

May Half Term

TUESDAY 27TH - THURSDAY 29TH MAY

ART AND MUSIC CLASSES
FROM 3 YEARS OLD

TINY WORLDS

TAKE CREATIVE
INSPIRATION FROM
THE LITTLE DETAILS

FAMILY CONCERT

*Alice In
Wonderland*



The
Conservatoire

Providing the highest quality, most
welcoming and creative tuition in music,
art and drama to the community of
South East London since 1881.

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Travel into Tiny Worlds at Blackheath Conservatoire during this May Half Term. Lots of our art classes are inspired by Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, and we have a series of Sunday concerts showcasing the story too. Whether you are a young person following Alice down the rabbit hole, creating a bug's paradise, or upcycling with the Borrowers, or you are an adult learner zooming in to the tiny world of a flower (or your own self portrait!), we can't wait to welcome you to the Conservatoire.



TUESDAY 27th May

Music

Roundabout: Half Term Taster

Tuesday 27/05/2025 & Wednesday 28/05/2025
10.00 – 12.30 both days, 4.5–7yrs

Tutors: Victoria Heath & Roundabout Tutors, £76

Roundabout has been running at the Conservatoire for over 30 years! This exciting, informative and inclusive programme has been introducing children aged 5–7 to music since 1992. Are you thinking of signing up? Perhaps you are already on the waiting list? Well then, this two-day taster is perfect for you! Join us for two mornings this half term to explore all of the many instruments that learners get to explore in their year of Roundabout: strings, flute, piano, brass, percussion and guitar. You'll get time with each instrument, and even try playing in an orchestra or our chamber groups. Join us and join the fun!

Uke & You!

Tuesday 27/05/2025, 13.30 – 15.30, 3–5yrs

Tutor: Ben Kempner, £27

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!

Art

Upcycle with the Borrowers

Tuesday 27/05/2025, 09.30 – 16.30, 6–12yrs

Tutor: Clare Kendall, £78

Have you ever imagined what life would be like if you shrank down to a tiny 6cm high? What would your world look like and how could you 'borrow' everyday things from the big world around you to survive and thrive in your miniature world. Taking inspiration from the classic 1952 novel 'The Borrowers' by Mary Norton, we will make our own tiny (and very secret) scenes, while listening to a chapter of this magical book. Will you make a cosy living room of sponge sofas and rag rugs or perhaps a welcoming kitchen of matchstick chairs and bottle cap sinks? This workshop is designed for children aged 6–12 and places emphasis on found materials. Students are encouraged to bring in anything they think might be useful or thought provoking that they might otherwise have thrown away.

It's a Bug's World

Tuesday 27/05/2025, 09.30 – 16.30, 5–11yrs

Tutor: Lilly Walker, £78

It's time to get tiny! In this all-day workshop we'll explore the incredible worlds of insects and bugs, the tiniest creatures on the planet. Using shoeboxes, we'll create mini-versions of the natural world, using card, paper, clay, tissue paper, flowers, and lots more to create our tiny scenes. Will your box have, leaves, tree roots, feathers or moss in? Which creatures live in this habitat? Any creepy crawlies would be proud to live in these tiny worlds!

WEDNESDAY 28th May

All courses are drop off

Music

Uke & You!

Wednesday 28/05/2025, 13.30 – 15.30, 3-5yrs

Tutor: Ben Kempner, £27

See Tuesday listing.



Art

Down the Rabbit Hole

Wednesday 28/05/2025, 09.30 – 16.30, 5-11yrs

Tutor: Fiona Berry, £78

Follow us down the rabbit hole! In this all-day class you will create a model of Alice's Wonderland adventure inside an old shoebox, adding a hole on the lid to allow the average size human to peep through the rabbit hole into the landscape Alice has fallen into. You will learn to use a variety of techniques including sculpting from plasticine, collage and drawing to construct your tiny fantasy world. Afterwards, we'll even make a tiny book to go with it illustrating the key parts of the story we have been inspired by.

NEW 3-HOUR LONG EARLY YEARS ART CLASSES!

Drop off your little artist for 3 hours of fun arts and crafts.



Making a Mini Zoo

Wednesday 28/05/2025, 09.30 – 12.30, 4-7yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £39

Let's make a mini zoo! What would all the animals need in their enclosures? We can make lots of fences to separate them from one another and make temporary homes for all the animals. We will also need to make some creatures who live on land or in the water... who will you have in your zoo? Using cardboard boxes, clay and lots of imagination, we'll create our own mini zoos! This class is part of our brand-new offering of longer classes for 4-7 year olds. Come along for three hours of arts, crafts, and fun. Please note this is a drop-off class.



Modelbox Storytelling

Wednesday 28/05/2025, 14.00 – 17.00, 4-7yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £39

In this workshop we will create a whole Wonderland world within a box. Inspired by old-fashioned printers trays, we will use different sections of our box to display all the magic and mystery of Alice's world. Using different creative effects we will create our own trail of trinkets to lead us through the story. How will we create the White Rabbit's pocketwatch, the Cheshire Cat's smile, and the Queen of Hearts' crown? We'll make different backdrops and models to tell the story. This class is part of our brand-new offering of longer classes for 4-7 year olds! Come along for three hours of arts, crafts, and fun. Please note this is a drop-off class.

THURSDAY 29th May

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The Mad Hatter's Collage & Textiles Party

Thursday 29/05/2025, 09.30 - 16.30, 5-11yrs

Tutor: Nicola Corrigan, £78

Create beautiful textile collages inspired by the fantasy world of Alice in Wonderland! We'll follow the White Rabbit and Alice down the rabbit hole and recreate their magical world. We'll take special inspiration from the Mad Hatter's tea party scene, and also the art of visual storyteller Malgorzata Mirga-Tas who uses textiles to create vibrant images. You will draw and paint using fineliners and watercolour, inspired by the original illustrations, characters, events, and food at The Mad Hatter's tea party. Don't forget the Dormouse asleep in the teapot! Alongside your collages you'll create; a tote bag to carry on your adventures with Alice; a recycled fabric key ring using knotting, scrap fabric and beads (will the key open the door to the beautiful garden Alice finds?); and a scrap notebook to journal your journey through the looking glass and into Wonderland.



Making a Tiny Town

Thursday 29/05/2025, 09.30 - 11.30, 3-5yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £27

Let's make our own tiny towns! We can make a large map on the table together with our friends and use our cardboard boxes to create a 3D map of an imaginary city. Roads, playgrounds, bridges, parks and streets, we can include it all. Street signs and traffic lights - you can be your own town's planner! Or perhaps you will be the Town Mayor! What will your town be called? Please note that this is a drop-off class.

Time for Tea!

Thursday 29/05/2025, 12.30 - 14.30, 3-5yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £27

We will make everything that is needed to have the best tea party, as enjoyed by the Mad Hatter, the March Hare, and Alice. We'll make our very own crazy teacups, decorating them however we want, and we'll use clay to make delicious-looking cakes, scones, and other tasty tea-time treats. It's enough to make your mouth water... don't be late for this very important date! Please note that this is a drop-off class.

Optical Illusion Artworks

Thursday 29/05/2025, 15.30 - 17.30, 4-7yrs

Tutor: Sue Harris, £27

Wonderland has all kinds of magic within it... and in this workshop we will try and recreate some! Together we will create a clever 3D painting tricking the onlooker's eye into thinking we are looking through the keyhole into Alice's world. We'll learn how to use perspective to help us draw and paint to create the effect, leaving us with a mind-bending final artwork. Please note that this is a drop-off class.

Alice In Wonderland

STORYTELLING FAMILY CONCERT



Weekend concert

**Alice in Wonderland
Family Storytelling Concert
with Voice, Flute and Piano**

Sunday 1st June, 2pm and 3.30pm

Adults £14, children £7, under 2s free

Introduce classical music at an early age and unlock a special world your children can access for the rest of their lives.

Storytelling and classical works performed by Mairead Sheerin, Klio Blonz and Grace Mo will bring Alice's fantastical Wonderland to life for all ages.

ADULT CLASSES

Art



Painting Peonies With Oils

Tuesday 27/05/2025, 18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs

Tutor: Sophie Cook, £39

Develop the skills to portray these beautiful early summer blooms in oil paint, with a focus on light and shadow. This beginner-friendly workshop will teach you how to approach the complex form of a peony flower using comparative measurement, careful colour mixing, and painting from life. Guided by your expert tutor Sophie, you will learn how to create a variety of pinks to express the peonies in a life-like way. Sophie will demonstrate and guide you through the colour mixing and painting process. Painting in an 'alla prima' technique, you will have a finished painting at the end of the workshop to be really proud of. Materials and equipment are all included but participants are also welcome to bring their own brushes if they would like.



Self Portraiture in Oils

Wednesday 28/05/2025, 18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs

Tutor: Lee Fether, £39

Explore self portraiture in oils in this returning beginner-friendly class. Learn how to observe and paint facial proportions, block in shadow areas, and mix skin tones. You'll work on one piece during the class, gaining experience and creating your own self portrait sketch. We are delighted to be working once again with visiting tutor Lee Fether. Lee has over fifteen years of experience as a practicing artist in Greenwich, specialising in portrait commissions and landscape drawings. Lee's portrait of broadcaster and author Michael Rosen can be seen at the National Portrait Gallery.



Painting Flowers in Watercolour

Thursday 29/05/2025, 18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs

Tutor: Sophie Knight, £39

In this returning evening watercolour course your expert tutor Sophie will show you how to work in a loose and spontaneous way, responding to the texture and colours of flowers.

Working from photographs of flowers, the group will paint each flower on a larger-than-life scale. There will be an emphasis on being bold with the composition and colour, allowing yourself to work in a free and creative manner. It will suit all abilities and is a good way to work more freely if you feel you are often too cautious in this medium. If you have your own watercolour brushes that you usually use, please bring them along. Brushes will also be provided. Sophie Knight is a member of The Royal Watercolour Society and her work is in the British Museum, the House of Lords, and several high-profile collections. She teaches her watercolour class on Friday afternoons at the Conservatoire.

Hydrangeas, Roses and Orange Lilies with Lemon,
by Sophie Knight RWS



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 – 6pm |
| Sunday | 9.30am – 5pm |



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Art Workshops for Adults

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