What's New November 2012

Visitors can soak up the very best of London's culture, history, art, food and entertainment as well as some exciting new additions to the capital.

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Cutty curator tour

Enjoy a curator-led tour of the newly and beautifully restored Cutty Sark, the oldest tea clipper in the world. Read more...

A bigger splash

Visit the Tate Modern to see the fantastic new exhibition, A Bigger Splash: Painting after Performance. Read more...

Shopping discounts!

Head over to Carnaby Street to take advantage of 20% discounts in over 100 shops, restaurants and bars. Read more...

Attractions

Cutty Sark Curator's Tour

1, 8, 15 and 29 November 2012

Cutty Sark was originally designed to last just 30 years; over 140 years on she's still standing. Join Cutty Sark's Curator Jessica Lewis for a tour of the ship which explores her entire career and in particular the recent conservation project to preserve this beautiful and unique vessel. For more information contact Royal Museums Greenwich press office on 020 8312 6732 / press@rmg.co.uk

Treasures Gallery

Natural History Museum, opens 30 November 2012

The brand new Treasures Gallery will give visitors access to 22 of the most extraordinary specimens that have ever been on display at the Museum. Each object has been hand-picked by expert scientists for the fascinating story it has to tell. Highlights include, an original set of dinosaur teeth, archaeopteryx (a limestone slab containing the fossil of the earliest known bird at around 147 million years old), Darwin's On the Origin of Species - a rare first edition of one of the most influential books of all time, and Nacreous Ammonite - 200 year old fossil sea creatures that were once owned by the father of geology, William Smith. For more information contact Helen Smith on 020 7942 5881 / helen.smith@nhm.ac.uk

Exhibitions

The Northern Renaissance: Dürer to Holbein
The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, 2 November 2012 - 14 April 2013
This exhibition celebrates the Renaissance in northern Europe, which took place in Italy during the
15th and 16th centuries. More than 100 works are brought together including paintings, drawings,
prints, manuscripts, miniatures, sculpture, tapestries and armour. Among the highlights are prints and
drawings by Albrecht Dürer, mythological paintings by Lucas Cranach the Elder, and preparatory
drawings by Hans Holbein the Younger displayed alongside the finished oil portraits. For more
information contact the Royal Collection press team on 020 7839 1377 /
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Frank Auerbach, Early Works 1954 - 1978
Offer Waterman Gallery, 2 November - 1 December 2012
An exhibition of early portraits by the artist Frank Auerbach will go on display in a special loan show
at Offer Waterman Gallery. This display will feature eighteen works from private collections, oil
paintings and charcoal drawings, some not seen for over 30 years, including portraits of some of the
artist's principle sitters. For more information contact Jane Quinn on 020 7221 5000 /
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Cartier-Bresson: A Question of Colour
Somerset House, opening 8 November 2012
Positive View Foundation announces its inaugural exhibition Cartier-Bresson: A Question of Colour. It
is well-known that Cartier-Bresson was disapproving of colour photography, which in the 1950s was
in its early years of development, and his reasoning was based both on the technical and aesthetic
limitations of photography at the time. This exhibition will show how Cartier-Bresson, in spite of his
sceptical attitude, exerted a powerful influence over photographers who took up the new medium. In
effect, his criticisms of colour spurred on a new generation, determined to overcome the obstacles
and prove him wrong. For more information contact Josephine Rodrigues on 020 7845 4638 /
press@somersethouse.org.uk

Ansel Adams: Photography from the Mountains to the Sea
National Maritime Museum, 9 November 2012 - 28 April 2013
Ansel Adams (1902 - 1984) was a photographic pioneer who brought the American wilderness into
the homes of millions with his spectacular images of rugged and romantic landscapes. This display is
a rare opportunity to see his work exhibited on a large scale in the UK with over one hundred original
prints featured, many have never before been on display in the UK. This is the first exhibition to focus
on Adams' lifelong fascination with water in all its forms, and will bring together the finest examples of
Adams' images, combining some of the most famous photographs of the twentieth century with
stunning, lesser-known examples. For more information contact Jenny Stewart on 020 8312 6732 /
press@rmg.co.uk

Mughal India: Art, Culture and Empire
British Library, 9 November 2012 - 2 April 2013
This autumn the British Library will explore one of the most powerful and splendid of all the world's
great dynasties with Mughal India: Art, Culture and Empire. The 'Great Mogul' seated on a jewel-
encrusted throne is one of the most enduring images of India. This exhibition will be the first to
document the entire historical period, from the 16th to the 19th century, through more than 200
exquisite manuscripts and the finest paintings drawn almost exclusively from the British Library's
extensive heritage collection. For more information contact Evie Jeffreys on 020 7412 7105 /
evie.jeffreys@bl.uk

A Bigger Splash: Painting After Performance
Tate Modern, 14 November 2012 - 1 April 2013
A Bigger Splash: Painting After Performance will take examine the dynamic relationship between
performance and painting from 1950 to the present day. Taking its title from David Hockney's iconic
1967 image of a Californian swimming pool and Jack Hazan's film about Hockney's life, it will bring
together a range of key works by over 40 artists including Yves Klein, Jackson Pollock and Cindy
Sherman. Moving through half a century of painting, video and photography, alongside archival and
documentary material, this major group exhibition will show how the key period of post-war
performance art has challenged and energised the medium of painting for successive generations.
For more information contact the press team on 020 7887 8730 /pressoffice@tate.org.uk

Death: The Richard Harris Collection
Wellcome Collection, 15 November 2012 - 28 February 2013
This major winter exhibition, Death, showcases some 300 works from a unique collection devoted to
the iconography of death and our complex and contradictory attitudes towards it. The collection is
spectacularly diverse, including art works, historical artefacts and scientific specimens from across the world. Rare prints by Rembrandt, Dürer and Goya will be displayed alongside anatomical drawings, war art and antique metamorphic postcards; human remains will be juxtaposed with Renaissance vanitas paintings and twentieth century installations celebrating Mexico's Day of the Dead. For more information contact Tim Morley on 020 7611 8612 / t.morley@wellcome.ac.uk

Valentino: Master of Couture
An Exhibition at Somerset House, 29 November 2012 - 3 March 2013
This major new exhibition will be a glamorous exhibition focusing exclusively on haute couture created by the legendary Italian designer. With a 50-year career starting in the late 1950s this exhibition will showcase over 130 hand-crafted designs worn by icons such as Jackie Kennedy Onassis, Grace Kelly, Sophia Loren and Gwyneth Paltrow. A prophetic designer and creator of exquisite, beautiful clothes, this is Valentino as he has never been seen before. Featuring dresses from the couture catwalk and red carpet, as well as designs commissioned by private clients, this exhibition brings together a comprehensive collection of couture, much of which has never been seen outside the Valentino atelier. For more information contact Rebecca Ward on 07977 071450 / press@rebeccaward.co.uk

Events

2012 Barclays ATP World Tour Finals
The O2, 5 - 12 November 2012
See the biggest stars of the men's tennis game in London this November. With all eight qualification spots up for grabs in singles and doubles, everything is still to play for in the 2012 season as players battle for points to qualify for the world's biggest indoor tennis tournament. Following strong starts to the year, the world's top four players - Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer and Andy Murray - are once again primed to compete for the last title of the season at The O2, with the 2012 year-end World No.1 ranking potentially going down to the wire in London. For more information contact Nicola Arzani on narzani@atpworldtour.com

Entertainment

Deca Dance
Sadler's Wells, 19 - 21 November 2012
Batsheva Ensemble, the youth branch of Israel's world-renowned contemporary dance group, Batsheva Dance Company, will appear at Sadler's Wells to perform Deca Dance - part of a Dance Consortium UK debut tour. The ensemble is made up of an international collection of just 16 young dancers, many of whom are graduates from some of the world's most prestigious dance schools. For more information contact Maxim Bendall on 020 7863 8112 / maxim.bendall@sadlerswells.com

Magic of Motown
IndigO2, 22 November 2012
The non-stop spectacular features 36 massive chart-toppers from The Supremes, Temptations, Four Tops, Jackson 5, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Martha Reeves, Lionel Richie and more. An all-star cast, a talented live band that faithfully reproduces Motown's original Detroit sound with 16 sparkling costume changes and tightly choreographed dance routines. For more information contact Adam Bass on 01702 427 102 / abass@entertainers.co.uk

Quimeras
Sadler's Wells, 23 November - 1 December 2012
Legendary guitarist, composer, dramatist and producer Paco Peña returns to Sadler's Wells with his 2010 work Quimeras. Directed by Jude Kelly, Quimeras tells the story of a group of migrants who have come to Spain from Africa in search of work. Peña draws on his own experience of living in Andalusia, a gateway to Europe for many North African immigrants. The result is a marriage of both traditional Spanish and African music and dance, creating a spectacle of virtuosic performances and intimate storytelling. For more information contact contact Rob James on 020 7863 8114 / rob.james@sadlerswells.com

Shopping, restaurants and nightlife

Carnaby Shopping Party
22 November 2012
Shoppers are invited to the exclusive Carnaby Shopping Party to enjoy 20% discount in more shops than ever before with over 100 shops, restaurants and bars in the capital's coolest shopping destination. Shoppers can register at carnaby.co.uk for their free ticket. For one night only, shoppers can enjoy an exclusive 20% discount in global fashion brand, unique concept stores and independent boutiques. In addition to the 20%, there are lots of free activities taking place including live music, complimentary drinks and giveaways. 200 exclusive goodie bags worth £70 will be given to shoppers in the area. For more information contact Sarah Mole on / 020 7287 9601 / sarah.mole@sisteris.com