

# ABOUT TONIGHT

Explore our **#Spellbound: Magical, Ritual and Witchcraft** exhibition, and encounter magicians, illusionists, listen to talks on magic and medicine, star-take in some magical Shakespeare, and have a go at potion cocktail tasting. Watch out for the Witch Finder General!

Special thanks to all of tonight's participants and volunteers. This event would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our researchers, staff, and departments. Grateful thanks to The Bagri Trust for supporting this event.

## ROVING THE GALLERIES

**3 Old Crones | SEE**  
Drawn from the witches in Macbeth, Greek mythology and modern references, we perform rituals, (blessing and curses), foretell the future, give warnings and fear the fire! A wandering trio, one who is blinded, one who cannot speak and one who hears nothing from the physical world. They are a mass of rags that are interconnected but independent.

**Creation Theatre's Magic in Shakespeare | SEE**  
Creation actors will present short scenes and monologues showcasing Shakespeare's take on magic and mystery. Keep an eye out for them roving the galleries.

**Ruskin School of Art Performances | SEE**  
Look out for Performance Art pieces by current students from the Ruskin School of Art inspired by the Ashmolean's Spellbound exhibition. Visit the Welcome Desk for the full programme.

## LEVEL -1

**Halloween Silent Disco with Decadent Times | LISTEN**  
Grab a headset and choose your music channel of choice. With 2 channels of music led by battling Decadent Times DJs, yaya jojo (80s, electro, and scratchin) and DJ Rev Turner (mixing rare grooves and banging beats with all time classics).

**Michael Jacksons Thriller 'Moves' Dance Lesson & Flash Mob.**  
Join us for a spooky thrilling dance class, bring your inner Zombie and transform from guest to ghoulish undead.

**Curses, curses! | ACTIVITY**  
Find out how the Romans put spells on their enemies with this hand-on craft activity. Write your own curse tablet and dedicate it to the goddess Sulis in our enchanted fountain.

**SPELLBOUND STAGE | SEE**

**Witches daughters**  
During a 15 minute performance art piece, witness the transformation from performer to witch, as Ileana Gherghina becomes Ellen Garrison, Veronica Cordova de la Rosa - Helen Duncan, and Peta Lloyd - Anna Bodenham. They will sweep the Ashmolean's floor with roses as onlookers witness them channeling the spirits of these magical women. They will bring them back!

## The Unrolling of a Mummy

The practice of unrolling ancient Egyptian mummies as a somewhat surreal public spectacle was first popularised in 1821 by surgeon and antiquary Thomas Pettigrew during the opening of a major exhibition at the Egyptian Hall in London's Piccadilly. Tonight, journey back in time to October 1898 with Egyptologist and cultural historian John J Johnston for this rare and detailed recreation of a public mummy unrolling.

## The Trial of Witches

A dark day! A death foretold! An accusation! And the witchfinder cometh! England burns with civil war and a fearful community afflicted with misfortune and death erupts into acrimony. Beware the Seekers roaming the galleries searching for the mark of the Devil! Witness the accused's trial as old grudges resurface with claims of dark deeds - will this tragedy end at the gallows? And will anyone escape the witchfinder's gaze?

## FILM: The Witchfinder General (86 mins) | SEE

Professor Malcolm Gaskill, a historian of witchcraft and one of Spellbound's curators, introduces screen shocker, Witchfinder General, first released in 1968, starring Vincent Price. The film tells the true story of Matthew Hopkins, self-appointed scourge of witches during the turmoil of the English Civil War. Over a hundred women and men were executed. Not for the squeamish!

## FILM: The Witches (2002, 7 mins, repeated) | SEE

In 1590, the reigning monarch King James VI of Scotland was in danger of being toppled from his throne; due to the blight of witchcraft. In North Berwick, three fishwives – Margaret, Ina and Sandra – have good reason to believe that they might be targets of the King's witch hunt and so set about devising a plan to save themselves from the fearful witch-dooking apparatus.

## LEVEL G

### Magical Myths, Enchanting Tales with Olivia Armstrong | LISTEN

Be enchanted by magical storyteller Olivia Armstrong as she spellbindingly spins the secret stories behind a selection of the objects on display in the Spellbound exhibition. You will believe in magic!

### Occult, Potions & Notions | ACTIVITY

Inspired by Salvator Rosa's Witches at their Incantations, AVM Curiosities present Occult Potions & Notions, a micro-history of magic, medicine and alchemy, with handling objects and a bewitching gift for the first 100 visitors. [www.avmcuriosities.com](http://www.avmcuriosities.com) | [avmcuriosities.com](http://avmcuriosities.com)

### Tarot Readings Online - Morianna Ravenswood | ACTIVITY

Have your tarot cards read by Morianna Ravenswood who has experience of 30 years of in depth personalised tarot readings. Her aim is to unlock a deeper understanding of your 'self' and to show you possible solutions to life's challenges.

### Creation Theatre Drama Club | SEE

Creation's 13-16s have put their own spin on a

classic horror tale in just a week. Catch this short performance from a bunch of talented young actors.

### 1940s Radiogram Spooky Sound Installation and Music Box | ACTIVITY

Create your own music by triggering multiple sound effect loops, blending terrifying soundscapes with an electronic backing track. [www.decadenttimes.com](http://www.decadenttimes.com)

### Sound spells and witchery rhythms workshop | ACTIVITY

A Halloween night of audio spellweaving and magical mystery. A workshop of ghoulish sounds, instruments to play and even make, from old household items. Come along and bang, scrape, blow and shake up a sound spell. With rhythms conjured up by dj'ing wizard: "Thing".

### The Ebony Quartet | LISTEN

With conductor Gabrielle Woodward perform Spellbound inspired pieces.

## LEVEL 1

### The Love Bridge | ACTIVITY

Weave a spell of love with Artist Amanda Beck. Visit the Love Bridge to design your own pad lock (as seen in the Spellbound exhibition) and write a special message and pin it to the railings for eternity (or at least the rest of the evening)!

### Astrolabe Demonstrations | ACTIVITY

Join Dr Seb Falk to get hands-on with an astrolabe, the medieval smartphone. Find out how they modelled the universe, and learn how to tell the time by the sun and track the course of the stars.

### Spells: 21st Century Occult Poetry | LISTEN

Spells are poems; poetry is spelling. Spell-poems take us into a place where the right words can influence the universe. With readings from poets Jen Calleja, Livia Franchini, Will Harris and Sophie Robinson, join us in an exploration of occult poetics celebrating the launch of Spells: 21st Century Occult Poetry, the debut publication from Ignota Books, an experimental publishing project.

### Try your luck Games | ACTIVITY

Are you lucky? Find out with some of these board games including Liars Dice, Snakes and Ladders.

## LEVEL 2

### Madame Audrey's Robes for All Occasions | BUY

Meet Madame Audrey, the owner of The Retro Rooms which has magically transported itself from St Clements St (Oxford's answer to Diagon Alley) to the Ashmolean this evening. Try on and purchase the latest in Vintage Witch, Cloaks and hats.

### Songs of Magic through Time | LISTEN

The Oxford Department for Time-Travelling Ballad Collection and General Buccaneering (O.D.T.B.C.G.B.) presents a report on a recent field research project into the history of Magic and Song. From the Medieval to the Modern era, the balladeers will sing and play songs of magic which give the social and political background to the world of witchcraft through the centuries.

### Magic for Smiles with Jamie Jibberish | SEE

Jamie Balfour-Paul (stage name Jamie Jibberish) launched the independent humanitarian initiative Magic for Smiles in Lebanon in early 2016, with children within a refugee

population of 1.5 to 2 million - mostly Syrians and Palestinians, as well as with poor Lebanese. Magic for Smiles' promotes magic as a form of psychosocial support for traumatised or stressed children; come and meet Jamie and watch some magic! Donations: [www.gofundme.com/humanitarian-magic](http://www.gofundme.com/humanitarian-magic)

### Breathe Arts Health Research | SEE

The Breathe Magic programme is a fun and clinically effective way of using magic to improve physical and mental health for people with a range of conditions. Magic Circle magicians, senior occupational therapists and research academics have come together to create an approach that delivers meaningful results. Come and see the magic in action!

### Edward Hilsum – Astonishments at the Ashmolean | SEE

A multi award winning performer and The Magic Circle Stage Magician of the Year, Edward starred in the "Champions of Magic" theatre show which toured the UK and North America for over five years. Edward's show features amazing illusions and extraordinary skill presented in a refreshing contemporary style. Edward applies the same skills and expertise in his amazing close-up performances which feature miracles and magic performed inches from the audience.

### Spellbinding Talks Spot | LISTEN

Pick up the description of the Talks at the Information Desk and Gallery 46

Host: Iszi Lawrence, Comedian and British Museum Podcast host

**7.30–7.50** Dr Matthew Tompkins (Queens College, Oxford) Genuine Fake Magic: Psychological Illusions

**7.55–8.10** Dr Ceri Houlbrook (University of Hertfordshire) Locking Love: Magical Thinking Today

**8.10–8.30** Dr Daniel McAleese (Oncology, Oxford) – Science, Sorcery and Fair tests.

### BREAK/Q&A

**8.45–9.10** Prof Christopher C French (Goldsmiths): On magical thinking and "hidden" messages.

**9.10–9.30** Prof Diane Purkiss (English Literature, Oxford) :Magical thinking and the Dead

### Douce Collection Prints Viewing | SEE

Come and view some of the more macabre prints from The Francis Douce Collections of Western Art with Print Room Supervisor Dr Caroline Palmer (15 people at a time).

## LEVEL 3

### Exhibition: SPELLBOUND

See ticketing details overleaf.

## LEVEL 4

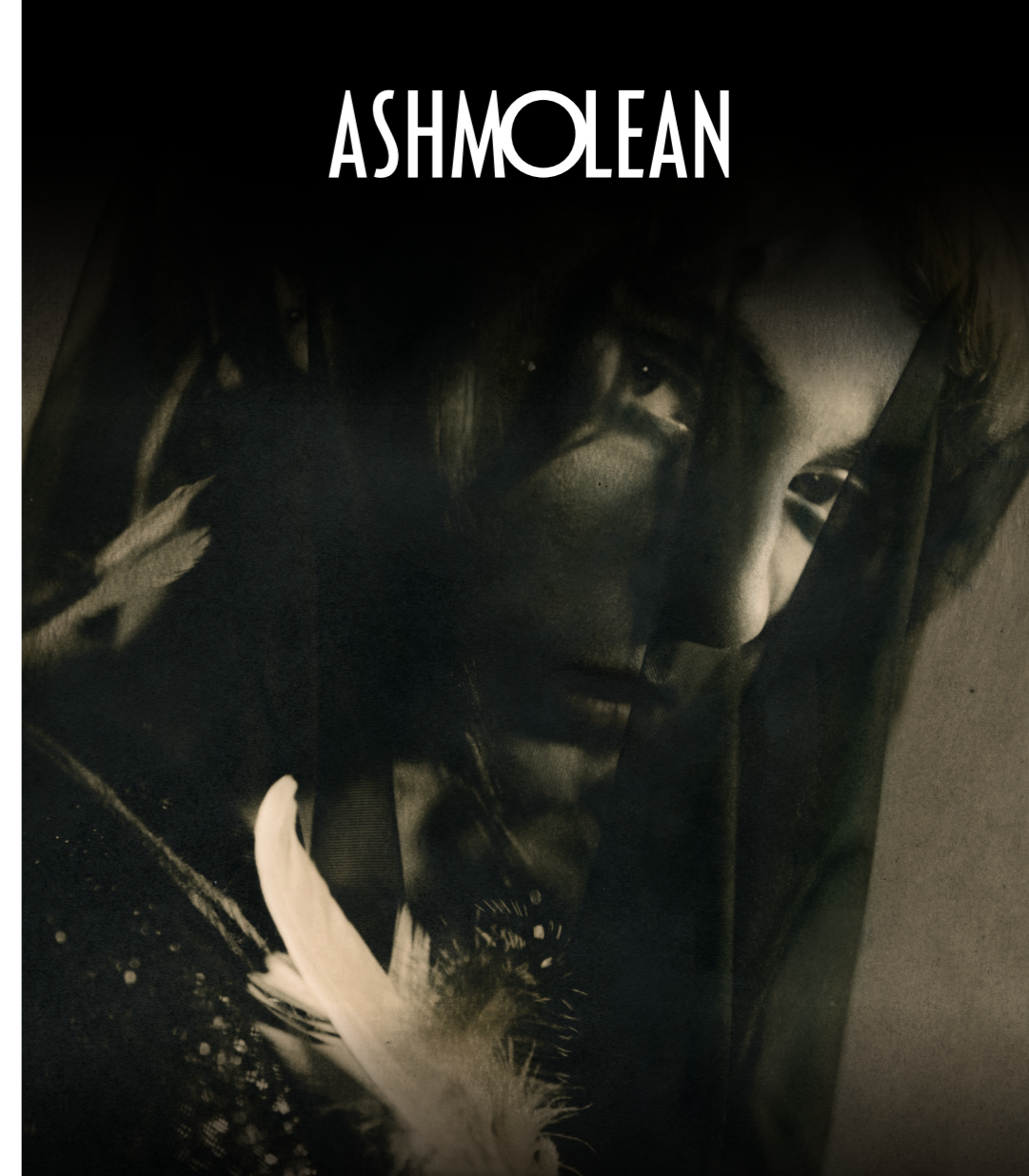
### Jazz in the Rooftop Restaurant

Tuneful jazz from the Great American Songbook and more recent compositions played tastefully on electronic piano and acoustic bass! Try some delightful potions at the Rooftop Bar.

## GET THERE EARLY!

Some performances have limited capacity. Please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

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# LIVEFRIDAY

## SPELLBOUND

Friday 26 October 2018  
7.00–10.30pm

## Oxford's Weekend Starts Here...

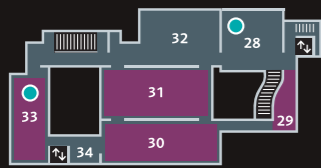
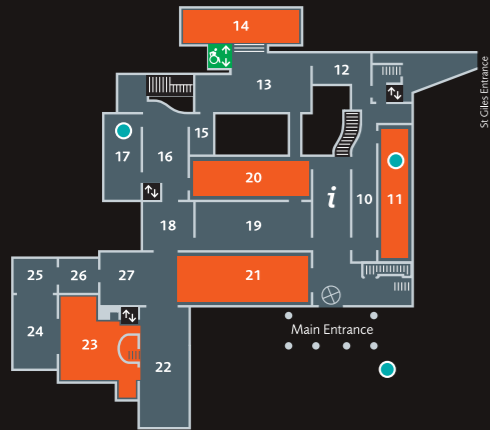
Do you think magically? At this late night LiveFriday we conjure up an evening of wizardry, witchcraft and wonderment.

[www.ashmolean.org/livefriday](http://www.ashmolean.org/livefriday)

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Print Room entrance via Gallery 53

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**Jazz**  
In the Rooftop Restaurant



**SPELLBOUND EXHIBITION LEVEL 3**

If you have booked a LiveFriday and Exhibition combo ticket, please note that entry to the exhibition is timed; check your ticket for your time slot. Entry is via level 3. University of Oxford Students Free entry with ID.

**COMING SOON**

**ONEWORLD FESTIVAL: SING! 17-18 NOV**