

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

# FAMILY SUNDAY

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SUNDAY 01 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!

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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

1.30–4.00pm

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### 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

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Crush Room

1.30–4.00pm

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### 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.

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Paul Hamlyn Hall

1.40–2.00pm

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### BALLET BARRE

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

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Linbury Foyer

1.40–2.00pm & 3.00–3.20pm

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### 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.

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Paul Hamlyn Hall

2.05–2.30pm & 3.00–3.25pm

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## **TIGER IN THE GARDEN**

Suitable for audiences of all ages this workshop explores Flock Theatre's musical adaptation of *There's a Tiger in the Garden*. Who knows what you'll discover as you join Nora on her adventures. Music by FREYA WYNN JONES, produced by EMMA HIGHAM.

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Clore Studio  
3.00–3.30pm

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## **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.

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Paul Hamlyn Hall  
3.30–3.55pm

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## **STORYBOX**

Join our fabulous storyteller LUKE SAYDON and go on an adventure into your imagination. Where will the story take you?

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Linbury Foyer  
3.40–4.00pm

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## **WATCH**

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## **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.

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Clore Studio  
2.00–2.20pm

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## **CALLING TO THE STAGE...**

Ever wondered how an opera singer prepares for the stage? Join soprano RHIANNON LLEWELLYN as she takes you on a whistle stop tour of warm-ups, learning your notes and stepping out on stage. Accompanied by pianist GAMAL KHAMIS.

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Linbury Foyer  
2.05–2.30pm

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## **MOVIE MAGIC**

Sit back and relax as you delve into the magnificent stories of the stage with video excerpts from The Royal Ballet repertory, educational clips, and playful animated films.

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Clore Studio  
2.25–2.55pm & 3.35–4.00pm

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## **BORN TO EXIST**

Join JOSEPH TOONGA and three hip-hop performers as they share their thoughts, culture, languages, and identity whilst celebrating amazing black and ethnic minority women through dance.

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Paul Hamlyn Hall  
2.35–2.55pm

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## **LISTEN**

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## **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.

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Main Entrance Foyer  
1.15–1.35pm

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## **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!

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Linbury Foyer  
2.35–2.55 pm

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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 Ballet Associate and former Royal Ballet dancer, DAVID PICKERING.

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Linbury Foyer  
3.25–3.35 pm

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## **MAKE**

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## **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.

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Level 5  
1.30–4.00 pm

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## **MISCHIEVOUS MICE**

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

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Paul Hamlyn Hall Balconies  
1.30–4.00 pm

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# TIMETABLE

1 pm

1.15–1.35 pm

**LONDON GAY BIG BAND** 📍 Main Entrance Foyer

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1.30–4.00 pm

**DRESSING UP** 📍 Level 5

**GLITTERBOX** 📍 Crush Room

**CALLS AND CANS** 📍 Level 5

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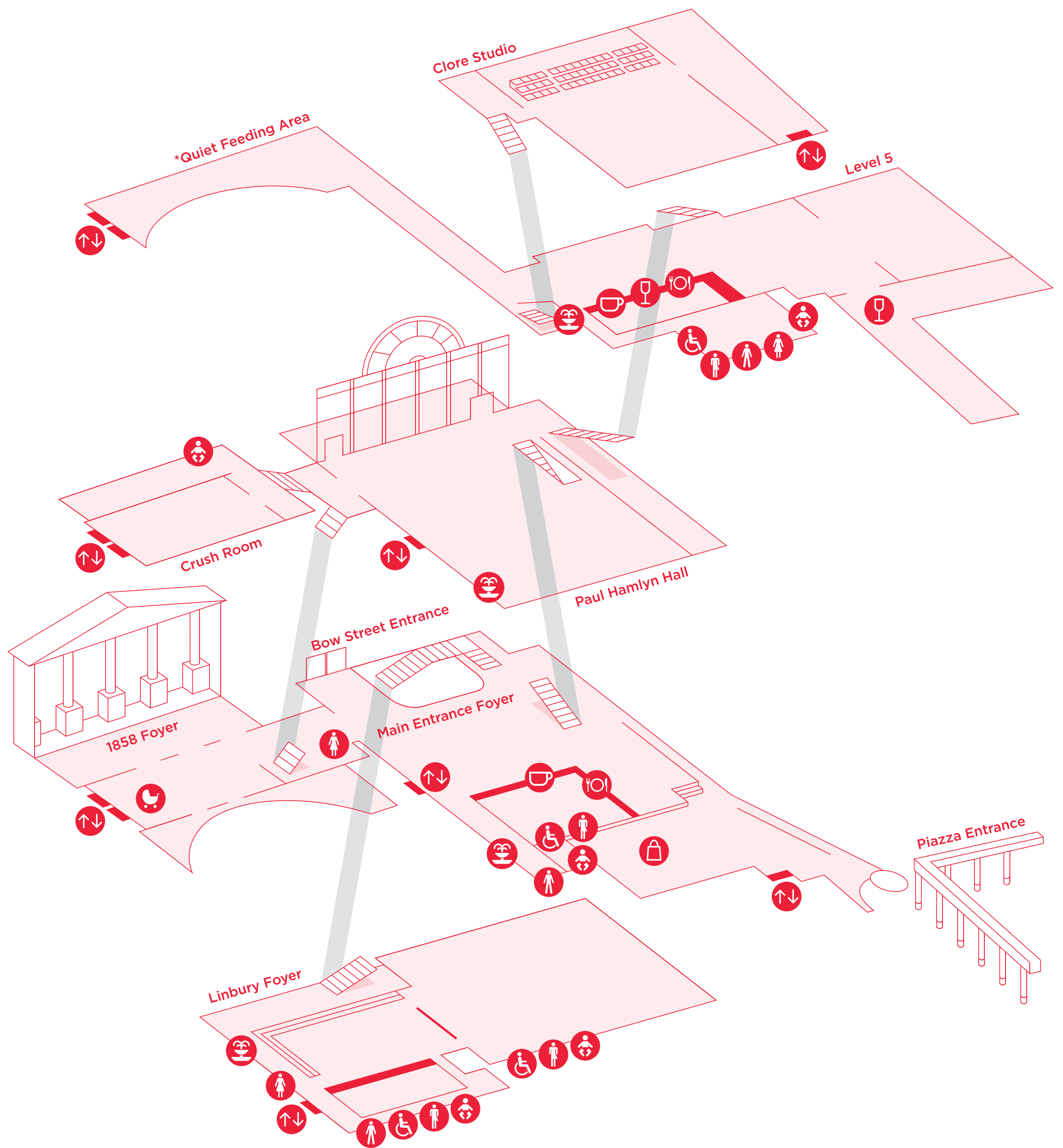
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3.40–4.00 pm

**STORYBOX** 📍 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**

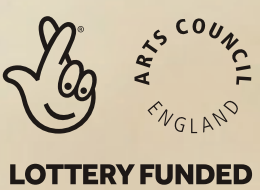


**LIFT**



\*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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