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CURATOR TALK

Lunchtime Lecture: The Fabric of India

Weds 18 November, 13.00 – 13.45

In this free talk co-curators Rosemary Crill and Divia Patel will give an illustrated introduction to the exhibition.

Free, drop in

SPECIAL EVENTS

Book Group: The God of Small Things

Tues 13 October, 18.30 – 20.00

This special book group will invite participants to discuss Arundhati Roy's Booker Prize winning novel *The God of Small Things*, a tale of love, loss and growing up in Southern India.

£7

Celebrate Diwali

Sat 7 November – Sun 8 November

A range of events to celebrate Diwali will take place throughout the weekend, including pop-up performances of *Tales from the Ramayana* in The Nehru Gallery of South Asian Art at 11.00, 13.00 and 15.00 on Saturday 7 November. There will be a drop-in design session *Dazzling Rangoli*, inviting visitors to create their own folk art pattern, on Sunday 8 November from 10.30 – 17.00.

Free, drop in

Fusion Journeys – An India Season Workshop and Performance

Sat 7 November, Diwali Workshop 10.30 – 15.30, Performance 15.45 – 17.30

This workshop, led by artist Chila Kumari Burman, invites participants to create a bejewelled response to Diwali. A later performance in the Raphael Gallery will evoke music from South Asia to the Caribbean through performances from musicians Mehboob Nadeem, Sanju Sahai and Pooja Agra. There will also be storytelling from Sandra Agard and a showcase of dance by Jaymini Sahai.

Free, booking essential for workshop, drop in for the performance

WORKSHOP

Block Printing

Sat 17 October 2015, 14.30 – 16.30

This workshop will teach the basics of block printing, including motif placement, repeat patterns, relief printing and printing two or more colours.

Free, booking essential

‘Jewels of the Raj’ Embroidery

Sun 15 November, 10.00 – 16.30

Led by embroiderer, artist and author Sarah Homfray, this practical workshop inspired by the exhibition will teach the technique of Shisha embroidery, the traditional technique of applying small mirrors. It will cover the history of mirror work and the unique stitches which attach them.

£92, £73.60 concessions

CONFERENCE

The Fabric of India

Fri 6 November, 10.00 – 17.15

This special conference will explore Indian textiles. Sessions will focus on historic textiles, the use of textiles in architecture, and a discussion of contemporary Indian fashion. Participants include experts from the V&A and designer Rta Kapur Chishti.

£25, £20 concessions, £15 students

TALKS

Lunchtime Lecture: India, Living in an Ornate World

Weds 25 November, 13.00 – 13.45

This talk by photographer James Wellings will discuss the reasons for India's reputation as a country full of colour and ornamentation. It will explore how the country's artistic development has been influenced over thousands of years by Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam and by support and patronage of the arts from emperors, maharajas and merchants. A range of artefacts and photographs will be shown.

Free

Michael Palin

Tues 8 December, 18.30 – 20.00

This evening talk will cover several of Michael Palin's visits to India. He will remember his first encounters with India, his experiences filming *Around The World In Eighty Days* and the Himalaya series, and his travels in Orissa to research his novel *The Truth*.

£10 full, £7 concessions

FAMILY EVENTS

The Imagination Station

Sat 24 October – Sun 1 November, 10.30 – 17.00

The Imagination Station will be open throughout the October half-term. It will encourage children to decorate an elephant or camel with bright colours and patterns for the India Festival.

Free, drop in

Pop-up Performance Storytelling

Mon 26 October – Fri 30 October, 11.00, 13.00 & 15.00

Interactive tales from storytellers Peter Chand and Seem Anand will take place throughout the week, transporting the audience to India.

Free, drop in

EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Create! Fabric Design

Sat 17 October 2015, 11.00 – 16.00

This one day workshop invites young people to create designs on paper and fabric. Led by designer Sarah Campbell, participants will learn different techniques to create works inspired by *The Fabric of India*.

£15, for 13 – 15 years

Create! Textile Jewellery

Sat 28 November 2015, 11.00 – 16.00

Textile jeweller Tanvi Kant will lead this young people's workshop to design and create textile jewellery inspired by the exhibition.

£15, for 13 – 15 years

MEMBERSHIP EVENT

Curator Talk: The Fabric of India

Fri 2 October, 15.00 – 16.00

Co-curators Rosemary Crill and Divia Patel will discuss the exhibition, giving an insight into the curation of the exhibition, introducing some of the highlights.

£12

Clothworkers' Centre: Indian Textiles

Thurs 29 October 2015, 14.30 – 16.00

Co-curator Rosemary Crill will lead a special visit to the V&A's Clothworkers' Centre to discuss a range of textiles reflecting the variety of pieces in the exhibition, including 17th century trade embroidery, Kashmir shawls and woven silks.

£15, Members only

A Visit to Maharani: Textiles of India

Tues 17 November, 18.30 – 20.30

This special visit will take place at interiors shop Maharani. Members can view the textiles which are sourced from India, and hear owner Sarah Mahaffy discuss working with leading Indian textile designers.

£20, Members only

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