

# A Very Conservatoire Christmas

EVENTS AND HOLIDAY COURSES FOR ALL AGES



*The*  
**Conservatoire**

Providing the highest quality, most welcoming and creative tuition in music, art and drama to the community of South East London for 140 years.

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# Christmas Classes (Children and Adults)

To book: 020 8852 0234, [info@conservatoire.org.uk](mailto:info@conservatoire.org.uk)

## Monday 13 December

### NUTCRACKER PUPPETEERING

10AM – 11AM, 6 MONTHS – 2 YEARS

Some of the characters in the tale of The Nutcracker are the Soldier, the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Mouse King. We will make our own tube puppets, decorating them to look like these characters, and you can bring them along to our special performance of The Nutcracker (Sunday 19 December, please book tickets separately). We can also make a crown so you can be Queen or the King for the day! **Please note that parents/carers need to stay with their children for this class.**

£10

### TODDLER TUNES: THE NUTCRACKER

11.30AM – 12.15PM, 18 MONTHS – 3 YEARS

Explore the beautiful music of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker! To engage with spontaneous music making, toddlers are encouraged to discover new instruments and find all their different voices. Move and sing along in this immersive music lesson tailored to toddlers! **Please note that parents/carers need to stay with their children for this class.**

£9

### STORYTELLING: THE NUTCRACKER

12.45PM – 1.30PM, 3 – 4 YEARS

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£9

### BUILD A BOX NUTCRACKER CHARACTERS

2PM – 3PM, 2 – 4 YEARS

Decorate three boxes which, when placed on top of one another, build the characters from The Nutcracker. They can fit inside each other, and be

used as building blocks to bring to life the Soldier, the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Mouse King. We will also make a mask or crown for you to wear during the show (Sunday 19 December, please book tickets separately). **Please note that parents/carers need to stay with their children for this class.**

£10

## Tuesday 14 December

### TINY TOTS: THE NUTCRACKER

10AM – 10.45AM, 6 – 18 MONTHS

Explore the beautiful music of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker with your little one! Using the Conservatoire's early years instruments and cuddly toys, introduce the babies to each other and to the sounds in a gentle, caring environment. **Please note that parents/carers need to stay with their children for this class.**

£9

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## FAMILY MUSIC: FESTIVE EDITION!

2PM – 2.45PM, 6 MONTHS – 5 YEARS

There is something for everyone in Family Music, a course which is designed to enable different ages to work together and be inspired by music-making this festive season. This class has been developed to support adults who wish to bring more than one child to the group, so let's grab those jingle bells and create a musical environment for all the family to enjoy and thrive! **Please note that parents/carers need to stay with their children for this class.**

£9

### THE ARTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

4PM – 6PM, 8 – 14 YEARS

Inspired by Tim Burton's Nightmare before Christmas this two hour workshop will explore holiday storytelling with a twist. Create your own four panel seasonal cartoon in ink, to print as a spooky, fun card and collaborate with others to add it to a class Zine. We will explore storytelling, comic narrative, Gothic style drawing and pen and ink!

£20

### READ BETWEEN THE LINES: A CHRISTMAS CAROL

6PM – 8PM, 18+ YEARS

Marley was dead, to begin with...

Christmas is a time for ghost stories, and this is the most famous one of all. Join the Conservatoire to be part of an evening of dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' timeless tale of redemption. Will you read the ghostly Spirit of Christmas Past, the adorable Tiny Tim, or even Scrooge himself? A great way to enjoy this beautiful story being read aloud. All experience and abilities welcome!

£20

### CAROLS AT THE CONSERVATOIRE

6.30PM – 8PM, 18+ YEARS

The heralds are harking and the shepherds are watching – it's time for some carols! Whatever age or musical ability you are, you are welcome. Come along to the musical heart of Blackheath to informally play through some Christmas songs. You can bring any instrument you play, or your voice. We will play and sing through a small selection together, led and coached by the Conservatoire's Artistic Director, Mairéad Sheerin.

£18

## Wednesday 15 December

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10AM – 10.45AM, 3 – 4 YEARS

11.00AM – 11.45AM, 18 MONTHS – 3 YEARS

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£9

### CHRISTMAS TABLESCAPING

2.30PM – 5PM, 18+ YEARS

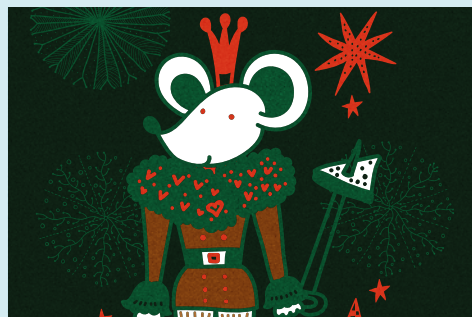
What brings more festive cheer than a beautiful Christmas table? This year lots of us are back to hosting, so come along to the Conservatoire for a chance to prep for the big day! We'll discuss design, balance, and themes for your table. Will you incorporate fruit, foliage, or those extra Christmas decs? You'll come away with some top tips to take with you to make your Christmas feast look fit for the three kings!

£30





**Thursday 16 December**



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£10

## LITTLE MAESTROS: THE NUTCRACKER

11.30AM - 12.15PM, 3 - 4 YEARS

Explore the beautiful music of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker! With accompanying songs and actions to enjoy together, this will inspire you to enjoy the festive season with your child through music!

£9

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**Saturday 18 December**



## WRITE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS NO.1!

9.30AM - 3.30PM, 12 - 16 YEARS

You could write next year's big Christmas hit! Together we will experiment with different instruments, sound samples and styles all from one computer, creating new contemporary digital music - will you sample the synth from Wham's Last Christmas, or sleigh bells from Bing Crosby? Bring any instruments you play, and we may incorporate them. Our goal is to complete one finished track and upload it to YouTube and SoundCloud to amaze your friends and family and to play over the festive season. No prior musical knowledge needed, just come and find out how you can make the newest chart-topper! Bring a packed lunch for day long courses - please no nuts!

£50

## PANTO IN A DAY!

9.30AM - 3.30PM, 8 - 15 YEARS

He's behiindd yooou! Come along to the Conservatoire to explore the great British tradition of the pantomime! A fun-filled day packed with silliness galore - learn what makes a pantomime tick, from the tallest point of a dame's wig, to the shiny gleam on Buttons' buttons. There will be a sing song or two, gags a plenty, and lots to learn... and Christmas is officially on its way! (Oh no it isn't!) (OH YES IT IS!) Bring a packed lunch for day long courses - please no nuts!

£50

# Christmas Events

To book: <https://www.conservatoire.org.uk/events>



## FAMILY ADVENT CALENDAR WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 1.30 - 4.30PM, ALL AGES

1 ADULT + 1 CHILD: £30, ADDITIONAL CHILD AND CALENDAR: £20, ADDITIONAL ADULT OR CHILD (NO CALENDAR): £5

Throw away advent calendars are a thing of the past! Why not try creating your own that you can show off and refill with Christmas treats every year? We will be making an advent calendar you can decorate and design together, so that you can fill it with chocolates, toys and maybe even a festive joke. It's an opportunity to unleash your inner creative, so get your scissors and glue at the ready because it may get messy! In this workshop, work together with your family to create and decorate your own advent calendar, and start filling the days with a your own specially decorated festive bauble, Christmas joke and tasty treat.



## MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS WREATH!

FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 6.30 - 9PM, 18+ YEARS

£65, INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS, A GLASS OF WINE AND A MINCE PIE

Indulge your creativity, learn new skills and take home a beautiful festive object for your home. In a sociable setting, with mulled wine and a mince pie to add to the seasonal setting, work with renowned local florist Clare Oliver to create a beautiful festive wreath.

## THE CONSERVATOIRE PRESENTS 'THE NUTCRACKER'

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER, 2PM AND 3.30PM, ALL AGES

ADULT - £12, CHILD - £6, UNDER 2 - FREE

Christmas would not be Christmas without Tchaikovsky's 'The Nutcracker' but the Conservatoire is presenting it a little differently...

Following sell out performances in 2018 and 2019, join **Klio Blonz** on flute, pianist **Grace Mo**, and soprano **Mairéad Sheerin** as our narrator, as we visit an enchanting world and have once in a lifetime adventures with all sorts of creatures including the beloved Sugar Plum Fairy. A concert of music and spoken word with a healthy dose of magic!

The children are welcome to bring their pyjamas and teddies to join us on this dreamy adventure.



# Free Festive Student Celebrations

These free events may need to be ticketed to regulate numbers. Please look out for further updates.

## CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER, 2 - 4PM

Celebrate the wonderful creations of our young artists.

## ADULT ART EXHIBITION

FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER, 5 - 8PM

Discover more about the wide-ranging courses on offer and see some of our students' wonderful work.

## VILLAGE DAY CAROLS

SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER, 11AM

To celebrate Village Day listen to our young choirs sing their hearts out and spread festive cheer!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Telephone us on 020 8852 0234 / 020 8852 0103 or pop in to book a course or ask a question. Our Front of House staff are here till late!



### BOX OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday 13 December	9am - 5pm
Tuesday 14 December	9am - 8pm
Wednesday 15 December - Friday 17 December	9am - 5pm
Saturday 18 December - Sunday 19 December	9am - 5pm
Monday 20 December - Thursday 23 December	9am - 5pm
Friday 24 December - Tuesday 28 December	CLOSED
Wednesday 29 December - Thursday 30 December	9am - 5pm
Friday 31 December	9am - 12pm
Saturday 1 January	CLOSED
Sunday 2 January	9am - 5pm
Monday 3 January	CLOSED

### SPRING TERM

Begins Tuesday 4 January 2022



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