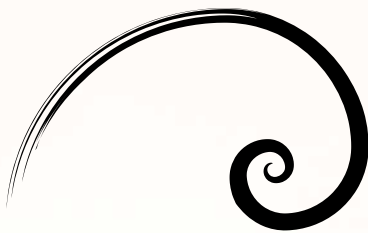


THE POLY
ARTS & CULTURAL VENUE



WHAT'S ON // OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2026





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 // THE SUMMER BOOK (PG)
Fri 02 Oct | 14:45
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 // YOU CAN'T FLY
Fri 02 Oct | 19:30
Dir. Josh Dylan | 2026 | Documentary | English

Meet Silverback Tarzan: a 54-year-old hang-gliding philosopher and true one-off. After a life-threatening crash leaves him grounded, Silverback faces the challenge of getting back into the skies. What begins as a story of recovery becomes something much bigger: a funny, surprising and deeply personal journey into the mind of a man searching for freedom, sensitivity and his place in an increasingly busy world. In partnership with Mor Media.



FILM // BEST GOON BRENN
Weds 28 Oct | 19:45
Dir. Dave Jarvis | Writer Neil Walters | 2025 | 50 mins | English

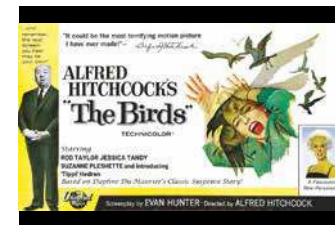
This re-imagining of the story surrounding 'The Beast of Bodmin Moor' sees two life-long friends, Grace and Jessica, self-proclaimed amateur mythologists, travel to Cornwall in search of the elusive creature. Ignoring the best advice from friendly locals to make sure they don't get caught out on the moors after dark, their plans soon begin to go horribly wrong...



FILM // ROSE OF NEVADA (15)
Thurs 29 Oct | 17:00
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 // THE BIRDS (15)
Thurs 29 Oct | 19:30
Dir. Alfred Hitchcock | 1963 | 119 mins | English

As beautiful blonde Melanie Daniels rolls into Bodega Bay in pursuit of eligible bachelor Mitch Brenner, she is inexplicably attacked by a seagull. Suddenly thousands of birds are flocking into town, preying on residents in a terrifying series of attacks. Soon Mitch and Melanie are fighting for their lives against a deadly force that can't be stopped, in one of Hollywood's most horrific films of nature gone berserk.



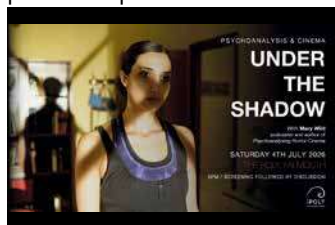
FILM // DEREK VS DEREK (15)
Thurs 08 Oct | 19:45
Fri 09 Oct | 18:00
Dir. James Dawson | 2026 | 88 mins | English

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.



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 // MUPPET TREASURE ISLAND (U)
Fri 30 Oct | 14:30
Sat 31 Oct | 10:30
Dir. Brian Henson | 1996 | 95 mins | English

Young Jim Hawkins and his two best friends, Gonzo and Rizzo, embark on a voyage across the high seas in search of buried treasure, but soon find that not everyone onboard can be trusted.

Young swashbucklers might also enjoy our **Treasure Island Sword Fighting workshop**, taking place Fri 30 Oct | 13:00.



FILM // GHOSTS: THE POSSESSION OF BUTTON HOUSE (PG)
Fri 30 Oct | 17:15
Dir. Simon Hynd | 2026 | 97 mins | English

Three years on from our last visit to Button House, the ghosts are back and adjusting to life without Alison and Mike. When protesters threaten to disrupt the work on the planned hotel, they try to find a way for at least one of them to finally leave the grounds.



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

After narrowly escaping a bizarre accident, a troubled teenager is plagued by visions of a large bunny rabbit only he can see. Donnie Darko befriends Frank, the figure in the bunny costume, who informs him that the world will end in 28 days, 6 hours, 42 minutes, and 12 seconds and manipulates Donnie to commit a series of crimes...

Dir. Jane Schoenbrun | 2026 |
112 mins | English

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.



Fri 30 Oct	10:30*
Sat 31 Oct	17:30

A Catholic school newcomer falls in with a clique of teen witches who wield their powers against all who dare to cross them – be they teachers, rivals or meddling parents.



National
Theatre
Live

GOLDEN BOY
BY CLIFFORD SMITH
DIRECTED BY SAM YATES

Fri 06 Nov | 19:00

Dir. Guillermo Del Toro |
2006 | 119 mins | Spanish
with English subtitles

Tues 10 Nov | 18:30
Dir. Jeanie Finlay | 2026 |
103 mins plus Q&A | English

Dir. Lance Hammer | 2026 |
121 mins | English

Fri 13 Nov | 20:00
Dir. James Stuart | 2026 |
60 mins plus Q&A | English

WITH Q&A

it's **ALWAYS** the
END of the **WORLD**

Weds 04 Nov | 19:30

An exploration of grief, depression and guilt, IT'S ALWAYS THE END OF THE WORLD is a defiant statement about the importance of reckoning with the past, imagining a future and loving one another.



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GOLDEN BOY
BY CLIFFORD SMITH
DIRECTED BY SAM YATES

Fri 06 Nov | 19:00

Sat 07 Nov	16:30	19:30
Thurs 12 Nov	19:30	

Censored for more than half a century, this visionary masterpiece returns to the big screen – the first publicly released version as intended by the filmmaker. Inspired by the true story of a 17th century priest accused of bewitching a convent of nuns, the film lays bare the collusion of church and state through a searing vision of religious persecution, collective hysteria and institutional corruption.





FILM // BITTER CHRISTMAS (15)
Weds 25 Nov | 19:45
Dir. Pedro Almodóvar | 2026 | 111 mins | Spanish with English subtitles

Drenched in Pedro Almodóvar's signature bright colours, BITTER CHRISTMAS is an intriguing, multi-layered story about a director who borrows details from his loved ones' lives to flesh out his screenplay – much to their dismay.



FILM // SENSE & SENSIBILITY (U)
Thurs 26 Nov | 20:00
Fri 27 Nov | 15:00
Dir. Georgia Oakley | 2026 | 132 mins | English

An irresistible new take on Jane Austen's iconic SENSE AND SENSIBILITY: a charming, witty, and deeply relatable story of love and sisterhood starring Daisy Edgar-Jones and Esmé Creed-Miles.

Left destitute after their father's death, Elinor and Marianne must navigate love, marriage and societal expectations to ensure their security and happiness.



FILM // PRIMETIME (15)
Fri 27 Nov | 19:30
Dir. Lance Oppenheim | 2026 | 110 mins | English
In 2006, 'To Catch a Predator' host Chris Hansen sets out to make television history.



THEATRE // MONSTER
Thurs 01 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.



MUSIC // LADY MAISERY
Sat 03 Oct | 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).



TALK // CORNWALL UNCOVERED: ELIZABETH DALE IN CONVERSATION
Weds 07 Oct | 19:30
Elizabeth Dale (The Cornish Bird) in conversation with Keith Wallis to celebrate the launch of Elizabeth's latest book.



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.



TALK // MUD, BLOOD AND LOVE: HANNAH TEMME
Fri 09 Oct | 19:30
Earth, womanhood, romance & death – let Hannah dance you through a night of wonder and words about our beautiful, dysfunctional world.



MUSIC // AN EVENING WITH ESSY SPARROW
Sat 10 Oct | 19:30
Essy Sparrow is a Falmouth based multi-disciplinary artist and songwriter creating gossip-filled, nostalgic indie folk from her coastal studio.

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Being a member of The Poly is about more than getting special rates on tickets. It's about being part of a story stretching back to the venue's founding in 1833 by two sisters, Anna Maria and Caroline Fox. By becoming a member, you can help secure our future as a vital community resource for all.

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COMEDY // 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!



TALK // ADVENTURE & NATURAL HISTORY FILM & TV NETWORK
Weds 14 Oct | 17:00
Weds 11 Nov | 17:00
Monthly informal networking for adventure, natural history and documentary filmmakers, storytellers and creative professionals.



TALK // THE SECRET HISTORY OF BRITAIN'S FOOTPATHS
Weds 14 Oct | 19:00
Join author Nicholas Crane for a coast-to-coast hike, from the Cairngorms to Cornwall, in search of the internet of feet. Presented by the Royal Geographical Society.



TALK // ATLANTIC SEABOARD FORUM: OFFSHORE EXPERTISE IN ACTION
Thurs 15 Oct | 17:30

Monthly seminar series. Discover the offshore expertise already based in Falmouth and Penryn through practical examples from local companies.



TALK // THE FEMALE SAINTS OF CORNWALL
Weds 21 Oct | 15:00

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.



THEATRE // HOW TO CATCH A BOOK WITCH
Thurs 29 Oct | 12:00 & 14:00

The library is in danger and it is up to Kira and Barry the Bookworm to save the day. Coppice Theatre explores the importance of libraries, sharing stories and not judging people.



THEATRE // SMILE YOU SON OF A B****
Fri 16 Oct | 19:30

In 1975, one film made a generation afraid to go into the water. Fifty years later, two actors and one Foley artist create a live, shot-for-shot parody of the greatest shark movie of all time!



TALK // CHRISTOPHER WOOD (1901-1930)
Thurs 22 Oct | 14:30

The art and life of Christopher Wood, his complex naïve vision and his influence on modernist British art of the 1920s, whose unique vision of the world was cut tragically short.



TALK // THE WORLDS OF REX WHISTLER
Weds 04 Nov | 17:00

Discover the fascinating life of Rex Whistler, one of the most versatile and successful artists of the English interwar period with Dr Nikki Frater. An illustrated talk with optional sketching.



MUSIC // TRUE FOXES
Sat 17 Oct | 19:30

Acclaimed alt-country/Americana cousin duo from Cornwall, rapidly gaining recognition across the UK and internationally. *'Sublime harmonies, perfectly crafted songs and a beguiling stage presence'* – Mark Radcliffe



TALK // WITCHCRAFT IN CORNWALL: CHARMS AND CURSES
Weds 28 Oct | 18:00
Weds 25 Nov | 18:00

Join Keith Wallis, host of The Piskie Trap podcast, for a brand new talk that delves into more history surrounding witchcraft.



THEATRE // THE NO.1 HOLIDAY DESTINATION
Thurs 05 Nov | 19:30

A bold, fast-paced new comedy set in a freshly independent country with a big idea – to solve the problem of mass tourism by nationalising it! Smart, silly, and uncomfortably familiar.



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



RUBY WAX IN CONVERSATION
Sun 18 Oct | 13:00

Ruby Wax on fame, family, depression, mindfulness and staying human. In this wide-ranging and characteristically candid conversation, Ruby looks back over an extraordinary life.

This event takes place at Princess Pavilion.



LUKE HARDING: BETRAYAL
Mon 19 Oct | 19:00

As the post-war international order fractures, Luke Harding discusses **Betrayal: Trump, Putin and the New Age of Conquest**, his gripping account of a world increasingly shaped by force, fear and imperial ambition.



CATHY RENTZENBRINK: THE AGATHA CHRISTIE CURE
Tues 20 Oct | 19:00

What can the Queen of Crime teach us about surviving upheaval and beginning again? Cathy Rentzenbrink explores Agatha Christie and the consoling power of books.



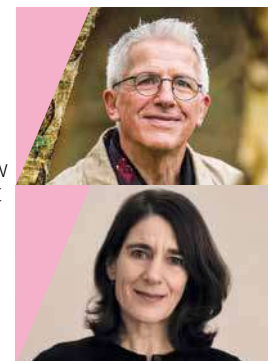
SATISH KUMAR
Weds 21 Oct | 19:00

At a time of war, division and climate emergency, Satish Kumar comes to Falmouth with **Peace Is Possible**, a deeply hopeful call to restore our connection with one another, the natural world and ourselves.



CHARLIE HIGSON: KING ZERO
Thurs 22 Oct | 19:00

Bond is back. Charlie Higson comes to Falmouth with **King Zero**, an explosive new James Bond novel that sends Ian Fleming's most famous creation into a world even 007 may no longer understand.



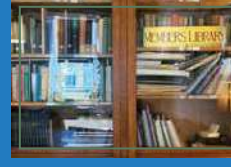
FREUD & GALE: MAKING IT UP
Fri 23 Oct | 19:00

Two of Britain's finest novelists come together for a candid and revealing conversation about transforming lived experience into fiction, the liberties writers take with the truth, and whether every family contains the makings of a novel.

WHAT'S ON CALENDAR



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



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Tuesday 10:00-16:00
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Friday & Saturday 10:00-22:00
(hours may vary depending on events)



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28 POTTERY // Children's Pottery Adult Taster: Mugs SEPTEMBER	29 EXHIBITION // Georgie Harrison WORKSHOP // Abstract Landscapes with Oil and Cold Wax	30 FILM // Mare's Nest, with Q&A	01 FILM // FFB: Cinema Paradiso THEATRE // Monster OCTOBER	02 POTTERY // Drop-in session FILMS // The Summer Book You Can't Fly	03 WORKSHOPS // Beginners' Weaving Costumed Life Drawing: Bayeux Tapestry MUSIC // Lady Malsery
05 POTTERY // Beginners' Handbuilding: Stage 2 WORKSHOP // Miracle Young Company Summer School	06 EXHIBITIONS // Joseph Fiol Fall with the Crows WORKSHOPS // Slow Stitch Circle Crochet Beginners POTTERY // Throwing Stage 1	07 TALK // Cornwall Uncovered: Elizabeth Dale in Conversation	08 WORKSHOP // More Real Screen Acting TALK // Wild Voices: Stories from the Modern Explorer FILM // Derek vs Derek	09 POTTERY // Drop-in session TALK // Mud, Blood and Love FILMS // Derek vs Derek The Big Sea, with Q&A	10 WORKSHOP // Miracle Theatre: Comedy & Devising Masterclass MUSIC // An Evening with Essy Sparrow
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SUN 25 FBF // Rebecca Cobb Luke Thompson Michael Morpurgo Emily Cunningham Joelle Taylor	27 EXHIBITIONS // Beth Richardson WORKSHOPS // Sword Fighting for Kids Life Drawing FX Makeup for Teens (two-day course)	28 TALK // Witchcraft in Cornwall: Charms & Curses FILM // Best Goon Brenn	29 THEATRE // How to Catch a Book Witch FILMS // Rose of Nevada The Birds (1963)	30 POTTERY // Drop-in session WORKSHOP // Treasure Island Sword Fighting FILMS // The Craft / Muppet Treasure Island / Ghosts / Donnie Darko	31 FILMS // Muppet Treasure Island Teenage Sex and Death at Camp Xmas The Craft Pan's Labyrinth

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09 POTTERY // Beginners' Handbuilding: Stage 3	10 EXHIBITIONS // John Howard Print Studio POTTERY // Throwing: Stage 1 FILM // All River's Spill their Stories to the Sea	11 COMMUNITY // Adventure & Natural History Film & TV Network FILM // Queen at Sea	12 FILM // Ken Russell's The Devils	13 POTTERY // Drop-in session TALKS // A Victorian Christmas / Ocean Exploration & Conservation FILM // No Trees No Seas, with Q&A	14 MUSIC // Journeys in Song with baritone Rupert Pardoe COMEDY // Ria Lina: Riabellaion
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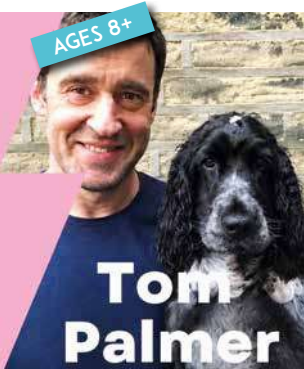
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Tom Palmer

IF THE INVADER COMES: TOM PALMER

Sat 24 Oct | 10:30

Meet Tom Palmer, author of a new series of books for young readers set in WW2 Cornwall. The first book – **If the Invader Comes** – is set in Falmouth and Mylor Bridge and is based on real events in 1940 and 1941.



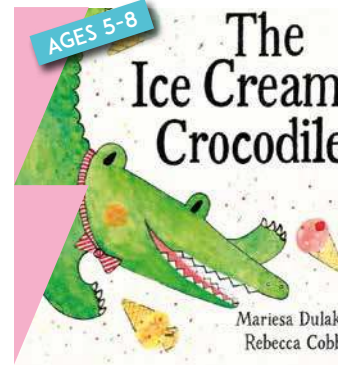
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CLARE HELEN WELSH

CLARE HELEN WELSH: TOGETHER STREET

Sat 24 Oct | 12:00

In this lively, interactive workshop that celebrates community, children are invited on a tour of Together Street, where Ash is showing his new neighbour Nell around her new home.



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The Ice Cream Crocodile

Mariesa Dulak
Rebecca Cobb

THE ICE CREAM CROCODILE - WITH REBECCA COBB

Sun 25 Oct | 10:30
Come and join local picture book illustrator and author Rebecca Cobb for storytime and drawing. Rebecca will be reading from the new picture book **The Ice Cream Crocodile** written by Mariesa Dulak.



LUKE THOMPSON: A CORNISH BESTIARY

Sun 25 Oct | 12:00
Luke Thompson's work explores the strange territory where animals, literature and folklore meet. **A Cornish Bestiary** delves into Cornwall's wonderfully weird history of beasts both real and imagined.



NATASHA CARTHEW: ROUGH EDGES

Sat 24 Oct | 14:00

Who gets to tell the story of Cornwall? For Natasha Carthew, it's the people who live here year-round. Exploring Cornwall, class, place and belonging, sharing stories from its communities and Britain's changing coastlines.



PETER MOORE: A DANGEROUS GAME

Sat 24 Oct | 16:00

Historian Peter Moore reveals Thomas Cochrane's life: naval hero, radical, convicted fraudster and revolutionary admiral, inspiring Patrick O'Brian's Jack Aubrey.



MICHAEL MORPURGO: DOWN BURROW LANE

Sun 25 Oct | 14:00
Michael Morpurgo's most personal memoir explores fifty years of love, family, farming and storytelling at his Devon home, Down Burrow Lane. This event is held at Princess Pavilion.



EMILY CUNNINGHAM: OUR OCEAN TO SAVE

Sun 25 Oct | 16:00
An urgent call to action informed by years of experience working to protect our oceans. Emily's work highlights the critical role of the ocean as one of our greatest climate allies.



PHILIP MARSDEN: SPIRIT OF FALMOUTH

Sat 24 Oct | 18:00

A panel discussion on the town's past and the town's future. More details available soon.



MARIA ALYOKHINA OF PUSSY RIOT: POLITICAL GIRL - LIFE AND FATE IN RUSSIA

Sat 24 Oct | 20:00

Picking up where Riot Days left off, Maria takes us through her activist experiences between 2014 to 2022, with her artistic sensibility, punk ethos, deep moral clarity, and inimitably dry Russian wit.



JOELLE TAYLOR: MARYVILLE

Sun 25 Oct | 18:00
From the T.S. Eliot and Polari Prize-winning author of **C+NTO & Othered Poems** comes an innovative collection exploring the scars, hopes and potentialities of dyke counterculture and the queer underground.

With a vividly sketched cast of characters, award-winning poet Joelle Taylor uses the Maryville butch bar as a lens through which to consider the underground histories of queer London. The violence and pain of oppression and the beauty and intimacy of community are rendered in awe-inspiring high definition in a collection as filmic as it is familiar.

A hybrid chronicle, magic trick, prayer and insurrection, **Maryville** conjures ghosts back to their bodies, a community to their feet.



TALK // A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Fri 13 Nov | 15:00

Join Emma Hughes, The Lady Time Traveller, to discover how the Victorians transformed the festive season into the biggest annual celebration in the British calendar.



TALK // OCEAN EXPLORATION AND CONSERVATION

Fri 13 Nov | 18:00

A couple of Cornwall-based marine biologists on Antarctic exploration, ocean conservation, books, and life as Fellows of the RGS.



MUSIC // JOURNEYS IN SONG WITH BARITONE RUPERT PARDOE

Sat 14 Nov | 14:00

Music by Vaughan Williams, Britten and Butterworth. Part of a new series of regular recitals presented by Metronome Recordings Ltd at The Poly.



MUSIC // MARTIN HARLEY

Sat 05 Dec | 20:00

The best slide guitarist this side of the Mississippi is back in Falmouth. Exploring roots, blues and slide guitar in a style *The Guardian* referred to as 'spellbinding'.



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.



TALK // THE WORLD IN BLACK & WHITE: FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHY

Thurs 26 Nov | 14:30

Art historian Catherine Wallace looks at the origins and development of black and white photography as an art form and its main practitioners.



TALK // ATLANTIC SEABOARD FORUM: CELTIC SEA PORTS – WHO WINS AND WHY?

Thurs 26 Nov | 17:30

Monthly seminar series. Explore the emerging network of ports around the Celtic Sea, the different roles they could play, and where Falmouth might fit.



THEATRE // A CHRISTMAS CAROL BY PATRICK BARLOW

Weds 09 December | 19:30

A new take on Dickens' classic story of greed, grief, ghosts and eleventh-hour redemption – all the traditional elements of Dickens' masterpiece with non-stop silliness and fun.



TALK // THE GAME THING

Fri 27 Nov | 18:30

Welcome to the very first Game Thing, a relaxed, informal social! Join us for an evening of talks and games as we explore the landscape of games and wider creative practices in Cornwall. The theme: Press Start.



MUSIC // THE FORCEFIELDS

Sat 28 Nov | 19:30

Welcome to the world of THE FORCEFIELDS – a spellbinding multi-sensory universe dissolving the border between live concert and immersive theatre experience featuring synchronized film projections.



COMEDY // MARK THOMAS: 40 IN STAND-UP YEARS

Weds 02 Dec | 19:30

Expect a taster menu of government and personal mayhem, jokes, rants and a personal state of the nation broadcast as Mark tries to turn 'what the f*ck is going on' into a cogent hour of stand-up.



THEATRE // HAH! BUMHUG

Fri 11 Dec | 19:30

Mon 21-Weds 23 Dec | 14:30
Thurs 24 Dec | 14:30

Hah! Bumhug returns, bigger and sparklier than last year. Expect the same Big Tim but now with his friend and fine musician Mr Julian Gaskell!

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 17th 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+.

Sat 12 Dec	19:30
Sun 13 Dec	14:30 (relaxed performance)
Sun 13 Dec	19:30
Weds 16 Dec	19:30
Thurs 17 Dec	19:30
Fri 19 Dec	19:30
Sat 20 Dec	19:30
Sun 21 Dec	19:30
Mon 22 Dec	19:30
Tues 23 Dec	19:30



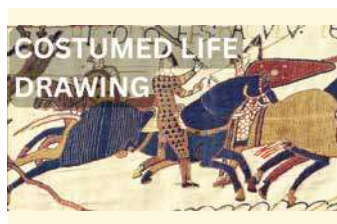
POTTERY/WORKSHOPS



WORKSHOP // BEGINNERS' CREATIVE WEAVING

Sat 03 Oct | 10:30-13:30

Discover the art of weaving in this three-hour workshop! Participants will make their own small looms and learn key weaving techniques.



WORKSHOP // COSTUMED LIFE DRAWING:

Sat 03 Oct | 11:00-13:00

Join us in 1066 for before, after and during the battle of Hastings. An untutored session with poses between one to 10 minutes.



POTTERY // BEGINNERS' HANDBUILDING: STAGE 2

Mon 05 - Mon 26 Oct | 14:00-18:00 | 18:00-20:00

Explore handbuilding with stoneware clay. Designed as a progressive four-week course for people wanting to further their skills and explore new techniques.



WORKSHOP // FANTASY FIGHTING FOR FILM

Sun 18 Oct | 10:30-12:30

Explore fantastical characters and then prepare to fight as them for screen in this two-hour workshop.



POTTERY // THROWING: STAGE 2 (ADVANCED)

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 // THROWING SIX-WEEK COURSE

Thurs 22 Oct - Thurs 26 Nov | 14:00-16:00

An introduction to working on the wheel for people looking to explore all the basics of making on the wheel with a little extra time to really hone your skills.



WORKSHOP // SLOW STITCH CIRCLE

Tues 06 Oct | 10:30-12:00
Tues 03 Nov | 10:30-12:00

Join in a two-part seasonal project – you'll leave with your project underway, ready to enjoy slow, mindful stitching at home throughout the month ahead.



POTTERY // THROWING: STAGE 1

Tues 06 - Tues 27 Oct | 14:00-18:00
Tues 10 Nov - Tues 01 Dec | 18:00-20:00

A four-week introduction to the world of throwing that will show you all the basics of making on the wheel.



WORKSHOP // CROCHET BEGINNERS' CLASS

Tues 06 Oct | 18:30-20:30

Discover the joy of crochet in this beginner-friendly class, perfect for those starting from scratch. Learn essential techniques and basic stitches while building confidence.



POTTERY // SIX-WEEK GLAZE TECHNOLOGY COURSE

Thurs 22 Oct - Thurs 26 Nov | 18:00-20:00

Our popular glaze technology course returns this October! Learn how to mix glazes from scratch using basic recipes, then fire and evaluate your test tiles each week.



WORKSHOP // KIDS' SWORD FIGHTING

Tues 27 Oct | 10:15 & 12:00

Calling all young knights & warriors! Practice your sword fighting skills in these one-hour sessions.

10:15 session: **ages 5-7**
12:00 session: **ages 8-12**



WORKSHOP // TWO-DAY FX MAKEUP FOR TEENS

Tues 27 & Weds 28 Oct | 10:30-14:30

Practise casting and applying character makeup & prosthetics for fantasy/horror. Ideal for those who have attended FX makeup sessions before.



WORKSHOP // MORE REAL SCREEN ACTING COURSE

Thurs 08 Oct | 09:30-16:00

An intensive full-day, screen-based, acting workout. Using the text, exercises, your imagination, and improvisations you will work on a prepared scene with a partner.



POTTERY // FRIDAY DROP-IN SESSIONS

Every Friday we open our doors for potters to use our wonderful studio space for just £10 an hour. Email pottery@thepoly.org to prebook a slot on one of our three wheels.



WORKSHOP // MIRACLE THEATRE: COMEDY & DEVISING MASTERCLASS

Sat 10 Oct | 10:00-16:00

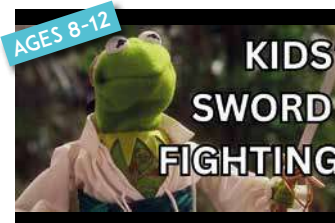
For existing and budding performers. A deep dive into the world of comedy and performance looking at the importance of failure and staying mischievous.



WORKSHOP // LIFE DRAWING AT THE POLY

Tues 27 Oct | 18:30-20:30
Tues 24 Nov | 18:30-20:30
Tues 08 Dec | 18:30-20:30

Follow guided exercises or draw freely, with support available from the tutor as required. All levels welcome.



WORKSHOP // TREASURE ISLAND: SWORD FIGHTING

Fri 30 Oct | 13:00-14:00

Join the pirate crew in this swashbuckling-themed workshop for kids aged 8-12. Those who need more swashbuckling action can stay on to watch MUPPET TREASURE ISLAND, showing at 14:30!



WORKSHOP // COSTUMED LIFE DRAWING: PIRATES

Sat 07 Nov | 11:00-13:00

Pirates are back in port for November's costumed life drawing – step back into the golden age of piracy! An untutored session with poses between one to 10 minutes.



WORKSHOP // SWORD FIGHTING WORKSHOPS

Sun 08 Nov | 10:30 & 12:00
Every wanted to try sword fighting? Now you can! Come along and test your mettle in these one-hour sword fighting taster workshops.



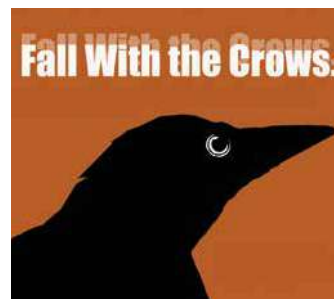
POTTERY // BEGINNERS' HANDBUILDING: STAGE 3

Mon 09 - Mon 30 Nov | 14:00-18:00 | 18:00-20:00
A four-week self-driven course for people who are feeling confident in their handbuilding techniques or have a favourite method of making.



WORKSHOP // AUTUMNAL LINOCUT PRINTMAKING

Sat 28 Nov | 10:00-15:00
A five-hour introduction to linocut printmaking which will familiarise participants with the skills of relief printmaking and the tools and materials used.



FALL WITH THE CROWS

An exhibition and celebration of the crow by a murder of artists

Tues 06 - Sat 10 Oct
Spring Gallery



THE EARLY WORK

Joseph Fiol

Weds 07 - Sat 17 Oct
Main Gallery



THE WONDER OF WOOD

Robert Edom

Tues 13 - Sat 17 Oct
Spring Gallery
PV: Tues 13 Oct 17:00-19:00



HIDDEN FIGURES

Sarah Griffiths

Tues 20 - Sat 24 Oct
Spring Gallery
PV: Tues 20 Oct 17:00-19:00



HOME

Beth Richardson

Tues 27 - Sat 31 Oct
Spring Gallery
PV: Tues 27 Oct 17:00-19:00



UNRULY THREADS

Textile Plus

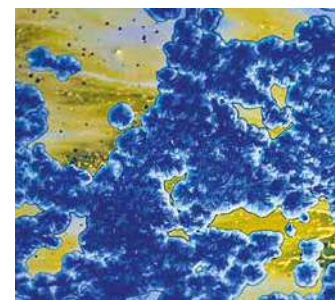
Tues 03 - Sat 07 Nov
Spring Gallery
Meet the artists:
Sat 07 Nov 14:00-17:00



PRINTS FROM THE STUDIO

John Howard & friends

Tues 10 - Sat 21 Nov
Spring Gallery
PV: Tues 10 Nov 17:00-20:00



CONNECTIONS

The Poly Pottery

Tues 24 Nov - Weds 03 Dec
Spring Gallery



Local makers, original crafts and festive cheer across both galleries of our Grade II* listed building.
04, 05 & 06 Dec, 10:00-17:00

COMING UP...



COMEDY // MARK THOMAS: 40 IN STAND-UP YEARS Weds 02 Dec | 19:30

What?! Mark Thomas has been 'standing up' for 40 years? Impossible!! But how old does that make you...? Alas it is true; one of our oldest surviving alternative comics celebrates 40 years at the mic.

Expect a taster menu of government and personal mayhem, jokes, rants and a personal state of the nation broadcast as Mark tries to turn 'what the f*ck is going on' into a cogent hour of stand-up.



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.



THEATRE // HAH! BUMHUG

Theatre: Fri 11 Dec | 19:30, Thurs 24 Dec | 14:30
Main Gallery: Mon 21-Weds 23 Dec | 14:30

We all know A Christmas Carol, but ever wonder what happened after the ghosts vanished?

Sure, Scrooge reformed, but a certain kid grew up wanting more – MORE! Time makes fools of us all, and Tim (don't call him Tiny!) has turned into a crafty cat burglar, out to snag his share of Ebenezer's fortune. Not even the Ghost of Christmas Future saw this one coming!

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