultural phenomena...

**THE VANISHING LABYRINTHS OF THE ISLES OF SCILLY**  
From artists Teân Roberts and Layan Harman: a public art project celebrating the phenomenon of pebble mazes on the Isles of Scilly.

Q&A with Teân Roberts, Layan Harman and Will Coleman.

WITH Q&A



**FILM // GENTLE ANGRY WOMEN (12A)**  
Weds 12 Aug | 19:30

Dir. Barbara Santi | 2025 | 63 mins plus Q&A | English

Three teenagers discover the largely overlooked Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp, where thousands of women lived for 19 years protesting against nuclear missiles.

A poignant and timely documentary celebrating the enduring power of women's collective action, revealing a bridge between past courage and present hope.

Q&A with director Barbara Santi.

WITH Q&A



**FILM // LONG WAY BACK (12A)**  
Sat 15 Aug | 19:30

Dir. Brett Harvey | 2022 | 93 mins plus Q&A | English

Reluctant father David has spent his life running away: from his foster home, from his marriage, from responsibility. Now his estranged daughter Lea is leaving university under tragic circumstances, and David is the only person who can make the trip to drive her home. As they make an eventful car journey across Britain, David attempts to make up for a lifetime of disappointments... but is it too late?

Q&A with writer and director Brett Harvey and producer Simon Harvey.

WITH Q&A



**FILM // PIECES OF US (12A)**  
Fri 21 Aug | 19:30

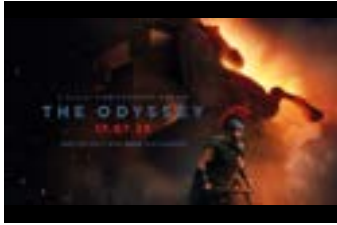
Dir. Ben Fullman | 2025 | 72 mins plus Q&A | English

An intimate, emotional drama about two strangers - an American author and a young woman in Cornwall - whose lives unexpectedly collide.

As they form a fragile connection, secrets from the past resurface, forcing them both to confront pain, guilt, and the possibility of redemption.

Q&A with director Ben Fullman and writer and actor Tim Seyfert.





**FILM // THE ODYSSEY (15)**  
Thurs 27 Aug | 19:00  
Fri 28 Aug | 19:00  
Dir. Christopher Nolan | 2026 | 172 mins | English

Odysseus, King of Ithaca, embarks on a perilous journey to return home after the Trojan War. A mythic action epic shot across the world, starring Matt Damon, Tom Holland, Anne Hathaway, Robert Pattinson and Lupita Nyong'o, with Zendaya and Charlize Theron.



**FILM // LADY (15)**  
Weds 02 Sept | 19:45  
Dir. Samuel Abrahams | 2025 | 95 mins | English

Lady is an off-beat comedy about a lonely, narcissistic aristocrat who dupes a struggling, opportunistic director into filming her every move. But her obsession with the spotlight takes a surreal turn when she starts becoming... invisible.

Blending mockumentary and magical realism, LADY satirises our desperate need to feel seen.



**FILM // FAMILIAR TOUCH (12A)**  
Fri 03 Sept | 17:30  
Dir. Sarah Friedland | 2024 | 92 mins | English

Ruth Goldman, an elderly woman suffering from dementia, lives in assisted living. There, she needs to deal with different people, routines and environments while her identity and desires transform.

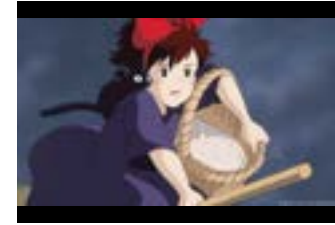
Writer-director Sarah Friedland's coming-of-old-age feature compassionately follows the winding path of Ruth's shifting memories and desires while remaining rooted in her sage perspective.



**FILM // A BASKETFUL OF EGGS, PLUS Q&A (15)**  
Tues 15 Sept | 18:30  
Dir. Lisa Smith | 2026 | 20 mins plus Q&A & presentation | English

Through rare recordings and rediscovered stories of Romani folk singers, the film illuminates the vital role that Romani communities played in preserving and shaping England's folk traditions.

By Romani filmmaker Lisa Smith, founder of the UK's first Romani-led production company, Patrin Films.



**FILM // KIKI'S DELIVERY SERVICE (U)**  
Weds 16 Sept | 19:45  
Sat 19 Sept | 10:30 (dubbed)  
Thurs 24 Sept | 19:30  
Dir. Hayao Miyazaki | 1989 | 104 mins | Japanese with English subtitles

It is a tradition for all young witches to leave their families on the night of a full moon and fly off into the wide world to learn their craft. When that night comes for Kiki, she embarks on her journey with her sarcastic black cat, Jiji, landing the next morning in a seaside town, where her unique skills make her an instant sensation.



**FILM // EOS: JAMES MCNEILL WHISTLER**  
Thurs 17 Sept | 18:00  
Dir. David Bickerstaff | 2026 | 90 mins | English

In an era of dramatic change, Whistler emerged as one of the most daring and inventive artists of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. He challenged convention with bold experimentation and a sharp wit, championing the radical idea of 'art for art's sake'. Alongside Tate Britain's landmark retrospective, this is a journey into the life and legacy of an artist who changed how we see art forever. In collaboration with the Arts Society, Falmouth.



**FILM // THE SUMMER BOOK (PG)**  
Fri 03 Sept | 19:45  
Dir. Charlie McDowell | 2024 | 90 mins | English

THE SUMMER BOOK follows an intergenerational family spending a transformative summer at their rustic vacation home on an unspoiled, remote island in the Gulf of Finland.

Adapted from Tove Jansson's beloved novel, the film explores grief, nature, and the delicate bonds between a young girl, her wise grandmother (Glenn Close), and her grieving father (Anders Danielsen Lie).



**FILM // TONY (15)**  
Thurs 10 Sept | 20:00  
Dir. Matt Johnson | 2026 | 106 mins | English

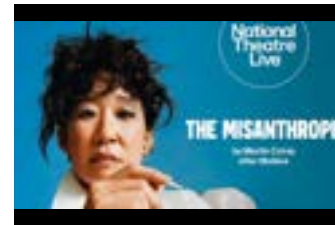
A 19-year-old Anthony Bourdain travels to Provincetown and stumbles into the chaotic world of a restaurant kitchen, setting off a summer that will shape the course of his life.



**FILM // LATE FAME (AGE)**  
Fri 11 Sept | 17:30 | 19:45  
Sat 12 Sept | 19:45  
Dir. Kent Jones | 2026 | 98 mins | English

Legendary New York poet Ed Saxberger's forgotten works captivate an eccentric group of young creatives, reigniting his artistic passion. Their intrigue intertwines with the bewitching presence of actress Gloria.

Willem Dafoe lends his delicate gravitas to the role of Saxberger. A wistful yet unromantic look at a lost idea of downtown New York.



**FILM // NT LIVE: THE MISANTHROPE**  
Weds 23 Sept | 19:00

Telling the truth isn't always that simple. Alice, a brilliant novelist (Sandra Oh), despises the carefully constructed lies of modern society. But the more she challenges those around her, the fiercer the backlash becomes. Soon, she must confront the price of speaking her truth in a world that would rather silence her. Martin Crimp's razor-sharp reimagining of Molière's classic dark comedy, directed by Indhu Rubasingham. In collaboration with the Arts Society, Falmouth.



**FILM // THE CYCLE OF LOVE (12A)**  
Fri 25 Sept | 15:00 | 17:45  
Dir. Orlando von Einsiedel | 2025 | 98 mins | English

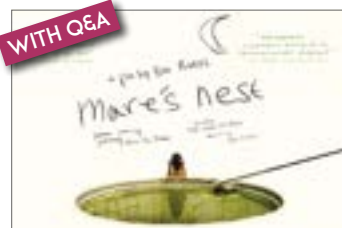
The film follows the extraordinary true story of PK, a 23-year-old street artist from Delhi who sets off with a handful of paint brushes and a second-hand bicycle on a 6,000 mile journey across Europe and Asia to find Lotta, the woman who captured his heart during her visit to India. An inspiring, heart-warming, epic true-life adventure about self-belief, destiny and the courage to risk everything for love.



**FILM // TEENAGE SEX AND DEATH AT CAMP MIASMA**  
Fri 25 Sept | 20:00  
Dir. Jane Schoenbrun | 2026 | 112 mins | English

After years of slapdash sequels and waning fandom, the Camp Miasma slasher franchise is handed over to an enthusiastic young director (Hannah Einbinder) for resurrection.

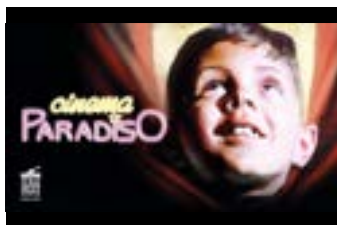
But when she visits the original's star (Gillian Anderson), a now-reclusive actress shrouded in mystery, the two women fall into a blood-soaked world of desire, fear, and delirium.



**WITH Q&A**

**FILM // MARE'S NEST (PG), WITH DIRECTOR Q&A**  
**Weds 30 Sept | 19:30**  
**Dir. Ben Rivers | 2025 | 98 mins plus Q&A | English**

Responding to a world that seems evermore surreal, disastrous, and doomed by the day, the latest speculative feature by British artist and filmmaker Ben Rivers immerses us into an unsettling natural terrain entirely devoid of adults. We follow a girl called Moon who adventures alone through the uncanny landscapes, encountering a turtle and other children along the way...



**FILM // FFTB: CINEMA PARADISO (12A)**  
**Thurs 01 Oct | 19:30**  
**Dir. Giuseppe Tornatore | 1988 | 123 mins | Italian with English subtitles**

Part of our FILM FROM THE BOARD series – suggest a film you want to see via the chalk board in our café and we might just show it! A filmmaker recalls his childhood, when he fell in love with the movies at his village's theatre and formed a deep friendship with the theatre's projectionist. Shown in collaboration with The Meat Counter.



**FILM // DEREK VS DEREK (15)**  
**Thurs 08 Oct | 19:45**  
**Fri 09 Oct | 18:00**  
**Dir. James Dawson | 2026 | 88 mins | English**

What do you do when your neighbour goes completely wild? In the rolling hills of Devon, two neighbouring farmers share the same name but take radically different approaches to land use. In equal parts hilarious and moving, this documentary shines a light on the vital debate surrounding the future of rural Britain, encouraging conversation around how farming and nature restoration might work together.



**AGES 4+**

**FAMILY // SQUASHBOX THEATRE PRESENTS: CURIOUS CREATURES**  
**Thurs 06 Aug | 14:30**

Using puppets, comedy and live music, plus lots of amazing natural history facts, Squashbox Theatre uncovers the mysteries of the animal kingdom.



**AGES 4+**

**FAMILY // SQUASHBOX THEATRE PRESENTS: TALES FROM THE TREES**  
**Thurs 13 Aug | 14:30**

Let Squashbox Theatre be your guide to the tremendous world of trees! A terrific tangle of puppetry, storytelling, live music and comedy.



**AGES 5+**

**FAMILY // SWORDS, SWORDS, SWORDS! ON STAGE!**  
**Weds 19 Aug | 11:00**  
**Tues 25 Aug | 11:00**

Join Swashbuckling Cornwall's Swordstorian for an adventure into the world of swords, knights, pirates, princesses and more!



**FILM // THE BIG SEA, WITH FILMMAKER Q&A**  
**Fri 09 Oct | 20:00**  
**Dir. Lewis Arnold | 2024 | 75 mins plus Q&A | English**

A special screening of the multi-award winning environmental documentary that exposes surfing's hidden links to 'Cancer Alley' and the true cost of neoprene production, and highlights the natural alternative that literally grows on trees. THE BIG SEA catalysed one of the biggest revolutions in the surf industry and celebrates the power we have as individuals to effect change.



**FILM // UNDER THE SHADOW (15), WITH MARY WILD**  
**Thurs 15 Oct | 19:30**  
**Dir. Babak Anvari | 2016 | 84 mins plus discussion | Farsi with English subtitles**

A critically acclaimed and BAFTA-winning psychological horror set in 1980s Tehran, where a mother and daughter navigate the pressures of war alongside an unsettling presence within the home. Mary Wild – Iranian-Canadian author of *Psychoanalysing Horror Cinema* – will offer a short presentation, opening up the film's themes and implications.



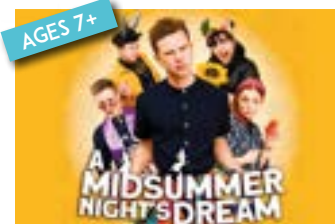
**FILM // DONNIE DARKO (15): 25TH ANNIVERSARY THEATRICAL CUT**  
**Fri 30 Oct | 19:45**  
**Dir. Richard Kelly | 2001 | 113 mins | English**

Donnie Darko, an awkward teenager, befriends Frank, a figure in a bunny costume only he can see, who informs Donnie that the world will end in 28 days, 6 hours, 42 minutes, and 12 seconds.



**MUSIC // FAIRPORT CONVENTION'S RIC SANDERS & VO FLETCHER**  
**Thurs 20 Aug | 19:30**

Decades of playing folk, blues, rock and jazz – two master musicians, one extraordinary concert.



**AGES 7+**

**THEATRE // A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**  
**Sat 22 Aug | 19:00**

With quick character changes, playful invention, and a sparkle of silliness, Four Forty transform Shakespeare's classic into a summer dream brought vividly and hilariously to life.



**MUSIC // THE SPOTLIGHT TRIO, PLUS CAMILLE ROSE**  
**Weds 26 Aug | 19:30**

A new generation of jazz artists invigorating timeless classics with intuitive interplay, infectious energy, and effortless swing, accompanied by emerging jazz vocalist Camille Rose.



**THEATRE // BENEATH THE TRACKSUIT: A WAY WITH WORDS**  
**Thurs 27 Aug | 19:30**

This is more than a poetry show, it's an experience built from real life, real battles and the humour that gets us through both. Performed by Robert Gillett.



**AGES 10+**

**FAMILY // SQUASHBOX THEATRE PRESENTS: SECRETS OF THE HIDDEN REALM**  
**Sat 29 Aug | 19:30**

This show delves into the strange, dark and beguiling world of Cornish folklore, using a blend of storytelling, ingenious puppetry, absurd humour and a dash of cosmic horror.



**TALK // THE REAL DAD'S ARMIES**  
**Weds 02 Sept | 18:00**

A talk by Professor Ian Beckett, a leading authority on British military history, exploring the long history of Britain's auxiliary forces, from medieval militias to the Home Guard. Raising funds for Cats Protection.



# WHAT'S ON CALENDAR



VISIT THE POLY'S CAFÉ & BAR  
10% OFF FOR POLY MEMBERS!

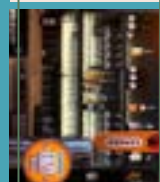


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| 03<br><b>AUGUST</b><br><b>POTTERY //</b><br>Children's Pottery<br>Adult Taster: Mugs                                                     | 04 <b>EXHIBITION //</b><br>Julian Christophers<br><b>WORKSHOP //</b><br>Painting Aspects of Falmouth<br><b>POTTERY //</b><br>Children's Pottery /<br>Adult Taster: Mugs                 | 05<br><b>POTTERY //</b><br>Children's Pottery /<br>Adult Taster: Mugs                                                                                                       | 06<br><b>THEATRE //</b><br>Squashbox Theatre:<br>Curious Creatures<br><b>FILM //</b> Nirvana:<br>The Band – The Show –<br>The Movie      | 07<br><b>FILM //</b><br>Cornish Labyrinths,<br>with Q&A                                                                                 | 08<br><b>WORKSHOP //</b><br>Costumed Life<br>Drawing: Romans<br><b>COMMUNITY //</b><br>Pre-Carnival Picnic<br><b>FILM //</b> Rose of Nevada |
| 10<br><b>POTTERY //</b><br>Children's Pottery /<br>Adult Taster: Mugs<br><b>WORKSHOP //</b><br>Miracle Young<br>Company Summer<br>School | 11 <b>EXHIBITION //</b><br>Paul Ryan<br><b>POTTERY //</b><br>Children's Pottery /<br>Adult Taster: Mugs<br><b>WORKSHOP //</b><br>Life Drawing                                           | 12 <b>POTTERY //</b><br>Children's Pottery /<br>Adult Taster: Mugs<br><b>FILM //</b> Gentle, Angry<br>Women, with Q&A                                                       | 13<br><b>THEATRE //</b><br>Squashbox Theatre:<br>Tales from the Trees<br><b>FILM //</b> Salathé –<br>Blood, Sweat & Bagels<br>On The Sea | 14<br><b>WORKSHOP //</b> Miracle<br>Youth Programme:<br>Taster Session<br><b>FILM //</b> Nirvana:<br>The Band – The Show –<br>The Movie | 15<br><b>FILM //</b> Long Way<br>Back, with Q&A                                                                                             |
| 17<br><b>POTTERY //</b><br>Children's Pottery /<br>Adult Taster: Mugs                                                                    | 18<br><b>EXHIBITION //</b><br>Ben Baker<br><b>POTTERY //</b><br>Children's Pottery /<br>Adult Taster: Mugs                                                                              | 19 <b>POTTERY //</b><br>Children's Pottery /<br>Adult Taster: Mugs<br><b>THEATRE //</b><br>Swords! Swords!<br>Swords! On Stage!<br><b>FILM //</b> Poly Ollie<br>Skate Films | 20<br><b>MUSIC //</b><br>Fairport Convention's<br>Ric Sanders &<br>Vo Fletcher                                                           | 21<br><b>FILM //</b> Pieces of Us,<br>with Q&A                                                                                          | 15<br><b>THEATRE //</b><br>A Midsummer<br>Night's Dream                                                                                     |
| 24                                                                                                                                       | 25<br><b>EXHIBITION //</b><br>The Poly Members'<br>Show 2026<br><b>THEATRE //</b><br>Swords! Swords!<br>Swords! On Stage!                                                               | 26<br><b>WORKSHOP //</b><br>Creative Fantasy<br>Makeup for Teens<br><b>MUSIC //</b> The Spotlite<br>Trio plus Camille Rose                                                  | 27<br><b>FILM //</b> The Odyssey<br><b>THEATRE //</b><br>Beneath the Tracksuit:<br>A Way with Words                                      | 28<br><b>FILM //</b> The Odyssey                                                                                                        | 29<br><b>THEATRE //</b><br>Squashbox Theatre:<br>Secrets of the Hidden<br>Realm                                                             |
| 31<br><b>POTTERY //</b> Beginners'<br>Handbuilding: Stage 1                                                                              | <b>SEPTEMBER</b><br>01 <b>EXHIBITIONS //</b><br>Theo Crutchley-<br>Mack<br><b>POTTERY //</b><br>Throwing: Stage 1<br><b>WORKSHOPS //</b><br>Slow Stitch Circle<br>Intro to Life Drawing | 02<br><b>POTTERY //</b> Throwing:<br>Stage 2 (Advanced)<br><b>TALK //</b> The Real<br>Dad's Armies<br><b>FILM //</b> Lady                                                   | 03<br><b>POTTERY //</b><br>Six-week Raku<br><b>FILMS //</b><br>Familiar Touch<br>The Summer Book                                         | 04<br><b>POTTERY //</b><br>Drop-in session<br><b>TALK //</b> The Female<br>Saints of Cornwall<br><b>THEATRE //</b> Bar Tape             | 05<br><b>MUSIC //</b> The<br>Alan Fletcher Band                                                                                             |

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| 07                                                          | 08<br><b>EXHIBITION //</b><br>The Enamel Society                                                                     | 09                                                                                                     | 10<br><b>TALK //</b> Regency<br>Teenagers: Flirting<br>or Philosophising?<br><b>FILM //</b> Tony                                                              | 11<br><b>FILM //</b> Late Fame                                                          | 12<br><b>WORKSHOP //</b><br>Costumed Life Drawing<br><b>FILMS //</b><br>Salathé – Blood,<br>Sweat & Bagels<br>Late Fame |
| 14                                                          | 15<br><b>EXHIBITIONS //</b><br>Alicia Trehwella<br><b>FILM //</b> A Basketful<br>of Eggs, with Q&A                   | 16<br><b>TALK //</b> Falmouth<br>and Slavery<br><b>FILM //</b> Kiki's<br>Delivery Service              | 17<br><b>FILM //</b> Exhibition<br>on Screen: James<br>McNeill Whistler                                                                                       | 18<br><b>MUSIC //</b> This Flight<br>Tonight – The Songs<br>of Joni Mitchell            | 19<br><b>FILM //</b> Kiki's<br>Delivery Service<br><b>THEATRE //</b><br>Widdershins                                     |
| 21                                                          | 22<br><b>EXHIBITION //</b><br>Lesley Harry, Sue Davis<br>& Jane Smith<br><b>WORKSHOP //</b><br>Life Drawing          | 23<br><b>TALK //</b> The Spanish<br>Civil War, 1936-1939<br><b>FILM //</b> NT Live:<br>The Misanthrope | 24 <b>TALKS //</b><br>North American<br>Impressionists in<br>Cornwall<br>How does the Celtic<br>Sea System Work?<br><b>FILM //</b> Kiki's<br>Delivery Service | 25<br><b>FILM //</b><br>The Cycle of Love<br>Teenage Sex and<br>Death at Camp<br>Miasma | 26<br><b>COMEDY //</b><br>Alfie Brown:<br>The Entertainer                                                               |
| 28                                                          | 29<br><b>EXHIBITION //</b><br>Georgie Harrison<br><b>WORKSHOP //</b><br>Abstract Landscapes<br>with Oil and Cold Wax | 30<br><b>FILM //</b> Mare's Nest,<br>with Q&A                                                          | <b>OCTOBER</b><br>01<br><b>FILM //</b> FFTB:<br>Cinema Paradiso                                                                                               | 02<br><b>THEATRE //</b> Monster                                                         | 03<br><b>MUSIC //</b> Lady Maisery                                                                                      |
| 05<br><b>POTTERY //</b> Beginners'<br>Handbuilding: Stage 2 | 06<br><b>WORKSHOP //</b><br>Slow Stitch Circle<br><b>POTTERY //</b><br>Throwing: Stage 1                             | 07                                                                                                     | 08<br><b>THEATRE //</b> Wild<br>Voices: Stories from<br>the Modern Explorer<br><b>FILM //</b> Derek vs Derek                                                  | 09<br><b>FILMS //</b><br>Derek vs Derek<br>The Big Sea, with Q&A                        | 10<br><b>MUSIC //</b> An Evening<br>with Essy Sparrow                                                                   |



Open Tuesday to Saturday  
Tuesday 10:00-16:00  
Wednesday & Thursday 10:00-20:00  
Friday & Saturday 10:00-22:00  
(hours may vary depending on events)



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**THEATRE // BAR TAPE**  
 Fri 04 Sept | 19:30

Davidson is a young, enthusiastic cyclist growing up in early 1980s rural Britain and navigating youthhood's dreams and relationships. Like a rabbit in the headlights, he becomes unsure of which path to take.


**TALK // REGENCY TEENAGERS; FLIRTING OR PHILOSOPHISING?**  
 Thurs 10 Sept | 18:00

An investigation into the lives of the children of Falmouth's Fox family, by Henrietta Boex. Supported by Phoenix Tanner Trust in partnership with Cornwall Community Foundation.

AGES 12+


**THEATRE // WIDDERSHINS**  
 Sat 19 Sept | 19:30

Come-a-wander into the weirdy other-world of Widdershins, a long forgotten village. 'Tis hard to find, but even harder to leave... Expect stories with a sting, cracked poetry, and unforgettable characters.


**TALK // THE FEMALE SAINTS OF CORNWALL**  
 Fri 04 Sept | 18:00

Many of Cornwall's female saints, once honoured and celebrated, have largely faded from view. Join historian and medievalist Evie Bond to uncover their lives, legends, and folklore.


**TALK // FALMOUTH AND SLAVERY**  
 Weds 16 Sept | 18:00

PhD researcher Chloe Phillips offers new insights into Falmouth's connections to the barbaric practices of the transatlantic trade in enslaved African people and slavery in the Americas.


**TALK // THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR, 1936-1939**  
 Weds 23 Sept | 15:30

The Spanish Civil War aroused great passions around the world, and 90 years on Spain still lives in the shadow of the conflict and the brutal repression which followed. By former lecturer Charlie Nurse.


**MUSIC // THE ALAN FLETCHER BAND**  
 Sat 05 Sept | 20:00

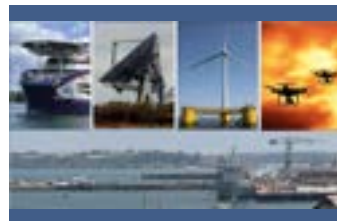
A household name thanks to his portrayal of Dr Karl Kennedy in the Australian drama NEIGHBOURS, Alan Fletcher is also a musician, regularly touring his Americana/alt-country around the UK.


**MUSIC // THIS FLIGHT TONIGHT - THE SONGS OF JONI MITCHELL**  
 Fri 18 Sept | 20:00

Acclaimed singer/songwriters Zervas & Pepper present 'This Flight Tonight' - an intimate five-piece acoustic live tribute to the music of Joni Mitchell.


**TALK // NORTH AMERICAN IMPRESSIONISTS IN CORNWALL**  
 Thurs 24 Sept | 14:30

Discover the coast and landscape of Cornwall through the eyes of North American and Canadian Impressionists from the 1880s to the 1930s, with art historian Catherine Wallace.


**TALK // ATLANTIC SEABORD FORUM: HOW DOES THE CELTIC SEA SYSTEM WORK?**  
 Thurs 24 Sept | 17:30

A new monthly seminar series exploring the industries shaping the emerging Atlantic economy. Hear from three expert panellists, with networking after.


**MUSIC // LADY MAISERY**  
 Sat 03 October | 20:00

Multi award-winning as individuals, Lady Maisery form a unified voice, carrying stories of sisterhood, human struggle, the joy of living and the vitality of song with the 'freshest possible take on traditional music' (Folk Radio UK).


**COMEDY // ALFIE BROWN: THE ENTERTAINER**  
 Sat 26 Sept | 19:30

Brand New Show! A show so entertaining you can scarcely believe it. Written and performed (both!) by a man in crisis, desperate to find meaning in life. 'The best thing I saw last year' - Stewart Lee.


**TALK // WILD VOICES: STORIES FROM THE MODERN EXPLORER**  
 Thurs 08 Oct | 18:00

A new series celebrating exploration, adventure, conservation, storytelling and the enduring human connection with the natural world.


**THEATRE // MONSTER**  
 Fri 02 Oct | 20:00

This show is about the transformative power of chucking yourself in the deep end. A hilarious and joyful spoken word show by Naomi Wood (Gobbess) for anyone who has been afraid to dip their toe in or felt all at sea.


**TALK // ANYONE FOR TENNIS?**  
 Tues 13 Oct | 19:30

A Wimbledon line judge for 20 years, comedian Pauline Eyre is ready to spill the Pimms on tennis gossip from the fragrant royal box to the musty locker room, and why line judges are OUT!

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# POTTERY/WORKSHOPS

FOR FAMILIES



## WORKSHOP & COMMUNITY // FALMOUTH CARNIVAL FLAGS & PAPIER-MÂCHÉ MONSTERS

Fri 31 July | 10:30-13:30  
Sat 01 Aug | 10:30-13:30

Make colourful flags to parade through the streets at Falmouth Carnival on August 8<sup>th</sup> in this family-friendly drop-in workshop.

## PRE-CARNIVAL PICNIC & CARNIVAL FLOAT

Sat 08 Aug | from 15:00  
Join us as part of The Poly's walking carnival float, with a free family picnic beforehand packed with creativity, crafts, community and carnival spirit.

We'll gather for our picnic at The Poly from 15:00 before setting off together at 17:00 with our flags and papier-mâché Morgawr sea monster to join the Falmouth Carnival procession!



## POTTERY // CHILDREN'S MAKE-AND-TAKE POTTERY

### MYTHICAL CREATURES //

Mon 03, 10 & 17 Aug | 11:00-12:00

### SEA CREATURES //

Tues 04, 11 & 18 Aug | 11:00-12:00

### WILD ANIMALS //

Weds 05, 12 & 19 Aug | 11:00-12:00

Using air-dry clay, you'll discover how to shape, sculpt, and add texture to your creations as you explore the wonderful world of clay.

At the end of the session, you can take your creations away with you to dry and decorate at home.

All materials included | For ages 3-14 | Supervision required



AGE 18+

## MAKE-A-MUG

\* SUMMER TASTER SESSIONS \*



## POTTERY // HANDBUILDING TASTERS FOR ADULTS

Mon 03, 10 & 17 Aug | 14:00-16:00  
Tues 04, 11 & 18 Aug | 14:00-16:00 | 18:00-20:00  
Weds 05, 12 & 19 Aug | 14:00-16:00

Ever wanted to try your hand at pottery? Join a two-hour taster session and create your very own handmade mug!\*

Perfect for complete beginners, hobbyists, or those with a little more experience, these hands-on taster sessions will introduce you to the wonderful world of clay, explore handbuilding techniques, and have you decorating with coloured slips.

At the end of the session, you will be given a day and time to collect your work which will have been both bisque- and glaze-fired.

\*Don't want a mug? Make a bowl instead!



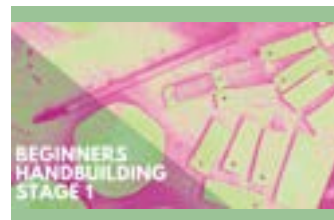
## WORKSHOP // PAINTING ASPECTS OF FALMOUTH

Tues 04 & Weds 05 Aug | 10:30-16:30  
Get guided tuition in drawing and acrylic painting with artist Victoria Gillow, from on-site sketchbook work to creating larger pieces back at The Poly.



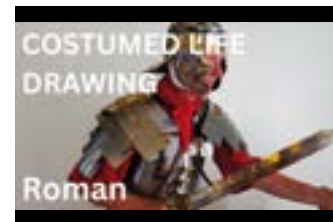
## WORKSHOP // LIFE DRAWING AT THE POLY

Tues 11 Aug | 18:30-20:30  
Tues 22 Sept | 18:30-20:30  
Experienced artists, improvers and beginners are all welcome. Follow guided exercises or draw freely, with support available from the tutor as required.



## POTTERY // BEGINNERS' HANDBUILDING: STAGE 1

Mon 31 Aug - Mon 21 Sept | 14:00-18:00 | 18:00-20:00  
A four-week introduction to the world of handbuilding with earthenware clay, for those new to ceramics or looking for an informative refresher.



## WORKSHOP // COSTUMED LIFE DRAWING: ROMANS

Sat 08 Aug | 11:00-13:00  
With August named after Augustus Caesar, it's time to bring the Romans back to the costumed life drawing stage. An untutored session with poses between one to 10 minutes.



## WORKSHOP // CREATIVE FANTASY MAKEUP FOR TEENS

Weds 26 & Thurs 27 Aug | 10:30-16:30 daily  
Create and apply FX character makeup and prosthetics for fantasy and horror, developing design and application techniques in this two-part session.



## WORKSHOP // SLOW STITCH CIRCLE

Tues 01 Sept | 10:30-12:00  
Tues 06 Oct | 10:30-12:00  
Learn, create, and connect through stitch in a relaxed monthly workshop where we explore a new hand-stitching technique or skill each time.

## MIRACLE THEATRE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME 2026



This summer, Miracle Theatre and The Poly are teaming up to offer playful, off-beat and joyful workshops in the heart of Falmouth, all packed with inclusive games, creative exercises and imaginative challenges designed to gently build confidence, connection and curiosity.

## MIRACLE YOUNG COMPANY SUMMER SCHOOL

Mon 10 - Weds 12 Aug | 10:00-16:00 daily

Using Miracle's signature approach to inventive storytelling, comedy and devising, participants will work together to create original material, explore performance-making and develop ideas through improvisation, ensemble work and experimentation.

**FOR AGES 12-16**

## SUMMER SCHOOL: TASTER SESSION

Fri 14 Aug | 10:00-16:00

A gentle introduction to the world of Miracle for young people curious about theatre, storytelling and creativity. Tying in with Miracle's summer touring production of Peer Gynt, we will be making and bringing trolls to life! **FOR AGES 8-12**

## COMEDY & DEVSING MASTERCLASS

Sat 10 Oct | 10:00-16:00

For existing and budding performers. A deep dive into the world of comedy and performance looking at the importance of failure and staying mischievous. **FOR AGES 16-19**





**POTTERY //**  
**THROWING: STAGE 1**  
Tues 01 - Tues 22 Sept |  
14:00-18:00 | 18:00-20:00

A four-week introduction to the world of throwing. Perfect for people looking for a supportive session to show you all the basics of making on the wheel.



**WORKSHOP //**  
**INTRODUCTION TO LIFE**  
**DRAWING FOR BEGINNERS**  
Tues 01 to 17 Sept |  
18:30-20:30

A three-week course designed for those who are completely new to life drawing practice or would like some extra guidance.



**POTTERY // THROWING:**  
**STAGE 2 (ADVANCED)**  
Weds 02 Sept - Weds 07 Oct |  
Weds 21 Oct - Weds 25 Nov |  
14:00-18:00

A six-week course designed for people with experience on the wheel looking to advance and deepen their skills.



**POTTERY // SIX-WEEK RAKU**  
Thurs 03 Sept - Thurs 08 Oct |  
18:00-20:00

Ever wanted to dip your toes into the world of raku? Join our one-off six-week course and explore a mesmerising ancient firing method. For both beginners and experienced potters.



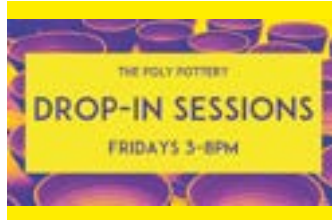
**WORKSHOP //**  
**COSTUMED LIFE DRAWING**  
Sat 12 Sept | 11:00-13:00

This month's Costumed Life Drawing will take place in The Poly theatre. The theme is still being confirmed but it will be fun! An untutored session with poses between one to 10 mins.



**WORKSHOP // ABSTRACT**  
**LANDSCAPES WITH OIL**  
**AND COLD WAX**  
Tues 29 - Fri 30 Sept |  
10:30-16:30

A fun and experimental three-day workshop that focuses on painting abstractly using cold wax to add body, transparency and depth to oil paint.



**POTTERY // FRIDAY**  
**DROP-IN SESSIONS -**  
**RESTARTS FROM 04 SEPT**  
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 - perfect for anyone wanting to develop their existing skills and catch up on some quality studio time.

Although this is not a taught session, there is always a member of staff on hand to answer any questions and give some guidance.

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

- Bags of clay (12.5kg) are available for purchase from £20
- Three wheels are available for use - prebooking via email is highly recommended
- Kiln firings from £12.50 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](mailto:pottery@thepoly.org) to prebook a slot on one of the wheels.



**CORNWALL MY HOME**  
Julian Christophers  
04-08 August, Spring Gallery



**COLOURIST ABSTRACTION**  
Paul Ryan  
11-15 August, Spring Gallery



**DRAWING IN WIRE**  
Ben Baker  
18-29 August, Spring Gallery



**THE POLY**  
**MEMBERS' SHOW 2026**  
25 Aug-12 Sept, Main Gallery  
PV: 25 Aug 17:00-19:00



**NAUTICA**  
Theo Crutchley-Mack  
01-05 Sept, Spring Gallery



**CONTEMPORARY**  
**ENAMELLING:**  
**AN EXPLORATION OF FORM**  
The Enamel Society  
08-12 Sept, Spring Gallery  
PV: 08 Sept 17:00-19:00



**BLUE**  
Alicia Trehwella  
15-19 Sept, Spring Gallery  
PV: 15 Sept 17:00-19:00



**BALANCE**  
Lesley Harry, Sue Davis,  
Jane Smith  
22-26 Sept, Spring Gallery



**GEE BY THE SEA**  
Georgie Harrison  
20 Sept-03 Oct,  
Spring Gallery



# COMING UP...



## **MUSIC // AN EVENING WITH ESSY SPARROW** **Sat 10 October | 19:30**

Essy Sparrow is a Falmouth based multi-disciplinary artist and songwriter creating gossip-filled, nostalgic indie folk from her coastal studio. Her 2024 debut EP *Still Upset About It Actually* sparked TikTok virality, with her track *Artists Dreamers* reaching over two million views. This year sees a near sold-out UK tour, a slot at Great Escape, and the rollout of her sophomore EP *Gossip from a Coastal Town*.



## **COMEDY // RIA LINA: RIABELLION** **Sat 14 November | 19:30**

Following her killer debut tour, *RIAWAKENING* ('Top Ten Best Stand-up Shows of 2024' – *The Telegraph*), the wickedly funny Ria Lina realised she wasn't just awake, she was ready to rebel. Expect a relentless stream of hilarity as Ria explores the state of the world, the eternal battle of the sexes, and the delight of throwing life up in the air after years of following the rules.



## **MUSIC // MARTIN HARLEY** **Sat 05 December | 20:00**

The best slide guitarist this side of the Mississippi is back in Falmouth. Martin Harley has been making music and touring the world for over two decades. His sound has never been more down to earth. Exploring roots, blues and slide guitar in a style *The Guardian* referred to as 'spellbinding', Harley has released eight albums to date, four recorded on home soil and four across the Atlantic in Texas and Nashville.

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