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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

WINTER 2015/16

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THE MCMANUS: DUNDEE'S ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

FAMILY SPACE & GALLERY ART CARTS

Available Daily

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Play and learn in the Museum's family space. Drop in each day to try out our fun drawing activities, themed costumes, books and games. Also look out for our gallery Art Carts packed with activity sheets, clipboards and art materials designed to help families explore the Museum's collections of objects and artworks.

SMALL STORIES

Mon 12 Oct, 9 Nov, 14 Dec,
11 Jan, 15 Feb & 14 Mar
10.30-11am & 11.30am-12noon

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Listen to local tales, sing, play and explore in these fun, interactive storytelling sessions for under 5s and their grown-ups.

SATURDAY STUDIO

Sat 19 Dec, 16 Jan, 20 Feb & 19 Mar
10.30am-12.30pm

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Join artists in the Creative Learning Studio for activities inspired by the Museum's latest exhibition Draw the Line.

DR FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER FASHION LAB!

Sat 21 Nov,
10.30am-12.30pm

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Celebrate Mary Shelley's Dundee at our steam punk-inspired monster fashion and photography shoot.

TALKING DUNDEE: MCMANUS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

The Museum's Oral History Project provides a living history of the City by capturing the memories and life experiences of the people who live, work and play in Dundee. Talking Dundee Tours & Workshops are also available to book for Schools and Community Groups.

For further information, please contact the Creative Learning Team at creativelearning@leisureandculturedundee.com

TIME TO TALK

Thur 15 Oct, 2pm

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Why is Oral History so important? Find out more about the ways audio archive is used to tell the story of the City and how people of all ages are brought together through the Talking Dundee Project.

TEENAGE KICKS

Thur 19 Nov, 2pm

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Were you a teenager in the 1970s, 80s or 90s? Were you a glam rocker, new romantic or punk? Join us for an informal Talking Dundee session to share memories about the experience of growing up in these decades.

GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS PAST

Thur 3 Dec, 2pm

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Christmas past and present is the subject of this festive edition of Talking Dundee. Take a guided tour of the Making of Modern Dundee Gallery and then sit back and enjoy a selection of seasonally themed audio clips in the Museum's Creative Learning Studio.

HANDBAG & HAT; COLLAR & TIE

Thur 21 Jan, 2pm

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

From the Jute Factory to the Shipyard – how did workers dress to indicate their status or stand out from the crowd? Look back at the 20th Century world of work and listen as Talking Dundee brings the past to life!

RECORDING FAMILY HISTORY: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE

Thur 18 Feb, 2pm

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Learn how to preserve those treasured family stories using the Life Story interview technique; discover handy hints about choosing and using portable audio recorders and explore some of the do's and don'ts of the process.

DUNDEE & DANCING 1930-1980

Thur 17 Mar, 2pm

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Dundee is a city that loves to dance! Listen to stories from The Palais dancehall in the 30's, Northern Soul nights at St Salvador's in the 70's and Fintry Community Centre Disco in the 80's as Talking Dundee brings the past to life!

MEET MCMANUS TALKS & TOURS

Discover more about the Museum's displays and exhibitions through our informative lunchtime tours and gallery talks.

DUNDEE'S ORPHANAGE 1815

Thur 8 Oct, 1-1.30pm

FREE. Booking essential on **(01382) 307200.**

In 1815, Dundee's Orphanage had twenty-one children in its care. This guided tour explores the history of the Orphanage and the lives of its young residents through items on temporary display in the Making of Modern Dundee Gallery.

PREHISTORIC PLANTS

Thur 12 Nov, 1-1.30pm

FREE. Booking essential on **(01382) 307200.**

The first plants grew in this area over 400 hundred million years ago. Learn more about these prehistoric plant wonders in this fascinating gallery talk.

PREPARING TO PAINT

Thur 10 Dec, 1-1.30pm

FREE. Booking essential on **(01382) 307200.**

An insightful tour of the Museum's annual 'Winter Work's on Paper' display. This year's selection of sketches highlights how artists translate their ideas from paper to paint.

THE 1745 JACOBITE UPRISING IN FOUR OBJECTS

Thur 14 Jan, 1-1.30pm

FREE. Booking essential on **(01382) 307200.**

The surprising story of four museum objects and what they tell us about this often misunderstood period in Scottish history.

TAKING A LINE FOR A WALK

Thur 11 Feb, 1-1.30pm

FREE. Booking essential on **(01382) 307200.**

Take a tour of the Museum's latest exhibition 'Draw the Line'. Discover why drawing is at the heart of artistic practice and explore how and when artists continue to draw.

NEW TREASURES IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Thur 10 Mar, 1-1.30pm

FREE. Booking essential on **(01382) 307200.**

Who knows what new archaeological finds will arrive at the Museum via the Treasure Trove system? Come along and learn more about three recently acquired archaeological treasures that have a story to tell!

COLLECTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Gain a fascinating insight into the work of the Museum from the curatorial and conservation teams that care for our diverse collections of objects and artworks.

VARYING THE VICTORIA GALLERY

Thur 5 Nov, 10.30am

FREE. Booking essential on **(01382) 307200.**

Changing the artworks on the densely hung, curved walls of the Victoria Gallery is no mean feat. Curators discuss the gallery's latest additions and how they met recent installation challenges.

FINDING BURNS AT THE MCMANUS

Mon 25 Jan, 10.30am

FREE. Booking essential on **(01382) 307200.**

In celebration of the Bard's birthday, curators highlight several items in and around the Museum. Find out more about the history of Burn's statue and conservation of the magnificent Dundee Burns Club banner.

CARING FOR DRAWINGS

Thur 3 Mar, 10.30am

FREE. Booking essential on **(01382) 307200.**

Join curators in this interactive session, examining how we store and care for our spectacular drawing collections.

DUNDEE ARTS CAFÉ

A great opportunity to hear about and discuss the latest research in the Arts – from History to English, Education to Social Studies and Fine Art to Product Design.

Tue 6 Oct, 1 Dec, 2 Feb, 1 Mar, 3 May & 7 Jun

6-7pm

FREE. No need to book, but early arrival is advised. The McManus Café is open from **5pm** and talks begin at **6pm.**

www.dundeeartscafe.co.uk

BROUGHTY CASTLE MUSEUM

SUPPORT, CELEBRATE AND BE PART OF THE MCMANUS!

McManus 168 is a group of enthusiastic people of all ages brought together with a common purpose to support, celebrate and be part of McManus, our cherished local treasure! Opportunities for group members include behind the scenes events, talks and tours and to be part of an exciting new community at McManus who share interests in art, culture, history and a love of the City of Dundee.

For more information and to join, please contact creativelearning@leisureandculturedundee.com or telephone (01382) 307216.

INSPIRATIONAL VENUE HIRE

From the Victorian grandeur of The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery & Museum, to the beautiful surroundings of Mills Observatory and Broughty Castle Museum, our venues offer an alternative and bespoke experience for your event. We can accommodate a range of events including drinks receptions, product launches, awards and wedding ceremonies.

For more information, please contact hospitality@leisureandculturedundee.com

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BIRD WATCH FOR BEGINNERS

Sat 12 Dec, 1-3pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

Our Bird Watch for Beginners event aims to help children and families identify some of the birds that make the Tay Estuary their home in the winter months. The session starts in the Museum's Natural History gallery, with a brief introduction to the winter birds of Broughty, followed by live watching from the observation deck and Broughty Castle grounds.

Please dress for the outdoors. Binoculars will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

BROUGHTY TALES

If Broughty Castle could talk, what tales it could tell! Join us for a relaxed and informal programme of guided tours that explore the historic building and Museum displays.

THE CHANGING FACE OF BROUGHTY CASTLE

Sat 17 Oct, 2-3pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

Wrap up warm for a fascinating tour around the grounds and ramparts to discover how the Castle has changed and developed over the centuries.

FERRY TALK

Sat 21 Nov, 2-3pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

Enjoy a quick introduction to the history of Broughty Ferry, before touring the Museum's galleries of art, natural science and military history.

CHRISTMAS 1940

Sat 12 Dec, 2-3pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

Discover the lives of soldiers stationed at the Castle during WW2, through a combined gallery and oral history tour.

BESIEGED!

Sat 20 Feb, 2-3pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

The Castle has withstood sieges and onslaughts from several armies throughout its long history. Find out why and how it was defended.

THE VICTORIAN VOLUNTEERS

Sat 12 Mar, 2-3pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

Patriotism, respectability, public duty all played a part in the 19th Century Volunteer Movement as men were urged to defend Britain's shores from foreign invasion. Hear about what part Broughty Castle played in the National Volunteer Movement.

MILLS OBSERVATORY



Celebrating 80 years of stargazing!

This winter, join us at Mills Observatory for a special 80th Anniversary programme of events. Activities include Family Events, Planetarium Shows, Astronomy Talks and Outer Space | Inner Space, an exciting new science learning collaboration between the Observatory and University of Dundee. For further information, please visit www.leisureanddundee.com/mills

MILLS AT 80

Wed 28 Oct, 6-8pm
FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Join us for an evening of fun activities for all the family as we celebrate 80 years of stargazing at Mills Observatory. Learn about the history of the Observatory, try out new technology and explore the night skies!

OUTER SPACE | INNER SPACE

Using both microscopic and telescopic technologies, scientists from the University of Dundee take you on an amazing journey of discovery - from small cells within living organisms, to the surface of planets and constellations of stars!

Activities are suitable for families and visitors all ages

A NEW WAY OF VIEWING THE UNIVERSE

Wed 7 Oct, 6.30-7.30pm
FREE. Booking essential on **(01382) 435967.**

Introducing the current collaboration between the University Of Dundee and Mills Observatory. Find out how cutting-edge science is being used at the Observatory to explore new ways of viewing the universe.

ALIEN SURFACES

Wed 4 Nov, 6.30-7.30pm
FREE. Booking essential on **(01382) 435967.**

Use software and space technology developed in Dundee to try and land a spacecraft on the surface of a planet.

A VERY FISHY TALE...

Wed 3 Feb, 6.30-7.30pm
FREE. Booking essential on **(01382) 435967.**

Dundee scientists bring you a very Scottish story about a unique creature that inhabits a Loch in North Scotland (no, it's not what you think!).



EVENTS

PLANETARIUM SHOWS

**Fri 2 & 16 Oct, Fri 6 & 20 Nov,
Fri 4 & 18 Dec, Fri 8 & 22 Jan,
Fri 5 & 19 Feb, Fri 4 & 18 Mar**
Shows at **7pm, 7.45pm, 8.30pm & 9.15pm**
£1 adults, 50p children
Booking essential on **(01382) 435967.**

Take a tour of the night sky in the Observatory's Planetarium Room and learn about constellations, asteroids and galaxies.

DUNDEE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

**Fri 9 & 23 Oct, Fri 13 & 27 Nov, Fri 11 Dec,
Fri 15 & 29 Jan, Fri 12 & 26 Feb, Fri 11 & 25 Mar**
Talks **7.30-10pm**
Booking is essential on **(01382) 435967.**

The Dundee Astronomical Society was formed in 1956 and is affiliated to the British Astronomical Association BAA. During the winter months, Society members and invited speakers present an informative programme of astronomy talks.

Please note, talks are aimed at adults and young people with a particular interest in astronomy and are not suitable for younger children. For further information, please visit www.dundeeastro.com

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

SATURDAY STARS: 80

Sat 7 Nov, 12 Dec, 13 Feb & 12 Mar
2-4pm
FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

80th Anniversary-themed family fun with different art and science activities each month.

GROUP VISITS

Available Oct-Mar 2015/16
£25 per group
Booking is essential on **(01382) 435967.**

Visits for community groups can be booked during the winter at Mills Observatory. Each visit includes a planetarium show, a solar viewing session (weather permitting) or 'hands-on' astronomy activity.

THE MCMANUS COLLECTIONS UNIT

EVENTS

COLOURFUL COSTUME

Sat 24 Oct, 12.30-3.30pm

FREE. No need to book just drop in!

The Victorian period is often associated with restrictive, black outfits. Delve a little deeper and find out just how colourful they could be; from deep purples to pretty pinks. Join curators as they highlight colourful examples from the Museum's Victorian costume collection.

CU AFTER DARK!

Thur 29 Oct, 6-8pm

Tours run every 20mins and last approx 30mins.

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

Join a special Halloween torch-lit tour of The McManus Collections Unit, as curators highlight some of the strange and wonderful objects held in the Museum's stores.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

NATURAL SUPERHEROES

Sat 7 Nov, 10.30am-12.30pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

Many creatures have developed amazing superpowers to help them survive. From stealth flight to super strength - learn more about some of nature's Superheroes in this interactive family workshop.

TOURS

BEHIND THE SCENES

Wed 14 Oct, 11 Nov, 2 Dec,

13 Jan, 17 Feb & 16 Mar

12.30-1.30pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

Go 'behind the scenes' and delve into the City's fascinating collections of Archaeology, History, Natural Science and World Cultures.

THE BIG DRAW

The Big Draw is an annual festival of drawing for everyone who loves to draw, as well as those who think they can't! Each October thousands of drawing activities take place across the world, connecting people of all ages with museums, outdoor spaces, artists, designers, illustrators - and each other. We believe #drawingchangeslives

For further information visit www.thebigdraw.org

EVERY DRAWING TELLS A STORY...AT THE MCMANUS

Mon 12 & Tue 13 Oct, 2-4pm

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

The Museum is bursting with stories. Help artists create a giant pop-up book about your favourite McManus exhibits and all their adventures.

EVERY DRAWING TELLS A STORY...AT MILLS OBSERVATORY

Tue 20 Oct, 2-4pm

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Create sci-fi 'zines inspired by heroes and legends of the cosmos!

EVERY DRAWING TELLS A STORY...AT BROUGHTY CASTLE

Thur 22 Oct, 2-4pm

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Illustrate our ancient storybooks with your treasure map tales of mermaids and pirates inspired by the sights and stories of Broughty Castle.