

# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS WINTER 2016/17

## THE MCMANUS

DUNDEE'S ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

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# THE MCMANUS: DUNDEE'S ART GALLERY & MUSEUM



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DUNDEE'S ART GALLERY & MUSEUM  
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

## EXHIBITIONS

### REFLECTIONS ON CELTS: A SPOTLIGHT TOUR FROM NATIONAL MUSEUMS SCOTLAND AND THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Continuing until Sun 26 March 2017

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

The two mirrors on display - National Museum of Scotland's Balmacellan mirror and The British Museum's Holcombe mirror tell very different stories, and help us to understand the relationships between communities in Britain 2,000 years ago. Accompanying the Spotlight Tour will be an exhibition of objects from The McManus' own collections exploring The Iron Age, the Picts and Celtic Revival.



### CHARTING NEW WATERS: RECENT ACQUISITIONS TO THE CITY'S PERMANENT COLLECTION

Continuing until Sun 23 Oct

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

Introducing The Antarctic Suite paintings by Frances Walker and objects from the pioneering shipping company DP&L.

### DRAW THE LINE: OLD MASTERS TO THE BEANO

Continuing until Sun 23 Oct

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

Drawing is one of the most basic and enduring of human activities. It remains one of the simplest and most effective forms of communication, requiring only a pencil and paper. This display includes figure studies, portraiture and landscape by historic and contemporary artists from Ludovico Carracci to Dudley Watkins.

### OUT OF THE FRAME: SCOTTISH ABSTRACTION

Fri 4 Nov 2016 - Sun 23 April 2017

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

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.

## EXHIBITIONS

### A SENSE OF PLACE: TWENTIETH CENTURY SCOTTISH PAINTING

Fri 4 Nov 2016 and running throughout 2017

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

How have Scottish artists represented the world around them? Drawn from Dundee's nationally significant fine art collection, this display focuses primarily on landscape painting. It highlights the dynamic developments in Scottish painting through the inclusion of work by the Glasgow Boys, the Scottish Colourists, James McIntosh Patrick and Joan Eardley.

### THE ARTISTS' SCREEN

Fri 25 Nov 2016 - Sun 29 Jan 2017

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

Our annual Winter Works on Paper display features twelve small-scale paintings, works given by "artist friends" to Mrs J.G. Orchar. Recent research has discovered that they were part of a folding screen which no longer survives. This display reunites the works for the first time and highlights the friendships between the Dundee collectors and the leading contemporary artists of the day.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### THE BIG DRAW

Sat 15 Oct  
10am-4pm

**FREE.** No need to book, just drop in!  
Activities are suitable for all ages and abilities.

Celebrate this year's Big Draw Festival and join us for an exciting 'draw-athon' at McManus! Pop in throughout the day and take part in lots of fun activities for all the family, inspired by this year's Festival theme - science, technology, engineering and maths!

*The National Campaign for Drawing's 'Big Draw Festival' runs throughout October with organisations across the UK, and twenty other countries taking part.*

For further information, visit  
[www.campaignfordrawing.co.uk](http://www.campaignfordrawing.co.uk).

### SATURDAY STUDIO

Sat 3 Dec, 1-3pm

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

Drop in to the Learning Studio for our Christmas Crafts afternoon and make lots of lovely decorations to hang up during the festive season!

### FAMILY SPACE & GALLERY ART CARTS

Available Daily

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

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.



## YOUNG PEOPLE

### CREATE, CONNECT!

**Thur 3, 10, 17, 24 Nov, 1, 8 Dec, 2, 9, 16, 23 Feb and 2, 9 Mar 5-6.30pm**

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

Drop in to the Learning Studio, make new friends and take part in lots of great creative, hands-on activities and workshops inspired by the Museum's collections and exhibitions. For ages 12-15yrs.

### MCMANUS YOUTH ACTION GROUP

**Thur 3, 10, 17, 24 Nov, 1, 8 Dec, 2, 9, 16, 23 Feb and 2, 9 Mar 7-8.30pm**

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

Want to develop new skills and experiences in art, culture and heritage? The McManus Youth Action Group provides lots of exciting opportunities - including the chance to work with professional artists and creative specialists in a relaxed and friendly space. For ages 16-24yrs.

## SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY GROUPS

The McManus provides a wide ranging programme of learning activities for both schools and community groups including hands-on creative workshops, talks, guided tours and CPD sessions linked to collections and temporary exhibitions.

*For further information or to book an activity, please contact the Creative Learning Team on (01382) 307216 or email [creativelearning@leisureandculturaldundee.com](mailto:creativelearning@leisureandculturaldundee.com)*

## EVENTS

### TREASURE TROVE FINDS MORNING & CELTS WITH NATIONAL MUSEUMS SCOTLAND

**Sat 26 Nov 11am-1pm**

McManus Learning Studio

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



If you have found an object while gardening, walking on the beach or through hobbies such as metal detecting, bring it along to Treasure Trove Unit staff who will be delighted to discuss your finds and answer any questions about the Treasure Trove system. The Treasure Trove Unit will be joined by National Museum Scotland's Community Outreach Team. Investigate with them specially commissioned replica Celtic handling objects and make a crafty Carnyx puppet.

# MEET MCMANUS TALKS & TOURS

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

### SEARCHING FOR THE SWAMP MONSTER

**Thur 6 Oct, 1-1.30pm**

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

The freshwater Bryozoan in the Charting New Waters exhibition has been dubbed 'Swamp Monster' by staff! Freshwater Bryozoans are fascinating animals, but quite rare in Scotland. Find out why and how we collected it, how we preserved it and how important it is to the collection at this entertaining talk.

### THE TAY WHALE

**Thur 3 Nov, 1-1.30pm**

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

In 1883 a Humpback Whale swam into the Firth of Tay and was harpooned by Dundee Whalers. This whale became the famous 'Tay Whale', one of the most iconic specimens in the McManus' Natural History Collection. Learn about the story in this informative talk from one of our Natural History Curators.

### OUT OF THE FRAME

**Thur 1 Dec, 1-1.30pm**

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

An introduction to Scottish abstract painting in our latest exhibition 'Out of the Frame'. Featuring large scale

canvases, painted constructions and sculpture we will discuss the motivations which resulted in these vibrant and exciting works.

### STRAW BONNETS

**Thur 5 Jan, 1-1.30pm**

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

Come and see the conservation process of an 1820's straw poke bonnet. The bonnet is intricately crafted and with its large brim it was a fashion item of its time. The talk will focus on the conservation process and the research that goes into creating a treatment plan for objects.

### SCOTTISH PAINTING

**Thur 2 Feb, 1-1.30pm**

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

Join us to experience at first-hand paintings by many of the leading Scottish artists of the twentieth century. Prepare to be captivated by the quiet of the countryside in Crawhall's 'A Lincolnshire Pasture', and swept away by Eardley's dynamic Catterline seascapes.

### JAMES WRIGHT'S DUNDEE COINS

**Thur 16 March, 1-1.30pm**

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

Historian Roger Ilsley has been researching James Wright Junior (1768-1798) and the Dundee coin designs he created. Come along and learn about Wright's life, the coin designs he created, his national influence and the tragedy that followed.



# COLLECTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

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

## THE SEASON FOR OLD MASTERS

Thur 8 Dec, 2pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

This fascinating tour in the spectacular Albert Hall will look at the emotionally-charged religious works of the Italian Renaissance and the sumptuous still lifes of the Golden Age of Dutch painting.

*Tour will last approx 30 minutes.*

## WHAT'S IN STORE?

Thur 16 Feb, 2pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

Have you ever wondered where paintings are kept when they're not on display? To find out come with us 'behind-the-scenes' and discover how we store and care for our superb collection of fine art.

*Tour will last approx 30 minutes.*

# 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 4 Oct, 1 Nov, 6 Dec

Tue 7 Feb, 14 Mar

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](http://www.dundeeartscafe.co.uk)

## MCMANUS CAFÉ

The McManus Café is the perfect location this winter 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)

# CHRISTMAS AT MCMANUS

## 24 DOORS

November - December

Countdown to Christmas as we open the doors on our special advent calendar to reveal 24 amazing and surprising things to do, see and explore at McManus! To find out what's behind 24 Doors, visit:

[www.leisureandculturaldundee.com](http://www.leisureandculturaldundee.com)

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## LIGHT NIGHTS LANTERN WORKSHOPS

Sat 22, 29 Oct, Sun 23, 30 Oct, Sat 5, 12 Nov  
1.30-3.30pm

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

As part of Dundee's Christmas Light Night preparations, the Museum will be holding workshops for children and families who would like to take part in the event's Torchlight Procession. Come along and make your own handcrafted lantern so you can 'shine' on the night!

*Workshops are designed for family members to work together, so at least one adult per group is advised. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.*

## LIGHT NIGHTS AT MCMANUS

Fri 18 Nov

5-9pm (last entry to galleries is 8.45pm)

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Drop in and explore the Museum at night and find out more about Dundee's history through our fascinating collection of objects and artworks. There's also the chance to see work from this year's BBC Build It Project and lots of great 'Light Nights' pop-up activities for children and families to do and make.

*'Light Nights' is a programme of events, marking the finale of the nationwide Festival of Architecture 2016 and the start of Dundee's annual Christmas festivities.*

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

Christmas shopping or looking for a memento of your visit? This winter, pop in to our museum shops and discover a great range of gifts; including unique art and history items, craft, jewellery, books, stationery, toys & games for children and adults of all ages.

# THE MCMANUS COLLECTIONS UNIT

## TALKS

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### SHIP MODELS

Wed 12 Oct, 12.30-1.30pm  
**FREE.** Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

A talk and tour on ship models, focusing on the recently acquired DP&L models.

### COSTUME

Wed 14 Dec, 12.30-1.30pm  
**FREE.** Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

A talk and tour on the Museum's costume collection, focusing on party dresses.

### NATURAL HISTORY

Wed 15 Feb, 12.30-1.30pm  
**FREE.** Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

A focused talk and tour on the Dundee Herbarium and the importance of this collection.

## GUIDED TOURS

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### BEHIND THE SCENES

Wed 16 Nov, Wed 11 Jan, Wed 15 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.

## EVENTS

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### CU AFTER DARK

Thur 27 Oct Tours at 6pm, 6.20pm, 6.40pm,  
7pm, 7.20pm, 7.40pm & 8pm  
**FREE.** Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

Exploring Egyptian links, wet specimens, medieval punishment devices, witchcraft and grave robbing in Dundee. *(Please note - tour conducted in reduced light, suitable for children aged 8+ accompanied by an adult).*

### SHIP MODEL STUDY DAY

Wed 22 Feb  
2-4pm (Introductory talks 2-2.30pm)  
**FREE.** No need to book, just drop in!

An opportunity to see some of the ship models in the collection, from amateur to builder's models including battleships, whalers, Tay Ferries and DP&L vessels. The event will start with two short introductory talks by the Museum's Curator and Conservator.

# BROUGHTY CASTLE MUSEUM

## EVENTS

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### VERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY

Sat 18 Feb  
1-3pm  
**FREE.** No need to book, just drop in!

Join our Natural Sciences Curator in the Observation Deck for a short talk about the different wildlife of the Firth of Tay, and then take part in a wildlife watch from the Castle grounds. *Suitable for families, please remember to dress up warmly!*

## TOUR

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### ART AT THE CASTLE

Wed 22 March  
2pm  
**FREE.** Booking essential on (01382) 307200.

Come along and discover Broughty Castle's paintings. From early depictions of the Castle itself, to William McTaggart's delightful 'Stepping Stones', there is plenty to uncover and enjoy.

## SUPPORT, CELEBRATE AND BE PART OF THE MCMANUS

Join our McManus 168 Supporters Group and you will belong to an exciting new community who share an interest in the art, culture and history of the City of Dundee. You will gain behind the scenes access to the collections, have exclusive invitations to supporters events and talks, be among the first guests to view our new exhibitions and receive 10% discount in the McManus Shop and Café.

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

## 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)



## EVENTS

### PLANETARIUM SHOWS

Fri 7, 21 Oct, Fri 4, 18 Nov, Fri 2, 16 Dec,  
Fri 6, 20 Jan, Fri 3, 17 Feb, Fri 3, 17, 31 Mar  
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, galaxies and the latest space news.

## COMMUNITY

### GROUP VISITS

Available Oct - Mar

£25 per group

Booking essential on (01382) 435967.

Visits to Mills Observatory for community groups can be arranged throughout the winter. Each visit includes a Planetarium Show, an Astronomy Talk and a Telescope Viewing Session (weather permitting).

To book a visit or for further information please contact [mills.observatory@leisureandculturaldundee.com](mailto:mills.observatory@leisureandculturaldundee.com)

## TALKS

### MILLS OBSERVATORY... DUNDEE'S EYES ON THE SKIES

Wed 26 Oct, 1-2pm

Booking essential on (01382) 435967.

Bringing the Observatory's 80th Anniversary year to a close, Ken Kennedy of Dundee Astronomical Society will take you on a tour of the Observatory's 80-year history, from inception to modern times. The talk will be followed by Telescope Viewing (weather permitting).

### WINTER WILDLIFE AT MILLS OBSERVATORY

Sat 19 Nov, 1-2pm

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Mills Observatory is located within the centre of Balgay Park, which is home to many different kinds of wildlife. Join one of our Natural History Curators for a talk about the mammals, birds, mini-beasts and plants that can be found living around the Observatory during the winter months. Then explore (self-led) the park and return to the Observatory to report on the wildlife seen.

## WINTER EXHIBITION

### THE GIANT WORM!

Sat 1 Oct 2016 - Fri 31 Mar 2017

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

This winter season learn about the inner world of *C. elegans*, a minute creature that lives in your compost heap! Our exciting interactive screen installation explains how this tiny worm helps researchers in Life Sciences to understand 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 Planetarium Shows or Workshops.

### OUTER SPACE | INNER SPACE

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Outer Space | Inner Space is a science communication venture, creating an adaptable immersive space at Mills Observatory, promoting 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).

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# VENUES



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## **Broughty Castle Museum**

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**BroughtyCastleMuseum**



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