

# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS SUMMER 2017

**THE MCMANUS**

DUNDEE'S ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

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## EXHIBITIONS

### OUT OF THE FRAME: SCOTTISH ABSTRACTION

Continuing until Sun 28 May 2017  
FREE Admission.

Rejecting traditional subject matter, abstraction gave artists the opportunity to explore colour, form and emotional expression in works that were no longer constrained by the picture frame. Revel in artworks by Wilhelmina Barns-Graham, Calum Innes and a major new acquisition by Victoria Morton.

### SENSE OF PLACE

Continuing throughout 2017  
FREE Admission.

How have Scottish artists represented the world around them? Drawn from Dundee's nationally significant fine art collection, this display focuses on landscape painting and includes work by the Glasgow Boys, Scottish Colourists, James McIntosh Patrick and Joan Eardley. Keep your eye open for changes as new works are hung to replace items going out on loan.

### FIRE AND STONE

Thur 6 April – Sun 8 Oct 2017  
FREE Admission.

An exhibition exploring the archaeology of Monifieth Laws and the process behind creating contemporary responses to ancient metal and stone artefacts.



### THE MARITIME QUARTER

Opening Mon 1 May 2017  
FREE Admission.

A new permanent exhibition of ship models highlighting Dundee's rich maritime history and the City's links to the wider world. Including model sailing ships, war ships and half hulls, the exhibition will also feature some of the recently acquired DP&L models.

### DUNDEE PRESERVES

Opens Sat 10 Jun, continuing throughout 2017  
FREE Admission.

This show provides a rare opportunity to glimpse some of the 'behind-the-scenes' work carried out by Museum staff in caring for and researching the City's collections. Find out how new technology has helped us to research our Egyptian Mummy. Examine paintings before and after conservation. See what our own Museum conservator has been working on over the last few months.

### MUSEOGRAPHY: CALUM COLVIN REFLECTS ON THE MCMANUS COLLECTIONS

Fri 7 Jul – Sun 22 Oct 2017  
FREE Admission.

This project by Scottish artist and Head of Contemporary Art Practice at the University of Dundee, Calum Colvin, will take the form of a series of strategically placed 'interventions' of photographic artworks throughout The McManus' permanent galleries. Creating a collection within the collection, Colvin's dynamic framed artworks, portraits, installations and stereoscopic presentations will offer a new insight into Dundee's rich collections.

## EVENTS

### FESTIVAL OF MUSEUMS MCMANUS 150: THE PEOPLE'S STORY

Sat 20 May, 10am-4.30pm  
FREE Admission.

Be part of our biggest Festival of Museums event to date as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of The McManus. Drop in throughout the day for family activities, live music, poetry, dance, guided tours and living history performances – all inspired by the Museum's past, present and future generations of visitors and supporters!

### EVENING PERFORMANCE

Sat 20 May, 6.30-9pm  
FREE Admission. Booking essential at  
[www.fom2017.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.fom2017.eventbrite.co.uk)

Join us for a specially commissioned promenade theatre performance from Zero Three 15 Company where museum paintings and collections come to life!

*The performance will be followed by live music and pay bar in The McManus Café.*

### DUNDEE ARTS CAFÉ

Tue 2 May & Tue 6 Jun  
Café open at 5pm, with talks 6-7pm  
FREE Admission.  
Please arrive early as seating for this event is limited.

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! For further information visit [www.dundeeartscafe.co.uk](http://www.dundeeartscafe.co.uk).

# MEET MCMANUS TALKS & TOURS

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

## MYSTERIOUS MOTHS

**Thur 6 Apr, 1pm**

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

If you think that moths are small, brown and eat your clothes then think again. There are over 2500 different moths in the UK alone, with 160,000 worldwide, from the enormous Atlas moth to the smallest micro moth.

## URBAN WILDLIFE OF DUNDEE

**Thur 4 May, 1pm**

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

A lot of people will be surprised to find out about the many different kinds of animals that make Dundee their home. Foxes, Roe Deer and Buzzards are among them. Even more surprising is the number of animals that pass through or close to Dundee on migration, a list that even includes the famous Tay Whale. Join our Natural History Curator for an informative talk on these fascinating city-dwelling animals.

## THE ART OF PORTRAITURE

**Thur 1 Jun, 1pm**

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

Come face to face with The McManus' portrait collection in this journey from ancient Egypt to the present day. Consider what makes a good likeness and discover how portraiture has developed across time.

## SENSE OF PLACE

**Thur 6 Jul, 1pm**

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

Artists have framed our view of the Scottish landscape, depicting majestic peaks, lochs and glens to semi-abstract fields of colour. Enjoy a tour around the art galleries and revel in a sense of place.

## TALKING DUNDEE

**Thur 3 Aug, 1pm**

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

A guided tour of the Making of Modern Dundee gallery using clips from our oral history archive.

## THE LAWS OF MONIFIETH

**Thur 7 Sept, 1pm**

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

A curator's tour of the Fire and Stone exhibition looking at the archaeology of Monifieth Laws.

## MUSEUM SLEUTHS

**Thur 22 Jun, 2-3pm**

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

Join our documentation project officer to find out how we learn from artworks, why a collection's history matters and what we've uncovered about the City's Fine and Applied Art.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### SATURDAY STUDIO

Meet the Artist Team in the Learning Studio for creative, fun activities inspired by the Museum's displays, exhibitions and events.

**FREE, no need to book, just drop in.**

### FIRE & STONE

**Sat 8 Apr, 1-3pm**

Journey back in time as you explore and make ancient artefacts.

### SHIP MODELS

**Sat 6 May, 1-3pm**

Ahoy there! Come along and create your own colourful maritime model.

### DUNDEE PRESERVES

**Sat 17 Jun, 1-3pm**

Discover how the Museum preserves objects, as you create your own Egyptian Canopic Jar.

### MUSEOGRAPHY

**Sat 15 Jul, 1-3pm**

Explore Calum Colvin's photographic work and make your own creative art intervention.

### SENSE OF PLACE

**Sat 12 Aug, 1-3pm**

Create your own landscape painting inspired by how artists represent everyday life.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY MCMANUS: 150 YEARS!

**Sat 16 Sept, 1-3pm**

Celebrate 150 years of McManus – make party hats, badges and help decorate a giant cardboard birthday cake.

### FAMILY SPACE & GALLERY ART CARTS

**Available daily**

**FREE.** No need to book, just drop in!

Play and learn together in our Family Space. Drop in each day and try out fun drawing activities, themed dressing-up costumes, books and games. Look out for our Art Carts, packed with gallery activity sheets, trails and games, designed to help families explore the Museum's collections of objects and artworks.

### A DAY TO PLAY

**Sun 9 Apr, 7 May, 11 Jun, 13 Aug, 8 Oct, 10 Dec, 2-3.15pm**

**FREE.** Booking essential at [www.shapercaper.com](http://www.shapercaper.com)

Spend a magical afternoon with Shaper/Caper in the Museum's Creative Learning Studio. Featuring song, dress-up, dance and play, these interactive performance workshops are led by professional dancers and are perfect for children of all ages and their grown-ups! For further information visit [www.shapercaper.com](http://www.shapercaper.com)

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## THE OLD STEEPLE 2017

This summer's programme of public access to one of Dundee's unique historical buildings is not to be missed! Drop into the ground floor on viewing days to see the fascinating collection of Medieval Gravestones or discover the history of the building by pre-booking an informative Guided Tour of The Old Steeple itself.

### VIEWING DAYS: MEDIEVAL GRAVESTONES

Sat 15, 22, 29 Jul & 5, 12, 19 Aug  
12noon – 4pm

FREE. No need to book, just drop in.

Visit The Steeple's ground floor area to see the fascinating collection of Medieval Gravestones on show.

### GUIDED TOURS: STEEPLE STORIES

Sat 15, 22, 29 Jul & 5, 12, 19 Aug  
Tours at 2pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

Book a place on one of our Guided Tours and climb the stairs to discover more about the history of one of Dundee's unique historical buildings.

*Please note that Guided Tours are strenuous and are not suitable for under 5s or visitors with restricted mobility. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

## THE MCMANUS COLLECTIONS UNIT

### EVENTS

#### CU INSIDE!

Mon 29 May, 1-3pm

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Visit the Collections Unit at Barrack Street and find out more about the projects which curatorial staff and volunteers are currently working on - from the Angus Moth audit, to Egyptian Shabitis and the care of the City costume collection.

#### THE VICTORIAN SHOP: DUNDEE 150 YEARS AGO

Sat 16 Sept, 1-3pm

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Handle real Victorian objects from archaeological excavations in and around Dundee. Learn about Victorian money and find out what it will buy in the Victorian Shop.

## COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### SHIP MODELS

Wed 12 Apr, 12.30-1.30pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

A talk and tour exploring the work that goes into preparing for a large scale display of ship models – open in May 2017. We'll look at the conservation of the models and their planned movement to The McManus.

#### REV COLIN CAMPBELL - EGYPTOLOGIST

Wed 14 June, 12.30-1.30pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

A talk and tour about the Egyptology collections brought into the Museum by Rev. Colin Campbell.

#### CREATURES OF THE DEEP

Wed 16 Aug, 12.30-1.30pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

A talk and tour about some of the animals in our collections found in the oceans including the fragile deep water basket sponges.

## BEHIND THE SCENES

Join Curators for a behind the scenes Guided Tour of the stores and delve into the City's fascinating collections of Archaeology, History, Natural History and World Cultures.

Wed 17 May, Wed 12 July, Wed 13 Sept  
12.30-1.30pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

## SUPPORT, CELEBRATE AND BE PART OF THE MCMANUS!

Join McManus 168 and belong to an exciting community who share an interest in the arts, culture and history of Dundee. You will gain behind the scenes access to the collections, have an exclusive invitation to supporters' events, exhibition previews and receive 10% discount in The McManus Shop and Café.

For more information and to join McManus 168, please contact 01382 307200 or email [info@mcmanus168.org.uk](mailto:info@mcmanus168.org.uk)



## SHOP AT THE MCMANUS, BROUGHTY CASTLE AND MILLS OBSERVATORY

Looking for a special gift or a memento of your visit? Pop into our museum shops and browse our range of gifts for adults and children, including unique items, craft boxes, toys, stationery and books.

## MCMANUS CAFÉ

The McManus Café is the perfect location this summer to join friends for lunch or have a catch-up over coffee. Take a break between visiting the Museum's galleries to sample freshly prepared sandwiches, soups and salads or enjoy a delicious afternoon tea. Choose from a wide variety of hot and cold drinks including a selection of beers and wines to complement your meal. For younger visitors, we offer a fun children's menu or lunch box and highchairs are available.

For more information, contact  
[willowtreecateringltd@googlemail.com](mailto:willowtreecateringltd@googlemail.com)

## BROUGHTY CASTLE MUSEUM

### EVENTS

#### SUMMER WILDLIFE AT BROUGHTY CASTLE

**Sat 8 Jul, 11am-3pm**

**FREE.** No need to book, just drop in.

A joint Wildlife/Partner event with the RSPB highlighting wildlife that can be found living in and around Broughty Ferry and the Tay Estuary. There will be 'hands-on' specimens for visitors to get close to and our Natural History Curator will be in the Natural History Gallery ready to give interesting facts to visitors about the wild animals of Broughty Ferry.

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### GALA AT THE CASTLE!

**Sat 1 Jul, 1-3pm**

**FREE.** No need to book, just drop in.

Join the Creative Learning Team and create colourful hats and decorations celebrating Broughty Ferry's Gala Week.

### GALLERY TALKS

#### J G ORCHAR: MAN, PROVOST, COLLECTOR!

**Thur 18 May, 2pm** \*approx. 30 minutes

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

Who was he? What did he do? Which artists did he collect? Join us and find out in this introduction to Broughty Castle's Orchar Gallery and the remarkable collection that lies within.

#### SHELLS ON THE BEACH

**Thur 15 Jun, 2pm** \*approx. 30 minutes

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

Broughty Ferry beach is covered in shells washed up on the high tide. Come and find out more about these colourful objects and learn about the creatures that made them.

## 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](mailto:hospitality@leisureandculturedundee.com)

# MILLS OBSERVATORY

This summer the Observatory is open to the public on selected dates for a varied programme of events, including activities for children and families, planetarium shows, astronomy talks and solar viewing.

## EVENTS

### SUMMER PLANETARIUM SHOWS

Wed 17 & 31 May, Wed 14 & 28 Jun,  
Sat 27 May, Sat 24 Jun, Sat 22 Jul,  
Sat 19 Aug  
Shows at 2pm  
£1 adults, 50p children  
Booking essential on (01382) 435967.

Take a tour of the night sky and learn about constellations, asteroids, galaxies and the latest space news.

## COMMUNITY

### GROUP VISITS

Available May - Aug 2017  
£25 per group  
Booking essential on (01382) 435967.

Guided Tours for community groups can be arranged throughout the summer. Each visit includes a planetarium show, telescope tour and solar viewing session (weather permitting).

*For further information or to book, please contact (01382) 435967 or email [mills.observatory@leisureandculturaldundee.com](mailto:mills.observatory@leisureandculturaldundee.com)*

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### SATURDAY STARS

Sat 13 May, Sat 10 Jun, Sat 8 Jul, Sat 5 Aug  
1-3pm  
FREE, no need to book, just drop in.

Come along, make new friends and take part in cool astronomy themed activities with the Creative Learning Team! If the sun shines on the day, there will also be an opportunity to do some solar viewing through the Observatory's telescopes!

# OUTER SPACE | INNER SPACE

Outer Space | Inner Space is a science communication venture, creating an adaptable immersive space at Mills Observatory and supporting an interactive programme of activities and events that promotes cutting-edge research from the University of Dundee in Life Sciences, Computing, Physics, Mathematics, Medicine and Astronomy.

*For further details, visit [www.lifesci.dundee.ac.uk/outer-space-inner-space](http://www.lifesci.dundee.ac.uk/outer-space-inner-space)*



### THE GIANT WORM

May - August 2017  
FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

This summer, view our exciting interactive screen installation and learn more about the inner world of *C. elegans* - a minute creature that helps researchers in Life Sciences understand more about the big questions they explore! The Installation is available to view in the Observatory's Planetarium during public opening hours, except when the space is in use for shows or workshops.

### WEDNESDAY WONDERS!

Wed 12 & 26 Jul  
1-3pm  
FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Drop in and meet scientists from the University of Dundee and find out about the amazing research work taking place at the University. Get involved with science experiments and discover the tools scientists use to help them learn more about the wonders of the world.

### FAMILY DROP-IN EVENT

Wed 9 Aug  
1-4pm  
FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Outer Space | Inner Space researchers present an afternoon of fun activities for all the family. Drop in throughout the event and try out lots of cool science activities. Watch interactive screenings of some of our previous shows, including 'A Very Fishy Tale' and 'Optics Near and Far'.

# VENUES



## **The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery & Museum**

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## **Mills Observatory**

Glamis Road, Balgay Park  
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## **Broughty Castle Museum**

Castle Approach, Broughty Ferry  
Dundee DD5 2TF

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**BroughtyCastleMuseum**



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## **The Old Steeple**

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