

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

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SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024

10am – 12.30pm

*Welcome to our Swanning Around Family Sunday!*

Calling all ballet buffs and boogie smiths! Today's Family Sunday is about all things ballet!

Start the day the TATCHO DROM way with a folk rendition of the famous Swan Lake score.

Soprano NATASHA AGARWAL sings a selection of birds in flight songs taking you to heady heights.

Every ballet starts with a story! Storyteller extraordinaire, SALLY POMME CLAYTON, presents SEVEN SWANS, a tale about a bold girl searching for her brothers who have been turned into swans in the CLORE STUDIO.

Odile? Odette? Or perhaps you see yourself as a cygnet? Either way you'll have fun SWANNING AROUND with DAVID PICKERING and LIZ FOSTER. JOSEPH TOONGA and dancers present a hip hop adaptation of the famous tale in the Paul Hamlyn Hall in TWO SIDES TO EVERY SWAN. And the performances don't stop there, Thick & Tight bring back PRIMA, a solo piece about the much loved ballerina Margot Fonteyn performed by the brilliant DANNY SMITH and not only that, but you'll have the chance to watch Royal Ballet dancers LUKAS B. BRÆENDSRØD and MARIKO SASAKI present a beautiful Swan Lake pas de deux in the Paul Hamlyn Hall.

As always, we have dressing up, ballet barre and upcycling craft activities a-plenty on Level 5 and in the Crush Room. Be sure to save some energy and dance the day away with Bim Malcomson in our end of the day DANCE PARTY.

Please be aware we have a buggy park onsite, but the cloakroom will be

\*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 Royal Opera House stage. Who will you become?

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Level 5 Restaurant  
10am–12.30pm

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### EXPLORE OUR COLLECTIONS

Step back in time and get up close with a selection of items from past Swan Lake productions, including an exquisite 'Odette' tutu.

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Level 5  
10am–12.30pm

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### SWANNING AROUND WORKSHOP

Spread your wings and join us as we fly and waltz into the magical world of Swan Lake. Watch out for Baron Von Rothbart. His evil magic can conjure up a storm! With DAVID PICKERING and LIZ FOSTER.

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Paul Hamlyn Hall  
10.10am.–10.30am & 11.05am–11.25am

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### BALLET BARRE

Fancy being a ballet dancer? Give it a go in this barre workshop led by a professional ballet dancer, accompanied by FRANCES YONGE on piano.

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Linbury Foyer  
10.40am–11am & 11.40am–12pm

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### DANCE PARTY WITH BIM

Join dance facilitator extraordinaire BIM MALCOMSON, throw some shapes in an energising dance party extravaganza!

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Paul Hamlyn Hall  
12pm–12.25pm

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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 some professional ballet dancers!

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Linbury Foyer  
12.05pm–12.30pm

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## WATCH

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### **TWO SIDES TO EVERY SWAN**

Swans are often seen as graceful creatures ... but what happens when they are influenced by modern culture? Choreographed by the Royal Ballet's Emerging Choreographer, JOSEPH TOONGA, performed by CACHE THAKE and WINNIE DIAS

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Paul Hamlyn Hall  
10.35am – 11am

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### **PRIMA**

Thick & Tight return to the Royal Opera House to present 'Prima', a solo about the extraordinary and much-loved ballerina Margot Fonteyn. Margot is brought to life by dancer, drag performer, filmmaker and artist Danny Smith, who embodies her sensitivity, courage, vulnerability and beauty. 'Prima' shows Margot looking back over her long career; many years of striving to bring the magic of dance to spellbound audiences.

Thick & Tight are interested in promoting queer culture, accessibility and anti-elitism through dance. They are delighted to be working with Danny Smith who is a proud role model for other disabled people seeking independent lives.

Capacity is limited to 180 seats and will be allocated to first come, first served. Doors and queue will open at 10.45am.

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Clore Studio  
11am – 11.20am

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### **WHITE SWAN PAS DE DEUX**

Royal Ballet dancers LUKAS B. BRÆNDSRØD and MARIKO SASAKI perform an excerpt from the magical ballet Swan Lake. Watch, enjoy and learn about this classic tale.

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Paul Hamlyn Hall  
11.30am – 11.55am

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## LISTEN

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### **SOARING HIGH!**

Spread your wings and explore the skies with soprano NATASHA AGARWAL and pianist GEORGE FRADLEY as they take you on a soaring journey through song.

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Linbury Foyer  
10.10am-10.35am

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### **TATCHO DROM**

Join TATCHO DROM on a captivating 'True Journey' of upbeat traditional Balkan Romani folk music and allow all your senses to be enriched. GUNDULA STOJANOVA GRUEN (violin), FRASER PARRY (cello), JEREMY HALLIWELL (guitar) and JOSH MIDDLETON (accordion).

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Linbury Foyer  
11.05am–11.35am

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### **SEVEN SWANS AND THE MAGIC VIOLIN TRIO**

SALLY POMME CLAYTON tells a wonderful folk tale about a bold girl searching for her brothers who have been turned into swans accompanied by the Magic Violin trio.

Capacity is limited to 180 seats and will be allocated to first come, first served. Doors and queue will open at 11.45am.

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Clore Studio  
12pm–12.30pm

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## **MAKE**

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### **BEHIND THE MASK WITH HALINA EDWARDS**

You shall go to the ball, the masquerade ball that is. Make a mask with HALINA EDWARDS or perhaps crown yourself swan royalty with a headpiece fit for a queen or king.

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Crush Room  
10am – 12.30pm

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### **WINGS OF A SWAN WITH ZOE PHILLIPS**

Fly away somewhere magical on the wings of your very own paper swan puppet with ZOE PHILLIPS.

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Level 5  
10am – 12.30pm

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### **DANCING DOLLS WITH ANNA SCHOFIELD**

Take something old and turn it into something dancing and new, make your very own dancing ballerina with ANNA SCHOFIELD.

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Crush Room  
10am – 12.30pm

# TIMETABLE

9.45am – 10.05am

**TATCHO DROM**  Main Entrance Foyer

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10am

10am – 12.30pm

**DRESSING UP**  Level 5 Restaurant

**WINGS OF A SWAN**  Level 5

**EXPLORE OUR COLLECTIONS**  Level 5

**BEHIND THE MASK**  Crush Room

**DANCING DOLLS**  Crush Room

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10.10am – 10.30am

**SWANNING AROUND WORKSHOP**

 Paul Hamlyn Hall

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10.10am – 10.35am

**SOARING HIGH!**  Linbury Foyer

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10.35am – 11am

**TWO SIDES TO EVERY SWAN**

 Paul Hamlyn Hall

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10.40am – 11am

**BALLET BARRE**  Linbury Foyer

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11am

11am – 11.20am

**PRIMA**  Clore Studio

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11.05am – 11.35am

**TATCHA DROM**  Linbury Foyer

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11.05am – 11.25am

**SWANNING AROUND 2**  Paul Hamlyn Hall

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11.30am – 11.55am

**WHITE SWAN PAS DE DEUX**  Paul Hamlyn Hall

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11.40am – 12pm

**BALLET BARRE**  Linbury Foyer

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12pm

12.00pm – 12.30pm

**SEVEN SWANS AND THE MAGIC VIOLIN TRIO**

 Clore Studio

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12pm – 12.25pm

**DANCE PARTY**  Paul Hamlyn Hall

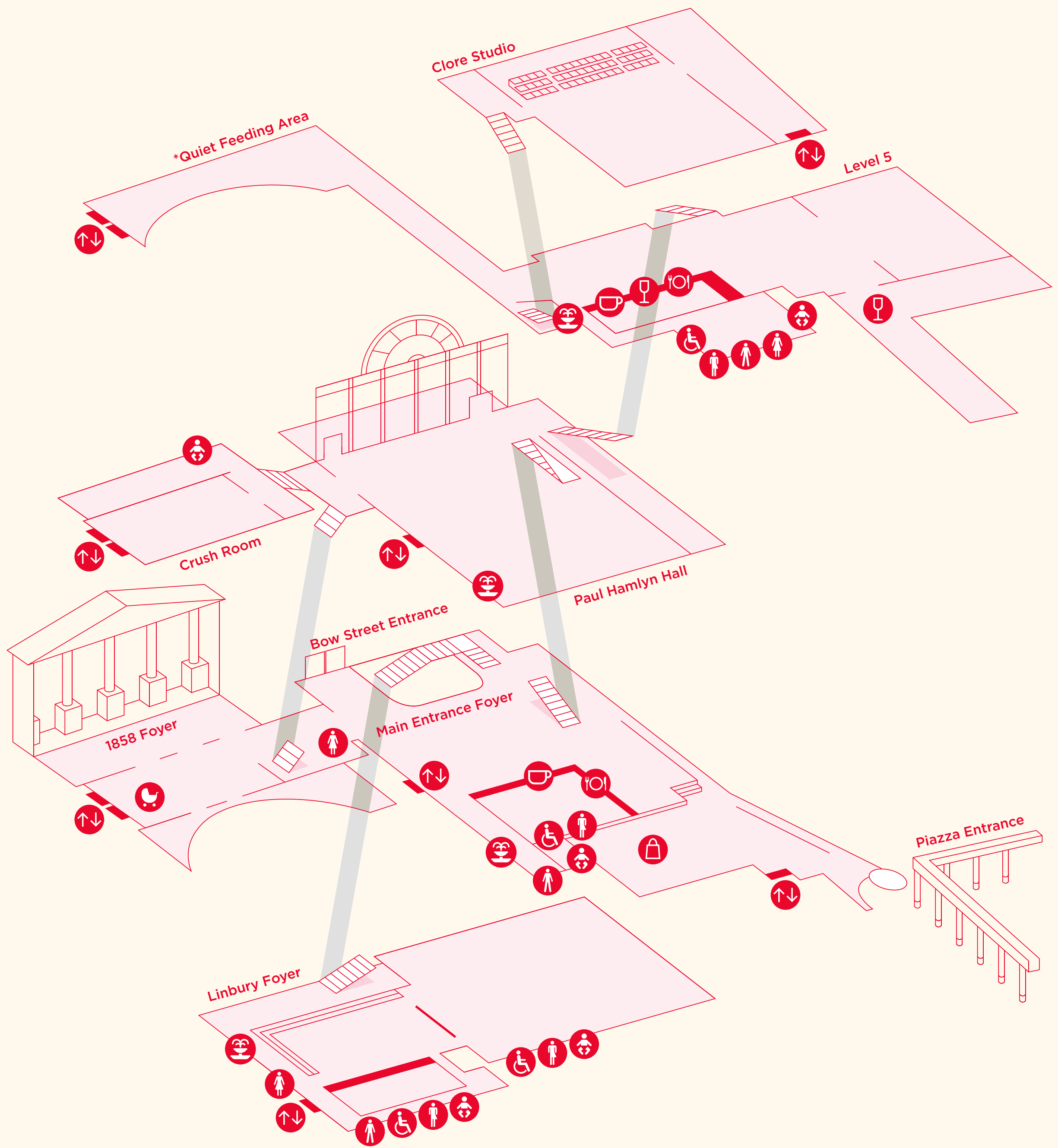
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12.05pm – 12.30pm

**ASK A DANCER ANYTHING**  Linbury Foyer

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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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