

Easter Holiday Programme 2024

MONDAY 8TH – FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

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art and drama to the community of
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MONDAY 8th

Art



Eggstraordinary Eggs

Monday 08/04/2024, 09.30 – 11.30 or 12.30 – 14.30, 3–5 yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

What will hatch? As spring arrives, we will imagine and discuss what creatures might emerge from different eggs. Could it be a dinosaur, a snake, a chick... or will it be a chocolate egg! Together we will explore egg rolling and decorating, as well as making a beautiful nest to keep our decorated eggs safe.



Henri Rousseau & the Forest

Monday 08/04/2024, 15.00 – 17.00, 4–7 yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

The trees are exploding back into life! We will use paint, collage, and printmaking to explore sizes and shapes of trees and the animals that live in the forest... we'll make big footprints! Do they belong to a bear? Looking at the work of Henri Rousseau, we'll paint our own animal with spots or stripes and make a forest to hide them in.



Spanish Spring in Seville

Monday 08/04/2024, 09.30 – 15.30, 5–11 yrs

Tutor: Lilly Walker, £64

Welcome to the Feria de Abril de Sevilla, the Seville Fair, the most elaborate event in the Spanish calendar! Inspired by images of this incredible festival and the amazing national dress on display, we are going to create a set of shadow puppets to tell the story of the fair – we'll make horse and carriages, and people to go in them, and riders too – a whole parade! We'll make a gorgeous background for our puppets, replicating the incredible La Portada arch in miniature. Come along to enjoy spring the Spanish way!

Drama



Play in a Day: The Wind in the Willows

Monday 08/04/2024, 10.00 – 16.00, 7–11 yrs

Tutor: Joanna Brown, £64

Come and join Jo in creating our very own mini performance of 'The Wind In The Willows'. We'll explore stories of the riverbank, learn techniques to help us transform our bodies into the animals we encounter, create and improvise our own narratives, and we'll pop on our best acting socks for a short performance at the end of the day! Please note that this course takes place at the Quaker Meeting House in Blackheath (more details on booking).

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Dance



Creative Dance for Kids

Monday 08/04/2024, 10.00 - 12.00, 5&6 yrs

Tutor: Matthew Winston, £24

Come along to the Conservatoire for a creative contemporary dance class for young ones! Together we'll move our bodies and have fun – exploring ideas, improvising, improving our co-ordination and expressing ourselves through movement. Twisting and turning, young dancers will work together to perform simple sequences and develop their own creativity – we'll use all our energy and all our ideas! Using the activities and ideas we explore during the session, participants will work towards a short piece of movement which they can share informally with each other. If you love to move and want to explore a different approach to dance, this is the perfect short session for you – all levels and abilities welcome!

Music



Uke & You!

Monday 08/04/2024, 13.00 - 15.00, 3-5 yrs

Tutor: Jay Hammond, £24

Have you ever picked up a ukulele? Come to the Conservatoire to get started on the right note! Join us on this fun-filled introduction to the instrument, perfect for young musicians who are just starting their musical journey. In this two-hour course you will learn to play your first song and have fun making music with others. Young participants will learn the basics of this beginner-friendly instrument, under the guidance of our fantastic tutors. All levels are welcome! You can bring your own instrument or borrow one of ours for the session. Come along to find out what's in store for uke and you!



TUESDAY 9th

Art



Leaf Printing

Tuesday 09/04/2024, 09.30 – 11.30, 3–5 yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

Spring is on its way and the trees are getting new leaves and buds. Together we'll use leaves to make some lovely prints, exploring patterns together. We will look at how designers use repeating patterns to create an effective design. What else can you make a pattern from?



My Vase of Flowers

Tuesday 09/04/2024, 12.30 – 14.30 or 15.00 – 17.00, 4–7 yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

The very first blue and white pottery was made during the early Tang dynasty in China. We will be looking at these beautiful vases, studying the Chinese designs and painting our own in blue and white. We will do some colour mixing to create some wonderful new colours to use in our painting. You can take your lovely vase home to put some spring flowers in!



Changing Seasons with Georgia O'Keefe

Tuesday 09/04/2024, 09.30 – 15.30, 5–11 yrs

Tutor: Nicola Corrigan, £64

This wide-ranging class has a whole host of fun activities! In this all-day course we will be inspired by Georgia O'Keefe as we draw from a spring themed still life featuring greens, yellows and Easter elements. We'll use pencils and watercolours, and make a basket to celebrate the turn of the seasons using upcycled boxes, collage, ribbons and flower motifs. We'll also paint and decorate egg-shaped stones based on your spring drawings, and we'll design a layered collaged cake and even create some stunning spring garlands. Come and join the fun!

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Emerging from Winter: Dance Day!

Tuesday 09/04/2024, 10.00 – 16.00, 7-12 yrs

Tutor: Stephanie Osztreicher, £64

Do you love to dance? Then this workshop is for you! We will explore physical theatre techniques and many forms of dance to create our very own short performance, based on our theme of emerging from winter into the bright sunshine of spring. You will learn skills to help you choreograph your own brilliant dances, and you will learn techniques from around the world. We'll even have a short sharing at the end of the day. Join us for a day of dance! Please note that this course takes place at the Quaker Meeting House in Blackheath (more details on booking).

Music



Flutey Tooties

Tuesday 09/04/2024, 10.00 – 12.00, 4&5 yrs

Tutor: Victoria Heath, £24

Explore the sound of the flute and other instruments in this fun-filled musical adventure. What are woodwind instruments? What did they look like a long time ago? How do they sound? We will learn all this and more through musical games, storytelling and adventure. Listen and dance to music, become immersed in a musical story and find out all about the wonderful woodwind family. During the session we will get to try some woodwind instruments and even make our very own pan flute and reed to take home!

Fantastic Flutes and How to Play Them

Tuesday 09/04/2024, 13.00 – 15.00, 6-9 yrs

Tutor: Victoria Heath, £24

In this flute course, you will learn all about the instrument, meeting different flutes from around the world and even get to try out your very own flute skills! Our experienced tutor will guide you through aspects of rhythm and musicality through a variety of games, using the flute head joint to ground you in the basics of the instrument. Within the class you will learn a variety of sounds, three different notes, and write your own short piece of music. This class gives you the opportunity to try out the flute to see if you would like to take your learning with the instrument further and offers a basis from which you would be able to progress to our term time Play! Flute programme.

If you have your own instrument, feel free to bring it along but, if not, you can use one of ours for the class.



Uke & You!

Tuesday 09/04/2024, 10.30 – 12.30, 5-7 yrs

Tutor: Aram Bahmaie, £24

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WEDNESDAY 10th

Art



Pop Up Spring!

Wednesday 10/04/2024, 09.30 – 11.30, 3–5 yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

Spring is going to pop up any time now, and we are going to make pop up flowers and buds using colourful card and paper sculpting! We could make tulips, daffodils, peonies... what flowers will you make? We will create some blossoms on the bough and paint a 3D vase to put them in so you can display your beautiful creations at home.



Butterflies and Bugs

Wednesday 10/04/2024, 12.30 – 14.30, 3–5 yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

Wow – it really is A Bug's Life out there right now! Now that all the beautiful butterflies and brilliant bugs are back, let's celebrate them! Together we will make a caterpillar puppet to crawl around, and, of course, a fluttery butterfly which you can fly home. Maybe our caterpillars are hungry...



Perspective Painting

Wednesday 10/04/2024, 15.00 – 17.00, 4–7 yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

How does something look far away when really, it is right in front of our nose? We will learn about perspective and how artists use it when painting a landscape. We will look at the "vanishing point" – what could that be? – and we will use it in a landscape painting to give the appearance of something far away. Once you've learned these tricks, you can use them over and over again in your artwork!



Botanical Illustration (with a close-up twist!)

Wednesday 10/04/2024, 09.30 – 15.30, 8–14 yrs

Tutor: Betty Adamou, £64

Do you love nature? Do you love drawing and creating? Then this workshop is for you! Participants will learn about botanical illustration, with a fun, abstract and surrealist approach. We'll work from real natural objects, as well as photos, to create an inspiring gallery of prints at the end of our workshop, where the paintings might not always be what they seem! We'll be getting up-close and personal with flowers, leaves, feathers, shells, and more... and you can bring your own, too! You'll take home a set of beautiful pictures, prints, and bookmarks to keep or share as gifts. All learners must bring with them a fully charged device with which they can take photos. Please bring along your device and a charger (clip-on lenses will be provided).

Dance

Woolwich Dance Space at the Conservatoire

Wednesday 10/04/2024, 10.00 - 12.00, 5-8 yrs

Tutor: Svenja Buehl, £24

We are so thrilled to have a visit from the brilliant company Woolwich Dance Space - come along to explore dance and movement with expert tutor Svenja! With a holistic, creative and playful approach, participants will find fun ways to express themselves through dance.



THURSDAY 11th

Art



Matisse & Maps

Thursday 11/04/2024, 09.30 – 11.30, 3–5 yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

Now that the sun is out we can go exploring again! Have you seen what the earth looks like from above? Looking at maps and at the work of Victor Pasmore, Patrick Heron and Hundertwasser we will explore shapes you can see from up in the sky, looking down on the earth. We will draw with scissors and create our maps in the manner of Matisse.



Let's Go Fly a Kite

Thursday 11/04/2024, 12.30 – 14.30 or 15.00 – 17.00, 4–7 yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

North winds doth blow! Perfect weather for flying a kite, especially on Blackheath! Have you ever flown a kite before? We will look at the history of kite flying around the world, and then we will make a colourful kite of our own. You can fly it all the way home! What colours will yours be?

Music / Digital

Beatmaking & Songwriting

Thursday 11/04/2024, 10.00 – 16.00, 8–12 yrs

Tutors: Annalise Morley & Joseph Thomas, £64

Ever wondered how your favourite songs are written and produced in the studio? In this special Easter edition of this popular course, together we will create a beat from scratch, experimenting with different instruments, iconic song samples and sounds from one computer and a midi keyboard. We will create our own rap/song lyrics as a team and even record your vocals together in our pop-up music studio! Watch your idea grow into a finished song. Bring any instruments you play, and we may incorporate them. Our goal is to complete one finished track and upload it to YouTube, SoundCloud & Instagram to amaze your friends and family. No prior musical knowledge needed, just come and find out how creative you can be!

Art



Springtime Sprouting Heads

Thursday 11/04/2024, 09.30 – 15.30, 6–12 yrs

Tutor: Fiona Berry, £64

Welcome the coming of spring by making springtime sprouting grass heads, and watch their hair grow at home! The festival of Nowruz – New Day – is an ancient Persian festival celebrated on the spring equinox, and we will make grass-head characters as part of the table setting of the Haft-sin table, a tradition at the festival. We will make other items in collage for our table setting to celebrate the ancient Persian new year as well. What other six things will you choose for your table? Perhaps an apple for health? Some gold coins? Or a goldfish for good luck? Come along and find out!

FRIDAY 12th

Art



Elmer and The Fantastical Forest

Friday 12/04/2024, 09.30 – 11.30 or 12.30 – 14.30, 3–5 yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

In the springtime all of the trees come back to life after a long winter. In Elmer the Elephant's world, the trees are fantastical, and their leaves, bark and roots are whatever you want to imagine! In this workshop we will print all the bright colours on Elmer and create a beautiful springtime forest in which he can live.



Time For a Picnic

Friday 12/04/2024, 15.00 – 17.00, 4–7 yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £24

The sun is shining and picnics are here again. What do you like to eat on a picnic out in the woods? We'll make a rug on which to sit, and some food to eat. We'll need something to drink, and how will we get there? We'll need to take a bike, a car, a bus or a plane. Let's create our picnic!

Digital



Become a Podcaster

Friday 12/04/2024, 10.00 – 16.00, 8–12 yrs

Tutors: Annalise Morley & Joseph Thomas, £64

Ever wondered how your favourite podcast is recorded or wanted to create a podcast yourself? Come along and learn all about this new and popular art form and create your very own podcast in a day! Bring your best stories and jokes to entertain our listeners when they check out the finished podcast on Soundcloud, YouTube & Instagram.

Art



David Hockney & Monoprinting

Friday 12/04/2024, 09.30 – 15.30, 8–12 yrs

Tutor: Florence Tambini Cooper, £64

Inspired by the brilliant David Hockney, we will create a mixed media picture of a spring scene, and then create a mono-painting print of our art works. By the end of the day you will have become more comfortable using both printing and mixed media as techniques, and you'll come away with two brand new artworks – your original, and the monoprint! Which of these artistic mediums will you prefer? You'll have to come along to find out!

ADULT COURSES

Adult Art



Bookbinding: Make a Zine

Monday 08/04/2024, 16.30 – 20.30, 18+yrs

Tutor: Maria Zvaric, £51

Come along to the Conservatoire for an evening of creativity with our expert bookbinding tutor Maria, where you'll learn the art of creating your own unique zine book! This hands-on session will guide you through the process of conceptualizing, designing, and crafting your personalized zine. A zine is a self-published, DIY printed work that typically focuses on niche or alternative topics. These small, handmade booklets can cover including personal experiences, art, poetry, activism, or any content the creator is passionate about. Zines are characterized by their unique, unconventional format, combining text and visuals through collage, illustrations, or photography. What will your zine focus on?



Exploring with Pastels

Tuesday 09/04/2024, 18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs

Tutor: Fiona Berry, £38

Do you attend one of our regular courses and want to try a new medium? Perhaps you are new to exploring art and are curious about different materials? Then this class is for you! Join your tutor Fiona for this fun evening class exploring how to work with soft pastels. We'll take our inspiration from the new season – how do we depict a vase of flowers using this medium? Looking closely and using soft pastels we will learn how to tackle the space created through weaving stems and colourful flower heads. How is emotion and life conveyed through their vibrant colour and form? And how can we capture this using just one versatile material?





Printmaking: Greeting Cards

Wednesday 10/04/2024, 16.30 – 20.30, 18+yrs

Tutor: Florence Tambini Cooper, £51

Are you interested in print making and design? Do you like the idea of making your own cards, and being able to add your prints onto different craft projects? Perhaps you are already a member of our printmaking groups, or you are interested in joining? If any of the above sounds like you, then come along to our evening printmaking class to create your own greeting cards! Your tutor Florence will guide you through designing and creating a motif which you will transfer onto lino. Using your brand new design you will then create your very own greeting cards to send to friends and family – perfect for thank you cards or any upcoming birthdays! Join this class for an evening of relaxed fun and productive creativity.



Create a Spring Garland

Thursday 11/04/2024, 18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs

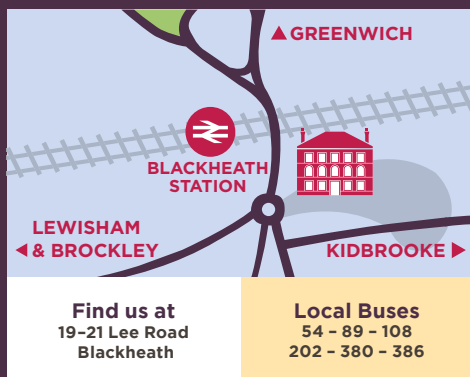
Tutor: Nicola Corrigan, £38

In this fun evening class you will design and create your own beautiful, celebratory Spring garland to adorn your table or front door. You will get to grips with upcycling techniques including fabric knotting, and you will add buttons, ribbons and beads to your beautiful garland. Inspired by the spring blooms we see around us, we'll take our cue from nature and – under the guidance of your tutor Nicola – you will create curling, twisting, flowers and leaves, all for a beautiful garland that can brighten your house for many Spring seasons to come.

So that we can ensure our holiday courses are viable, we are unfortunately not able to offer refunds. Holiday courses are also not transferable between people.

Holiday Opening Times

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| Monday – Friday | 9am – 9pm |
| Saturday | 9am – 5pm |
| Sunday | 9.30am – 5pm |



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