

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

FAMILY SUNDAY

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SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023

1.30–4.00PM

WELCOME TO OUR CURTAIN UP FAMILY SUNDAY!

We'll be exploring the magic of the theatre and the art of transformation.

Start your day with a trip to the *Glitterbox* and turn yourself into your favourite character from opera or ballet, Black Swan? White Swan? or maybe the Queen of the Night? Theatre magic can't happen without stage crew and every good technician needs a head set and radio, head up to Level 5 to make your own with ZOE PHILLIPS.

There's so much to see and do today, with performances by the *London Gay Big Band*, the young dancers of the *Infinite Connections Dance Company*, performing *Elemental Journey*, and The Royal Ballet's Emerging Choreographer JOSEPH TOONGA who brings his work *Born to Exist* back to the Paul Hamlyn Hall.

As always, you can jump right in with Ballet Barre, Upcycling, dressing up and singing workshops. Find a *Tiger in the Garden* in the Clore Studio or take a deep breath and dive into the Rhein with Lucia and Alicia in our *Rheingold* workshop, *Rivers of Gold*.

With so much to do, what are you still reading me for? Get stuck in!

TAKE PART

DRESS TO IMPRESS

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

Level 5

1.30–4.00pm

FACE PAINTING

Join the wonderful women of *Glitter Box* and be transformed into one of the fabulous creatures from opera and ballet, Black Swan or White? Friend or Foe? Who will you choose?

*This is not suitable for under 3's

*This activity is very popular and likely to have a queue

Crush Room

1.30–4.00pm

CHARACTER CHRONICLES

Step into the shoes of iconic ballet characters and lose yourself in the enchantment of the ballet world by joining professional dancers in a theatrical dance workshop with DAVID PICKERING.

Paul Hamlyn Hall

1.40–2.00pm

BALLET BARRE

Fancy being a ballet dancer? Give it a go in this barre workshop led by SHEVELLE DYNOTT JOHNSON and accompanied by NICKI WILLIAMSON on piano.

Linbury Foyer

1.40–2.00pm & 3.00–3.20pm

RIVERS OF GOLD

We begin in the depths of the mighty river Rhein, where mysterious water nymphs (Rheinmaidens) guard their powerful treasure. Join LUCIA VERNON-LONG in this immersive opera workshop exploring the opening scene of Wagner's *Das Rheingold*, where you'll create a mighty river and hear the golden song of the Rheinmaidens.

Paul Hamlyn Hall

2.05–2.30pm & 3.00–3.25pm

PARTY WITH BIM

Join dance facilitator and party maker extraordinaire BIM MALCOMSON alongside the London Gay Big Band to shake a tail feather and bust your best ballet moves in this fun workshop for all the family.

Paul Hamlyn Hall
3.30–3.55 pm

WATCH

ELEMENTAL JOURNEY

Alongside choreographer DANE HURST, 34 talented young ballet dancers come together to form a brand-new dance company. *Infinite Connections Dance Company* was created via a Royal Opera House Learning and Participation project to celebrate and profile young talent from Global Majority heritage. This piece takes inspiration from The Royal Ballet repertoire.

Clore Studio
2.00–2.20 pm

CALLING TO THE STAGE...

Ever wondered how an opera singer prepares for the stage? Join soprano CLAIRE MITCHER and baritone MICIEK O'SHEA in this fun and interactive workshop as they take you on a whistle stop tour of warm-ups, learning your notes and stepping out on stage. Accompanied by pianist GAMAL KHAMIS.

Linbury Foyer
2.05–2.30 pm

TIGER IN THE GARDEN

Come and watch Flock Theatre's brilliant musical adaptation of *There's a Tiger in the Garden* and join Nora as she discovers dragonflies as big as her head, plants that can eat you whole, a polar bear that likes fishing and just possibly..a tiger in the garden. Music by FREYA WYNN JONES, produced by EMMA HIGHAM.

Clore Studio
3.00–3.30 pm

BORN TO EXIST

Three hip-hop performers share their thoughts, culture, languages, and identity whilst celebrating amazing black and ethnic minority women through dance. Choreographed by the Royal Ballet's Emerging Choreographer JOSEPH TOONGA.

Paul Hamlyn Hall
2.35 – 2.55 pm

LISTEN

LONDON GAY BIG BAND

Start and end your session with a boogie. The London Gay Big Band, founded in the summer of 2011, is a scintillating jazz orchestra made up of predominantly - but not exclusively - LGBTQ+ musicians and vocalists, bringing a fresh and fabulous vibe to the London music scene.

Main Entrance Foyer
1.15 – 1.35 pm

PAINT ME MOTHER

Have you ever wondered what it takes to get an opera singer ready for the stage? In this recital, countertenor COLIN SHAY and drag performer JOYLESS will demonstrate the power of transformation through make up, costumes and music. Expect to hear great music and witness a full transformation in just twenty minutes!

Linbury Foyer
2.35 – 2.55 pm

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 Ballet Associate and former Royal Ballet dancer, DAVID PICKERING.

Linbury Foyer
3.25 – 3.35 pm

THE TALE OF ROSE RED AND SNOW WHITE

Come and see the magical house in the forest that plays music and meet the two bold sisters who live there! But will they be brave enough to break the spell and transform the bear? Sparkling, interactive spoken word with SALLY POMME CLAYTON.

Linbury Foyer
3.40–4.00pm

MAKE

CALLS AND CANS

This is your five-minute call..! Join ZOE PHILLIPS on Level 5 and become part of the Family Sunday stage crew by making your very own radio and headset equipment.

Level 5
1.30–4.00pm

MISCHIEVOUS MICE

Join British artist TRACEY BUSH and transform old theatre programmes and magazines into paper mice and all things nice.

Paul Hamlyn Hall Balconies
1.30–4.00pm

TIMETABLE

1 pm

1.15–1.35 pm

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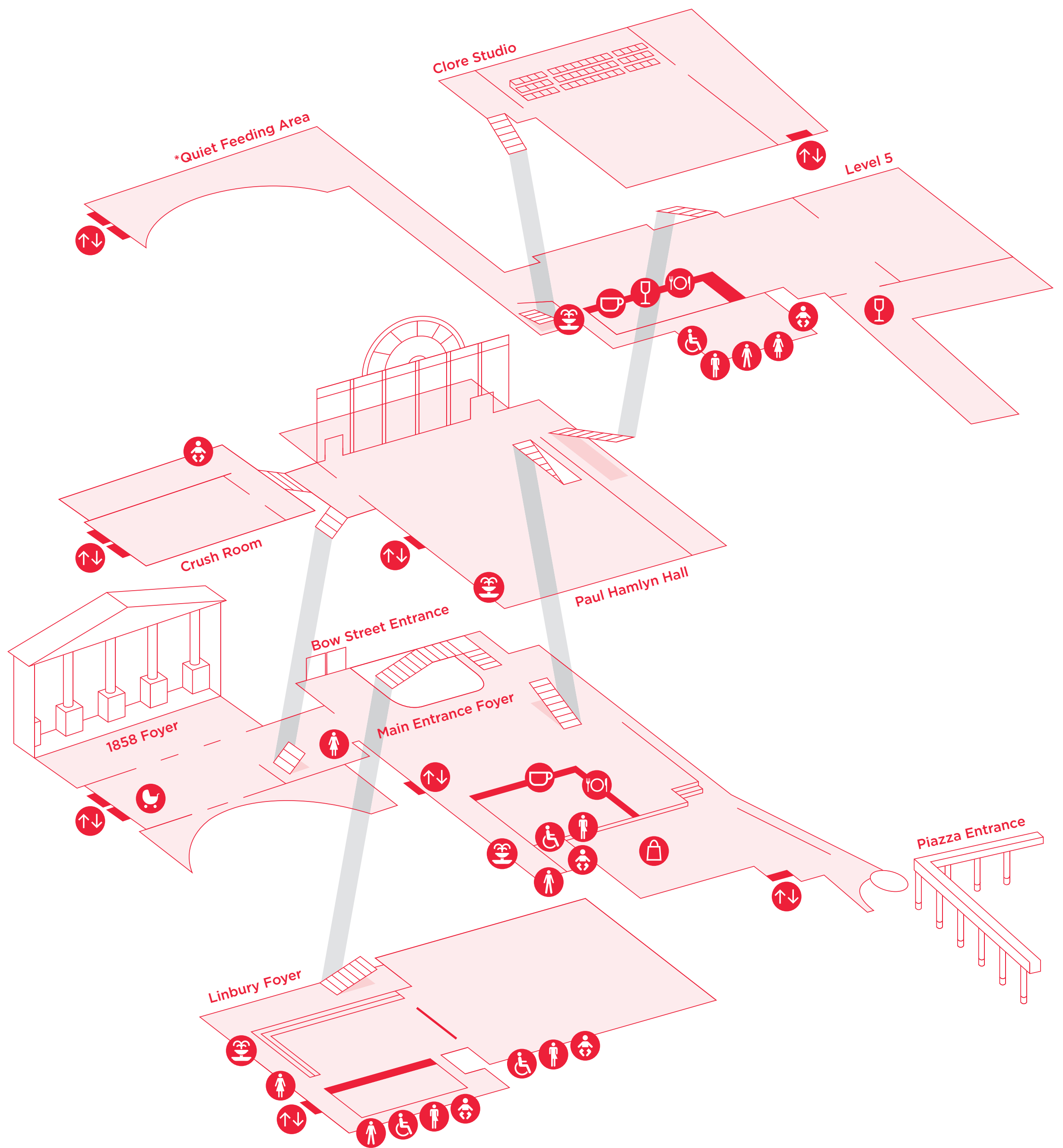
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MAP



MEN'S TOILETS



WOMEN'S TOILETS



ACCESSIBLE/GENDER NEUTRAL TOILETS



BABY CHANGING



WATER FOUNTAIN



BUGGY PARK



CAFÉ



BAR



FOOD



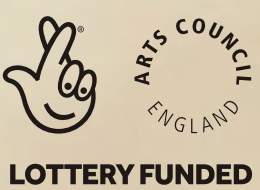
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