

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE



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SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2023

1.30pm – 4pm

*Welcome to our Christmas Cracker Family Sunday*

IT'S CHRISTMAAAAS! Nearly. Get in the festive spirit during our jam-packed family fun day.

Sweet treats a-plenty can be found all around the building; get crafty and add your own sweet delight to our giant gingerbread house on level 5. Take home something tasty from our special gingerbread decoration workshop, lovingly made by our friends at Cook School in the Crush Room. Head to the Clore for an operatic re-telling of Hansel and Gretel, but beware; not all sweet treats are as good as they first appear.

Too full? No problem; get your body moving in Ballet Barre or jump down the rabbit hole with Everybody Dance. Perhaps you'd rather watch something magical? Take a walk into the forest and enjoy a peek at props, costumes and creatives from our Linbury Theatre Christmas show, *Wolf Witch Giant Fairy*. HomeBros grace the Paul Hamlyn Hall with a festive hip-hop performance.

If that's not enough, start and end your day with a brassy boogie with Billy's Band. With all this to enjoy, maybe Christmas has come early?

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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  
1.30pm–4pm

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### EVERYBODY DANCE! THE NUTCRACKER

Everybody Dance! is a fun way to learn about ballet and get moving. People of all ages, experience and ability are invited to become honorary members of The Royal Ballet's corps de ballet and learn choreography inspired by the iconic production.

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Linbury Foyer  
1.40pm–2pm

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### BALLET BARRE

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

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Linbury Foyer  
2.05pm–2.30pm & 3.30pm 3.55pm

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### BIG SING

Sing your heart out in our Christmas-themed singing workshop led by vocal workshop extraordinaire, ELLIE MORAN. Fun for all the family - all ages and abilities welcome.

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Linbury Foyer  
2.40pm–3pm

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### THE LAND OF SWEETS

Embark upon a magical journey to the heart of *The Nutcracker's* Kingdom of Sweets. Get ready to twirl, leap and pirouette as we learn the movements and choreography from the characters of The Royal Ballet's beloved Christmas production.

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Paul Hamlyn Hall  
3.05pm–3.30pm

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## **PARTY WITH BIM AND BILLY'S BAND!**

Dance your way to Christmas with BIM MALCOMSON and the guys from Billy's Band, in this energising dance extravaganza!

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Paul Hamlyn Hall  
3.35pm – 4pm

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## **WATCH**

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### **ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL NUTCRACKER DEMO**

Join the children of the Stahlbaum household and watch as students of The Royal Ballet lower school rehearse upcoming scenes to be performed as part this year's production of *The Nutcracker*.

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Paul Hamlyn Hall  
1.40pm – 2.10pm

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### **THE SANDMAN AND THE DEW FAIRY**

Journey into the Dream Forest in this brand-new piece based on Humperdinck's opera *Hansel and Gretel*. The Sandman and the Dew Fairy need your help reuniting Hansel and Gretel with their father, who is searching for them deep in the woods. But be wary, because the forest is also rumoured to be home to a nasty candy witch who eats children for breakfast...

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Clore Studio  
3.30pm – 4pm

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### **WOLF WITCH GIANT FAIRY BEHIND THE SCENES PRESENTATION**

Hear from the creative team behind the Olivier Award-winning family opera, *Wolf Witch Giant Fairy*. Learn about the creative process behind designing a show, hear some of the music from the opera and get an insight into what makes this family show so magical.

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Clore Studio  
2pm – 2.25pm

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### **HOMEBROS**

This is Home: The heart beat of African Street Dance culture vocalised with a London accent. Join HomeBros & HomeFam as they journey into the legendary story of '*The Nutcracker*' with their adaptation and infusion of African art, music and dance!

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Paul Hamlyn Hall  
2.15pm – 2.35pm

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## LISTEN

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### DANCING PIANO

Join Royal Ballet pianist and founder of The Dancing Piano - NICKI WILLIAMSON - as they present their virtuoso piano stylings.

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Linbury Foyer  
2.35pm – 3pm

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### MIDWINTER MELODIES

Prepare to be serenaded with a selection of the most magical opera arias! In this family-friendly recital, renowned Mezzo Soprano STEPHANIE WAKE-EDWARDS accompanied by REBECCA COHEN on piano will introduce you to musical gems including opera, song and carols.

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Linbury Foyer  
3.05pm – 3.25pm

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## MAKE

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### NOM NOM NUTCRACKERS WITH COOK SCHOOL

Christmas is all about sweet treats, so why not decorate your own delicious gingerbread Nutcracker with the fabulous folk from Cook School.

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Crush Room  
1.30pm – 3.45pm

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### THE GIANT GINGERBREAD HOUSE WITH SHELLY AND JOHN

Our gingerbread house is missing some magic. Can you design your own delicious offering to add to our giant gingerbread house?

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Level 5  
1.30pm – 4pm

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# TIMETABLE

1.15pm – 1.35pm

**BILLY'S BAND** 📍 Main Entrance Foyer

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1.30pm

1.30pm – 4pm

**DRESSING UP** 📍 Level 5

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE** 📍 Level 5

**COOK SCHOOL** 📍 Crush Room

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1.40pm – 2pm

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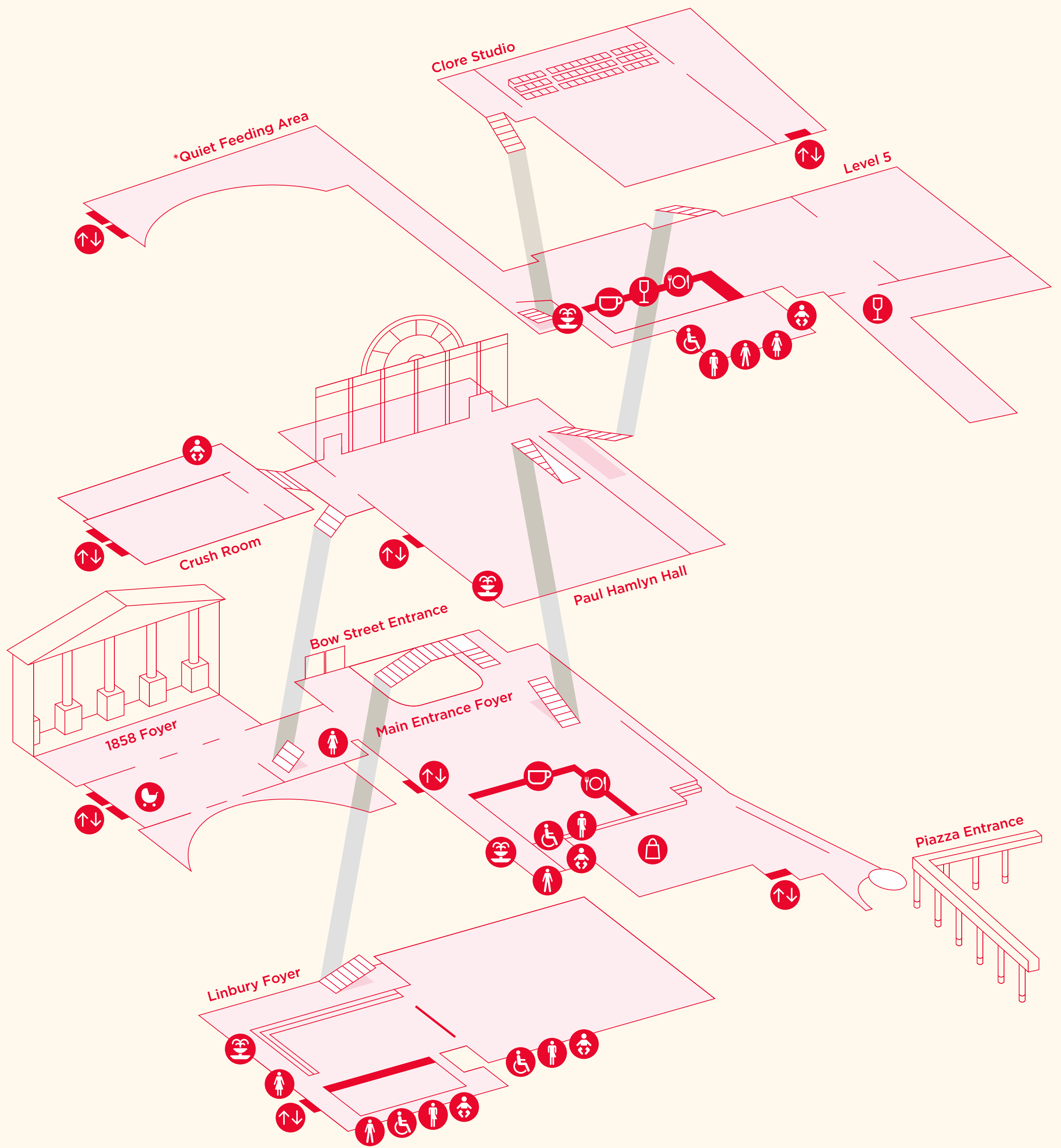
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# MAP



**MEN'S TOILETS**



**WOMEN'S TOILETS**



**ACCESSIBLE/GENDER  
NEUTRAL TOILETS**



**BABY CHANGING**



**WATER FOUNTAIN**



**BUGGY PARK**



**CAFÉ**



**BAR**



**FOOD**



**SHOP**

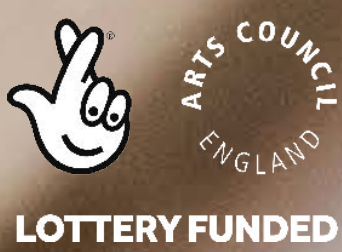


**LIFT**



\*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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