

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

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SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024  
10am – 12.30pm

*Welcome to Our World! Family Sunday!*

Without our planet; there's no you, there's no me and there's definitely no ballet and opera! So today we're celebrating all things wide and wonderful about Our World which is made up of 71% ocean, through music, song, dance and craft.

Kick off the day with a warm-up in the main entrance foyer with ENDURANCE STEEL, who use the original upcycled instrument, the steel pans!

In the Clore we have two wonderful performances: DEWI IN THE DEEP tells the tale of Dewi, an ordinary 8-year-old girl living an ordinary life until the unexpected happens on a visit to the zoo. EARTH VOICE DANCE is a new collaborative dance piece about the voices within our Mother Earth, created by choreographer LIAM FRANCIS and artist HUGO DALTON.

Our friends from BLUE MARINE FOUNDATION present an out of this world VR experience in the Level 5 restaurant.

All of today's making activities have upcycling at their core: Join ZOE PHILLIPS and make your own eco pledge in your very own theatre green book or make a splash with REZA BEN GAJRA and his marvellous underwater animation or create a shadowy creature of the deep with AYA NAKAMURA in the Crush Room.

And your Family Sunday favourites: dressing up, ballet barre and the Big Sing get environmental make overs.

Please be aware we have a buggy park onsite but the cloakroom will be closed during the event, please pack with this in mind.

\*Family Sundays can be quite noisy, ear defenders can be requested for you or your little person. Just ask a member of staff in a black t-shirt.

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## TAKE PART

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### DRESS TO IMPRESS

Let your imagination be inspired by the magical characters of the ROH stage. Who will you become?

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Level 5

10am – 12.30pm

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### SWIMMING WITH SEA TURTLES!

Voyage through the ocean in this epic musical adventure brought to you by LUCIA AND MATT VERNON-LONG, AKA the Mini Music Makers, and pianist ASHLEY BEAUCHAMP.

From their first scramble to the sea as newly hatched turtles, to encounters with scary sharks and ghostly jellyfish, join us for a wild, wavy quest as we sing and dance through the life cycle of the Costa Rican sea turtles, and learn a little Spanish along the way!

Inspired by The Punta Banco Sea Turtle Conservation Project; a tiny community on a remote jungle beach of Costa Rica, working hard to protect the turtles!

[www.tortugas-puntabanco.com](http://www.tortugas-puntabanco.com)

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Paul Hamlyn Hall

10.10am – 10.35am

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### BALLET BARRE

Fancy being a ballet dancer? Give it a go in this barre workshop led by a Royal Opera House dance artist, accompanied by DEBBI PARKS on piano.

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Linbury Foyer

10.35am – 10.55am | 11.35am – 11.55am

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### BIG SING

Join others in singing out loud in our interactive Big Sing, celebrating our earth with singer BEN KNIGHT and pianist SAM PEÑA. It's fun for the whole family - the only thing you need to bring is the instrument Mother Nature gave you, your voice!

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Paul Hamlyn Hall

10.40am – 11am

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## **ASK A DANCER ANYTHING**

What do you want to know about being a ballet dancer? Get your questions ready and come along to meet our Creative Associate and former Royal Ballet dancer DAVID PICKERING and former Principal dancer, ZENAIDA YANOWSKY.

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Paul Hamlyn Hall  
11.40am – 11.55am

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## **DANCE PARTY**

Join party-maker extraordinaire BIM MALCOMSON to shake a tail feather and bust your best ballet moves in this fun workshop for all the family.

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Paul Hamlyn Hall  
12.05pm – 12.30pm

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## **WATCH**

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### **BLUE MARINE FOUNDATION VR EXPERIENCE - “THE SEA WE BREATHE”**

Dive into the deep in this underwater VR experience from our friends at the [Blue Marine Foundation](https://www.bluemarinefoundation.com)! Hold your breath, put on your headset, and you decide where to explore - will it be the giant kelp forests, the seagrass meadows, or the cold waters of the open ocean? It's up to you!

Enjoyed the experience? Visit it again online at:

[www.bluemarinefoundation.com/the-sea-we-breathe/](https://www.bluemarinefoundation.com/the-sea-we-breathe/)

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Level 5 Restaurant  
10.15am – 12.15pm

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## **EARTH VOICE DANCE**

*Earth Voice Dance* is a new collaboration between choreographer LIAM FRANCIS and artist HUGO DALTON, commissioned by the Royal Opera House. Liam Francis's dynamic new choreography portrays a series of different voices as if emanating from the Earth, each explored with vivid graphic charm for which Liam is well known.

The work unfolds within a magical stage set created by artist Hugo Dalton. The artist has reused tutus from the Royal Ballet costume archive to create huge flower blooms, alongside the beautiful plant cuttings sourced from the Eden Project.

@liamfrancisdance

@hugodaltonstudio

*Capacity is limited to 180 seats and will be allocated to first come, first served. Doors and queue will open at 10.15am.*

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Clore Studio  
10.30am – 11am

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## **MANASAMITRA - "MELTWATER"**

Kick back and immerse yourself in this music and performance event focussing on 'water' as an environmental disruptor. Vocals, acoustic and electronic music combine to create a unique experience highlighting both the destructive power and the awesome beauty of water. Brought to you by Dewsbury-based arts organisation, MANASAMITRA.

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Linbury Foyer  
11am – 11.30am

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## **THE DYING SWAN**

Join us as we follow a Royal Ballet dancer on a magical journey to master the graceful moves of a swan in its final moments. Watch how the dancer learns to tell a beautiful story through dance.

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Paul Hamlyn Hall  
11.05am – 11.35am

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## DEWI IN THE DEEP

Dewi is an ordinary 8-year-old girl living an ordinary life. Ordinary, that is, until a school trip to the zoo takes a turn when best friend Tortellini (the tortoise) takes an unexpected dive into the penguin enclosure! Dewi and Tortellini soon find themselves on an adventure that is anything but ordinary, learning from newfound friends about how human actions are impacting their underwater lives. Join the daring duo as they journey through the ocean – and you might even learn about small actions you can take in your own life, too!

A co-production with [Charles Court Opera](#) and [The Opera Story](#). Co-writers [Lucie Treacher](#) and Joaquim Badia, with John Warner conducting [Orchestra For The Earth](#).

Cast: Dewi - LEDI MANURUNG | Tortellini - ROBIN BAILEY |  
Narrator 1 - MATTHEW PALMER | Narrator 2 - CHIARA VINCI.

Creatives: Director - JOHN SAVOURNIN | Designer - ELLIOTT SQUIRE | Movement Director - BLAIR ANDERSON.

The Audio book with illustrated booklet is available on Audible: [Dewi in the Deep](#).

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Clare Studio  
12pm – 12.30pm

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## LISTEN

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### “OUR EARTH” RECITAL

An interactive performance with baritone BEN KNIGHT and pianist SAM PEÑA exploring the wonderful memories of our earth through song.

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Linbury Foyer  
10.10am – 10.30am

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### ENDURANCE STEEL

Come and dance to the sounds of the Endurance Steel Orchestra on their steel pans! A community organisation based in Southeast London

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Linbury Foyer  
12pm – 12.25pm

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## **MAKE**

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### **FABULOUS FISHES**

Make your very own fabulous fish shadow puppet with AYA NAKAMURA

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Crush Room  
10am – 12.30pm

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### **GREEN BOOKS AND HAM WITH ZOE PHILLIPS**

The Theatre Green book was made by theatre makers the world over as a commitment to making theatre sustainably. Join Zoe and make your own mini green book, what will you change today?

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Crush Room  
10am – 12.30pm

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### **RAINFOREST ADVENTURES WITH REZA**

Our resident animator extraordinaire REZA BEN GAJRA is back with a special eco themed animated adventure, will you play a starring role?

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Level 5  
10am – 12.30pm

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# TIMETABLE

9.45am—10.05am

**ENDURANCE STEEL** 🖱 Main Entrance Foyer

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10am

10am—12.30pm

**BLUE MARINE ADVENTURES VR**

🖱 Level 5 Restaurant

**FABULOUS FISHES** 🖱 Crush Room

**GREEN BOOKS AND HAM** 🖱 Crush Room

**DRESSING UP** 🖱 Level 5

**RAINFOREST ADVENTURES** 🖱 Level 5

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10.10am—10.30am

**OUR EARTH RECITAL** 🖱 Linbury Foyer

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10.10am—10.35am

**SWIMMING WITH SEA TURTLES**

🖱 Paul Hamlyn Hall

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10.30am—11am

**EARTH VOICE DANCE** 🖱 Clore Studio

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10.35am—10.55am

**BALLET BARRE** 🖱 Linbury Foyer

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10.40am—11am

**BIG SING** 🖱 Paul Hamlyn Hall

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11am

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**MANASAMITRA MELTWATER** 🖱 Linbury Foyer

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11.05am—11.35am

**THE DYING SWAN** 🖱 Paul Hamlyn Hall

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12pm

12pm—12.25pm

**ENDURANCE STEEL** 🖱 Linbury Foyer

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12pm—12.30pm

**DEWI IN THE DEEP** 🖱 Clore Studio

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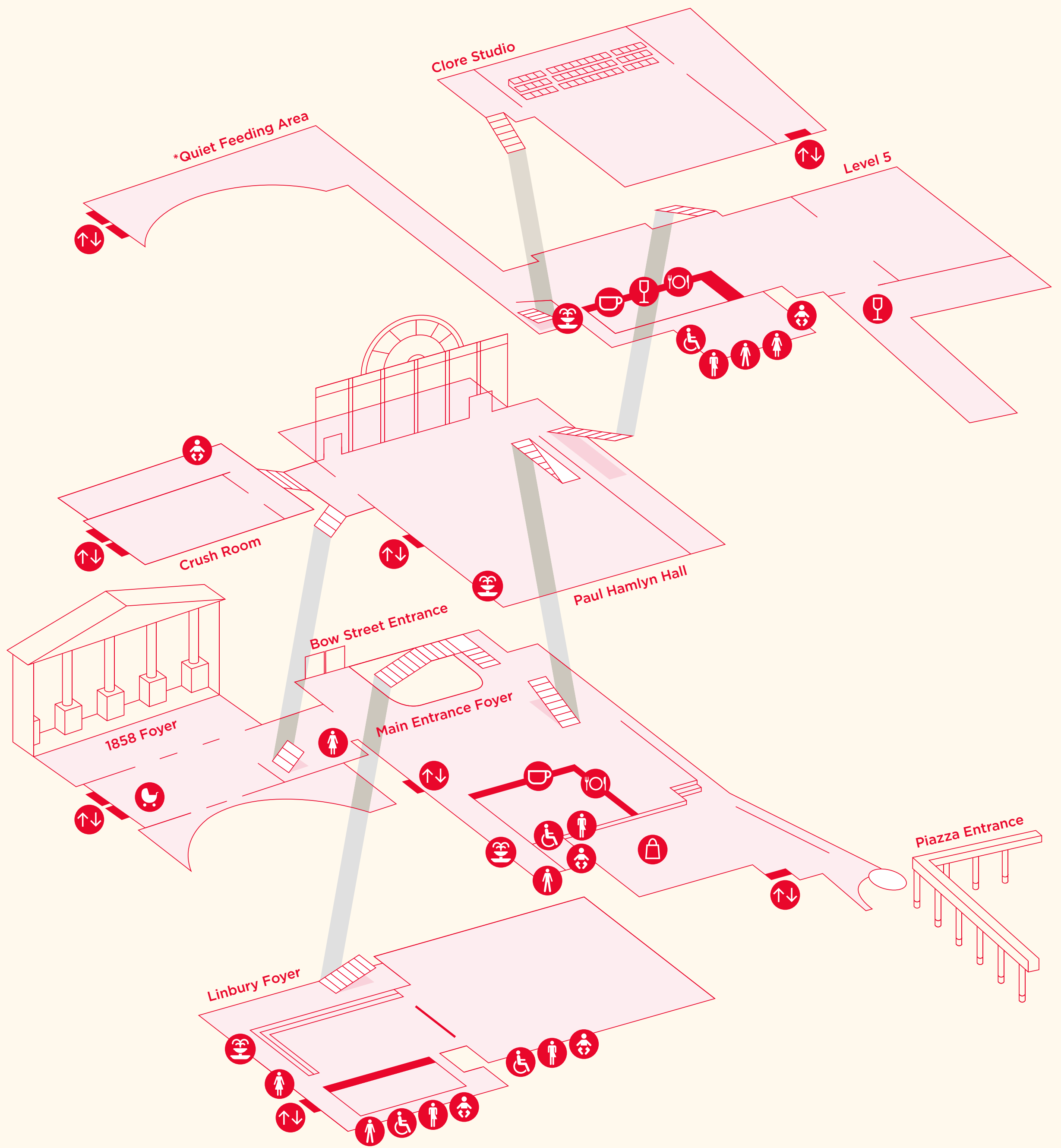
12.05pm—12.30pm

**DANCE PARTY** 🖱 Paul Hamlyn Hall

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# MAP



**MEN'S TOILETS**



**WOMEN'S TOILETS**



**ACCESSIBLE/GENDER  
NEUTRAL TOILETS**



**BABY CHANGING**



**WATER FOUNTAIN**



**BUGGY PARK**



**CAFÉ**



**BAR**



**FOOD**



**SHOP**



**LIFT**



\*The Royal Opera House is a breastfeeding friendly venue, if you require a quieter place to feed please head up to Level 5.



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