



What's on Autumn 2023

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Casta: The Origin of Caste

A painting says a thousand words, but who controls the narrative?

Opal 22 presents Casta: The Origins of Caste. Displaying five newly restored paintings from the museum's collection, the exhibition invites you to delve into how we decode art and artefacts as they relate to global majority communities.

Exploring themes of caste, class, and classification through the work of Juan Rodriguez (b. 1675; d. 1728).

Join us as we unveil one of the earliest forms of picture-based racial classification and their 150-year journey from storage to provenance.

The exhibition looks at the theory of race, how it fits in a modern world and the power required to give meaning. What will you see when you see Casta: the origins of Caste?

Date 16 September – 3 December

Venue Leicester Museum & Art Gallery

Web #Casta







Play Time

Exhibition highlights include a 1930s peddle car, dolls houses, lead soldiers and an array of dolls from a small wooden Dutch doll to imposing, talking dolls.

Come and see the original DOMINOES toy sign on display, the first time all the letters have been on display since the shop closed.

Date On now until 17 September

Venue Newarke Houses Social #PlayTime

Heart of the **Nation: Migration** and the Making of the NHS

The National Health Service was created 75 years ago. From the very beginning, people have come to Britain from all over the world to make this grand vision for a better society a reality. But their vital role has largely been ignored.

This Migration Museum exhibition shines a light on the stories and experiences of people who have come to Britain to work in the NHS, through photography, film, oral histories, and an immersive experience.

migrationmuseum.org

Date On now until 29 October

Venue Leicester Museum & Art Gallery

Social #HeartoftheNation

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This Golden Mile

Photography exhibition documenting The Golden Mile, the mile of Melton Road into Belgrave Road with its sari shops, Indian restaurants, and jewellers.

Leicester based artist Kavi Pujara has documented the people and homes of the residents surrounding this famous road as a love letter to the area and its community. Intimate portraits combined with sensitively observed interiors tells the story of this community's migration

to Leicester, their last mile of a long journey to Britain.

This Golden Mile previewed at the Martin Parr Foundation, Bristol in 2022.

Date 9 September – 31 March 2024 **Venue** Leicester Museum & Art Gallery

#GoldenMile

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Out of the Stores: **SHOES**

This exhibition of shoes from the museum's extensive collection explores over 400 years of fashion. Discover Leicester's amazing shoemaking heritage, from the oldest shoe in the collection, which dates from 1570, through to the towering platform shoes of the 1970s.

Also includes shoe and footwear catalogues, photographs, and advertising from many local makers. Just remember to wear your favourite shoes when you visit!

Date 30 September – 14 January 2024 **Venue** Newarke Houses

Social #BestFootForward



Open: The People's Exhibition

This annual exhibition showcases artistic talent from across the East Midlands open to anyone, from beginners to seasoned professionals. A variety of artworks, from paintings, to sculpture, textiles, and more feature in this exhibition celebrating the creativity of the region.

Artists young and old can apply for the exhibition online: leicestermuseums.org/open

Applications close at 11:59pm on 30 September.

Date 16 December – 19 January 2024 Venue Leicester Museum & Art Gallery Social #OpenExhibition



World-Class Live Music

This autumn join us for world-class live music in our museums. We're delighted to continue to host the Leicester International Music Festival and the 77th season of lunchtime concerts.

Lunchtime concerts present world-class classical music in our Victorian Gallery at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery, taking place every other Thursday from September.

This season's musicians include lyad Sughayer, Thando Mjandana, Satoshi Kubo, Michael Foyle and Maksim Stsura, The Pelleas Ensemble, Nicholas Daniel and Antonio Oyarzabal.

Dating back to 1390, Leicester Guildhall provides a stunning backdrop with this autumn's performers ranging from the sound of our city to the finest UK folk acts around.

Leicester talent includes The Della Grants on 1 September, Steve Cartwright on 16 December and the annual Christmas concerts with Kingfisher Chorale from Monday 18 December.

A witness to history, the Great Hall is an ideal setting for folk and storytelling. Granny's Attic "one of the most exciting English folk acts on the scene right now", play 16 November.

BBC Radio 2 features on Cerys Matthews and Anneka Rice's shows, the Mark Harrison Band play 24 November. A welcome return of Yorkshire folk duo O'Hooley & Tidow on 29 November, famed for their closing track on the BBC/HBO drama 'Gentleman Jack'.

Visit our website for the latest events and to book your tickets.

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| Date | Event | Туре | Venue |
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| Fri 1 Sept 8pm | The Della Grants | Performance | |
| Sat 2, Sun 3, Weds 20 & 27 Sept 11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm | Belgrave Hall House & Garden Tours | Guided Tour | \Diamond |
| Sat 2 Sept, 7 Oct, Tues 17 & 24 Oct 11.30am – 4pm | Railway Day | Family Event | |
| Sun 3 Sept 2pm | The Story of Palitoy | Lecture | *** |
| Fri 8 Sept 8pm | Hell's Addiction | Performance | |
| Sat 9 Sept 1pm – 3pm | Candle Making Workshop | Adult Workshop | *** |
| Sat 9 & Sun 10 Sept 11am – 4pm | Belgrave Hall Food and Craft Festival | Festival | \Diamond |
| Sat 9 Sept 7.30pm | Gerald Dickens | Performance | |
| Mon 11, Tues 12 & Thurs 14 Sept 11am, 12pm, 2pm & 3pm | Heritage Open Days: Beam Engine and Transport Shed Tours | Guided Tours | |
| Thurs 21 Sept 1pm – 2pm | Lunchtime Concert: Iyad Sughayer (piano) | Performance | |
| Fri 22 Sept 8pm | SKAM | Performance | |
| Sat 23 Sept 1pm & 7.30pm | Leicester International Music Festival | Performance | 7 7 |
| Sat 23 Sept 7.30pm | Outdoor Cinema: Grease | Film | \Diamond |
| Sun 24 Sept 2pm | It's Your Funeral: Talk By Eddie Smallwood | Lecture | |
| Weds 27 Sept, 25 Oct, 22 Nov & Thurs 14 Dec 1.30pm – 3pm 10.30am – 12pm (22 Nov) | Leicester Museums Store Tour | Guided Tour | F F |
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| Sat 30 Sept 11am & 1.30pm | Walk This Way: Decorate Trainers and T-shirts | Family Event | *** |
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| Sun 1 Oct 2pm | History of Shoes Fashion with Rebecca Shawcross Northampton Museum | Lecture | *** |
| Sun 1 Oct 2pm – 3.30pm | Elizabeth Heyrick: An Uncompromising Friend of Liberty | Lecture | |
| Thurs 5 Oct 1pm – 2pm | Lunchtime Concert: Thando Mjandana (tenor) Satoshi Kubo (piano) | Performance | F 1 |
| Fri 6 Oct 6.30pm - 9.30pm | Black History Month: Late Night at the Museum | Performance | 7 3 |
| Sat 7 & Sun 8 Oct 10am – 5pm | Witch Festival | Festival | |
| Mon 16 Oct 11am – 3pm | Shoe Funday | Family Event | |
| Weds 18 Oct 12.30pm - 4pm | Objects from the Collections: Black History Month | Family Event | 7 3 |
| Thurs 19 Oct 11am – 3pm | Witches and Wizards Day | Family Event | |
| Sun 22 Oct 2pm | History with Joe presents: Gekokujo: The Samurai | Lecture | |
| Thurs 26 Oct 1pm – 2pm | Lunchtime Concert: Michael Foyle (violin) Maksim Stsura (piano) | Performance | F 7 |
| Fri 27 Oct 7.30pm | The Cabinet of Dr Caligari (PG) with Live Score | Film | |
| Sat 28 Oct & 25 Nov 11am – 4pm | Steam Day: Steam with the Team | Guided Tour | |
| Sat 28 Oct 7.30pm | The Witches of Leicester | Performance | |
| Sun 29 Oct 1.30pm, 2.45pm & 7pm | Halloween Films The Witches (1.30pm) Poltergeist (2.45pm) The Excorcist (7pm) | Film | |
| Mon 30 & Tues 31 Oct 5pm | Ghost Walks | Guided Tour | *** |
| Mon 30 Oct 7.30pm | Nunkie Theatre Company presents: Gravest Fears (Two stories by M R James) | Performance | |
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| Sat 4 Nov 6.30pm (Doors 6pm) | Sitar Music Society Presents: Music and Light | Performance | |
| Sun 5 Nov 2pm | History of Shoe Fashion with Rebecca Shawcross, Northampton Museum | Lecture | *** |
| Wed 8 Nov 7.30pm | Keith James: The Songs of Leonard Cohen | Performance | |
| Thurs 9 Nov 1pm – 2pm | Lunchtime Concert: The Pelleas Ensemble (flute, viola and harp) | Performance | F 7 |
| Sat 11 Nov 12.30pm - 4.30pm | Objects from the Collections: Diwali | Family Event | 7 3 |
| Thurs 16 Nov 7.30pm | Folk: Granny's Attic | Performance | |
| Sun 19 Nov 2pm | Railway Talk: Grand Imperial Cities of Europe | Lecture | |
| Thurs 23 Nov 1pm – 2pm | Lunchtime Concert: Iyad Sughayer (piano) | Performance | |
| Fri 24 Nov 7.30pm | Folk: Mark Harrison Band | Performance | |
| Sat 25 Nov 1pm – 3pm | Wreath Making: Dried Flowers | Adult Workshop | *** |
| Sun 26 Nov 12pm – 4.30pm | Christmas Steam Day | Family Event | |
| Weds 29 Nov 7.30pm | Folk: O'Hooley & Tidow | Performance | |
| Sat 2 & Sun 3 Dec 11am – 4.30pm | Christmas Craft Fair | Craft Fair | |
| Sun 3 Dec 1pm – 3pm | Wreath Making Workshop | Adult Workshop | *** |
| Thurs 7 Dec 1pm – 2pm | Lunchtime Concert: Nicholas Daniel (oboe) Antonio Oyarzabal (piano) | Performance | F 7 |

| Sat 9 Dec 11am & 2pm | Christmas Wreath Making | Adult Workshop | |
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| Sun 10 Dec 7pm | Green & Matthews: A Christmas Carol in Concert | Performance | |
| Mon 12 Dec 7.30pm | Nunkie Theatre Presents: Count Magnus – Two Ghost Stories by M R James | Performance | |
| Fri 15 Dec 3pm, 3.45pm, 4.30pm & 5.15pm Sat 16 Dec 11am, 11.45am, 12.30pm, 2.15pm, 3pm, 3.45pm, 4.30pm & 5.15pm | Tell Tale Theatre Present: Storytime with Santa | Family Event | |
| Fri 15 & Sat 16 Dec 3.15pm, 4pm, & 4.45pm | Tell Tale Theatre Present: Santa at Leicester Guildhall | Family Event | |
| Sun 17 Dec 2pm | Festive Films: The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992) (2pm), It's a Wonderful Life (1946) (5pm) | Film | |
| Mon 18, Weds 20 & Fri 22 Dec 8pm | The Truth from Above: Christmas with Kingfisher Chorale | Performance | |
| Fri 23 Dec 1pm & 7pm | A Christmas Carol with Gerald Dickens | Performance | |











Charges apply for some events and pre-booking may be recommended, visit our website for full event details.

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