

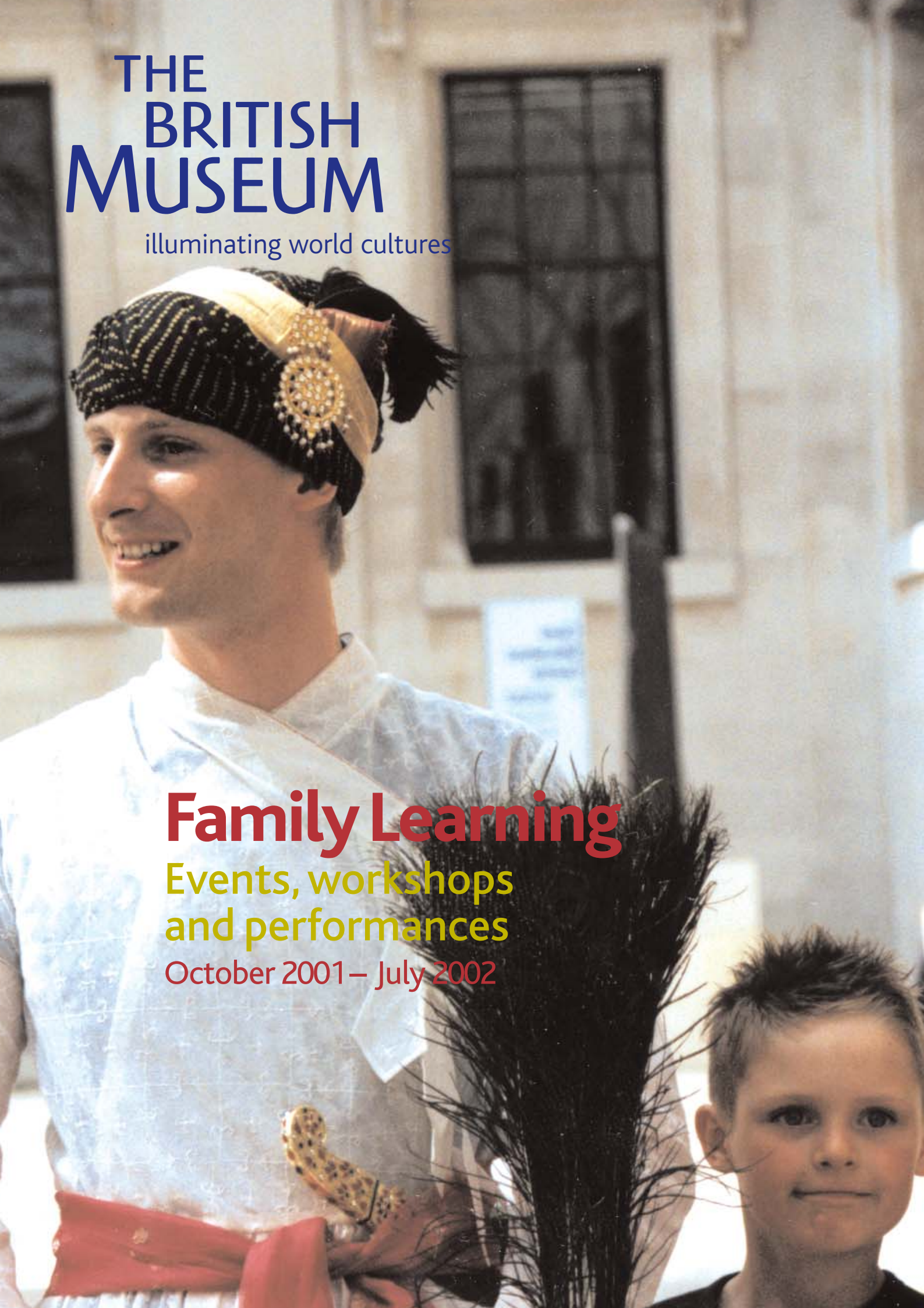
THE BRITISH MUSEUM

illuminating world cultures

Family Learning

Events, workshops
and performances

October 2001 – July 2002



Family Events 2001-2

Amendments to brochure

Due to the Museum's financial position, it has been decided that charges should be introduced for some of the events in the current Family Learning brochure.

The charges are detailed below.

The Museum regrets the need to take this step, but we look forward to meeting you at the exciting events we have to offer over the coming months.

Curious Cargoes and Mythical Beasts: Stories on a Sunday	£1 per person
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Hlstory in the making: Japanese papermaking	
All day workshop (excludes lunch)	£5 per child

Science Week	
Selected events	£1 per person

Elizabeth	
Drama and storytelling workshops	£2 per person
Coin making	£1 per coin
Medal making workshops	£2 per person

Chinese Calligraphy	
All day workshop (excludes lunch)	£5 per child

Under 5's Stories Together	£1 per child
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Under 5's Drawing Together	£2.50 per child
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Almighty Aphrodite	£2 per person
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Welcome to this year's family programme, sponsored by Glaxo SmithKline. Our theme is 'learning about the past through the present' and we are pleased to include artist led workshops, theatre, storytelling and 'make & take' craft sessions.

Sponsored by



The Ford Centre for Young Visitors

Make your first stop the Ford Centre for Young Visitors where you can find out about what's on in the Museum for families. You can leave your bags and coats in a locker (£1 returnable deposit), eat your packed lunch, pick up a hands-on Family Backpack, collect a Museum trail or maybe take part in one of our drop-in workshops.

The Ford Centre for young visitors is made possible by



Access

The majority of galleries in the Museum are accessible. Facilities in the Clore Education Centre are also accessible. If any member of your family group has a particular access requirement, please talk to staff at the event. Alternatively, please telephone the Education Department 020 7323 8511/8854, minicom 020 7323 8731 and we will be able to provide more details about the event.

Large Print

A large print version of this booklet is available from the Information Desk. Telephone 020 7323 8000 or the Education Department.

Making the most of your visit - practical hints for families

Surf the internet!

Before you visit The British Museum, why not surf the internet and look up our websites?

At www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk, you can find out about our current exhibitions or use COMPASS, our online database of 3000 objects selected from the Museum's collections. You might like to search for some of the objects you would like to see when you visit, or try one of the online tours.

Are you interested in Ancient Egypt, Sumer, Babylonia or Assyria? Visit the Education Department's online learning resources: www.ancientegypt.co.uk www.mesopotamia.co.uk

Explore

Did you know that by visiting The British Museum you could be both a Time Traveller and a World Traveller all in one visit? We have over six million objects from everywhere: ancient China to modern Africa.

Take Time

The British Museum is one of the largest museums in the world with nearly three miles of galleries! Take frequent breaks to rest those tired feet and don't try to see everything in one day, you can always come back and visit us again. Admission is free for adults and children.

Look

Have a look around and familiarise yourselves in a gallery. Take a quick look at all the objects, then maybe choose just one or two to focus on. You and your children might like to look for the biggest, smallest, heaviest or oldest objects in the gallery. Think about what they are made of or who might have used the objects. Perhaps you might like to make up a poem or rhyme about them?

Imagine

The British Museum is a place of wonder and magic. Let your imagination run riot. What would it be like to be a Roman soldier? Would you like to take part in an Assyrian lion hunt? Perhaps you'd rather imagine taking part in a Japanese tea ceremony!

Discuss

Museums don't have to be silent places. You and your family might like to talk about what you have seen during your visit. What was your favourite moment, your favourite object? Did anything surprise you? Did anything scare you?

Draw

Feel free to bring pencils and paper to the Museum to do some drawing. Your children might like to draw their favourite object as a memento of their trip. Just remember: no paints or felt tips, wax crayons, pastels or chalks please!

Have Fun!

Above all, have fun in the Museum and enjoy your visit! Museums don't have to be stuffy, old places. Perhaps you might all like to copy the poses of some of the statues in the Museum? Try out their facial expressions, do they look happy or sad?

Join

If you are between 8 and 15 years old, join the Young Friends of The British Museum. Being a Young Friend is your passport to world cultures, past and present. When you join, you will be sent an information pack and the Young Friends' magazine, ReMUS, three times a year. You will be able to enjoy Sunday Clubs, holiday events, talks, behind-the-scenes visits and exciting sleepovers. **Annual membership £17.50 - third child half price.**

If you would like to join, or have any questions, you can write to them at YFBM

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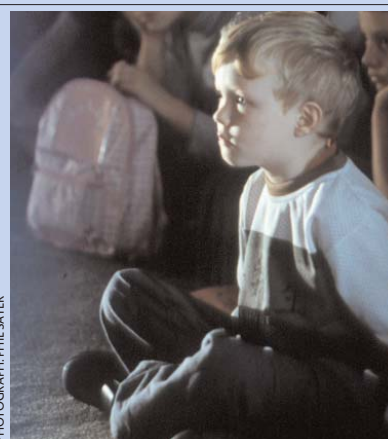
Monday-Friday, 11.00- 16.00, Room 68

Your opportunity to handle real museum objects with a money theme. A hoard of Roman silver coins, 2,000 year old knife-shaped Chinese money, Ancient Greek coins from Athens, and African currency ingots are all part of the fascinating story of money. Please check at the Information Desk in the Great Court for details of object handling in other galleries. Supported by The British Museum Friends.



PHOTOGRAPH: PHIL SAYER

Curious Cargoes and Mythical Beasts: Stories on a Sunday



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Every second Sunday of the month
13.00 - 16.00

Clore Education Centre

Join us for storytelling based on the Museum's collections. Hugh Lupton, Arti Prashar, Shonaleigh and Chris Smith are just a few of the storytellers who will be telling tales in the Museum.

Dates in 2001

11 November, 9 December

Dates in 2002

13 January, 10 February, 10 March, 14 April, 12 May, 9 June, 14 July.

Under 5's

We are pleased to announce two special events for adults and under 5s during Summer 2002. Following the success of last summer's Drawing Together, artist Rebecca Jewell will again be working with adults and under 5s to create works of art based upon the Museum's collections. Storyteller, Margaret Bateson-Hill will delight both older and younger visitors with storytelling and music in the first of Stories Together.

Stories Together
Margaret Bateson-Hill
Tuesday 21 May
Drawing Together
Rebecca Jewell
Wednesday 22 May

Cartoons at Christmas

Fed up with Christmas shopping? Put your feet up with Cinderella, The Sword in the Stone, The Secret of Nimh or The Three Caballeros, animated favourites for all the family.
Admission free.
Thursday 20 December -
Saturday 22 December



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For details please see the following listings

Our events are free and suitable for family groups with children from 5 - 14 years old, unless otherwise stated. There is no pre-booking unless otherwise stated on individual events. Trails and activity sheets are available at all times from the Information Desk, the Reading Room and the Ford Centre for Young Visitors.

We remind parents and carers that you must accompany your children at all times during an event or workshop.

Discovering Japan



Every weekend until 14 October 10.30 - 16.00
 Montague Place Entrance.
Discovering Japan runs in parallel with the exhibition *Shintō: the sacred art of Japan*

As part of Japan 2001, *Discovering Japan* introduces the country and its culture through seven themed sections. You can have your fortune told or make a wish at the Shintō shrine, try on a traditional kimono, design a miniature Japanese garden and grind, grate and rehydrate Japanese food. You can find out about Japanese writing, wrap Japanese parcels and design your own family crest. *Discovering Japan* is hosted by a team of trained exhibition interpreters and open to family groups at weekends.

Booking is essential. Please contact the Box Office for details on 020 7323 8181. One adult to accompany every two children.

Family Learning Weekend



Saturday 13 - Sunday 14 October, 11.00 - 16.00
 Clore Education Centre
Discovering Japan
 Montague Place Entrance

Join us to celebrate a weekend of family fun! Visit the *Discovering Japan* exhibition, listen to Japanese stories, have a go at origami, try out one of our new backpack adventures or have a go at drawing in preparation for The Big Draw on 20 October!

The Big Draw



The Campaign for Drawing

Saturday 20 October
 10.00 - 17.00



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Come along to the Museum for a host of free drawing activities for all, whatever your age or level of skill. The British Museum and the Campaign for Drawing are launching this nationwide campaign at the end of September. Saturday 20 October is your opportunity to draw with artists in the galleries and take part in special workshops and talks which highlight drawing from different cultures. There will be a full programme of activities at the Museum to support this annual national celebration. Just come along and draw! For further information contact the Education Department.

Celebrating Africa

Saturday 20 - Sunday 21 October
 11.00 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 16.00 each day

A lively programme of workshops in drumming, dancing and storytelling, with the Heritage Ceramics educational trust. On Sunday the spectacular Ghanaian band Kukru du will join them for a performance of music, dance and tumbling.



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The British Museum goes to Town!



Brent Cross Shopping Centre, Hendon, London NW4.
 Monday 22 - Friday 26 October, 11.00 - 16.00

See us at Brent Cross Shopping Centre during the October half term. Bring your friends and family along to try out some of our art and craft activities and afterwards why not go shopping or relax over a coffee!

Autumn 2001

Cartoons at Christmas

20 December, 11.00
Clore Education Centre

Fed up with Christmas shopping? Put your feet up with some animated favourites for all the family. Admission free.

Cinderella

A courageous and resourceful heroine and some newly created animal characters, along with excellent animation, voices, colour and music makes this Disney version of the classic fairy tale a delight to return to. Director Wilfred Jackson, 1950, 74 mins.

21 December, 11.00
Clore Education Centre

The Sword in the Stone

A beautifully animated Disney feature set in the Dark Ages about a young forest boy who becomes King Arthur and Merlin, the madcap magician. Based on the first part of T H White's classic *The Once and Future King*. Director Ken Peterson, 1963, 80 mins

22 December 11.00
Clore Education Centre

The Secret of Nimbh

Lush, finely detailed animation with the voices of Dom DeLuise and Derek Jacobi. This is the story of a mother mouse's desperate attempt, along with some escaped laboratory rats, to save her young from the farmer's plough. Director Don Bluth, 1982, 82 mins.

22 December, 14.30
Clore Education Centre.

The Three Caballeros

Donald Duck takes a musical journey around Brazil and Mexico with his friends, Joe Carioca and Panchito, a wily rooster. Bold and dazzling techniques combining live action with animation. Director Norman Ferguson, 1945, 70 mins

Spring 2002

History in the making: Japanese papermaking

All day workshop with artist Elaine Cooper, (excludes lunch)
Monday 18 February -
Friday 22 February
10.30 - 16.00
Clore Education Centre

Drawing inspiration from ancient Japanese paper crafts, families will learn how to make paper, kites, clothes and writing sets.



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15 adult places available, 2 children per accompanying adult. Booking is essential. Please contact the Education Department.

Eid Party

Saturday 2 March
13.00 - 16.00
Clore Education Centre

Join in the celebration with music, dance and art activities, all with an Egyptian theme!



Friday 8 March -
Sunday 17 March

Come along to a wide range of free events for families, ranging from gallery talks and demonstrations to handling sessions and visits behind the scenes of the Museum. Science Fair on the 15/16 March includes hands-on activities which enable you to discover what science and technology can tell us about ancient artefacts and their conservation.

Some performances may be ticketed.
Please contact the Education Department.



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Elizabeth

Saturday 23 March -
Thursday 28 March

A celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee with a theme of Elizabeth I to Elizabeth II. Performances, activities and trails with a money flavour encourage you to explore some of The British Museum's more modern collections.

Some performances may be ticketed.
Please contact the Education Department.

Chinese Calligraphy

All day workshop
(excludes lunch)
Tuesday 2 April -
Friday 5 April
10.30 - 16.00
Clare Education Centre

Calligraphy is considered the highest form of art in East Asia. Families are invited to explore this ancient art form using brush and ink. Gallery talks for families will be given daily in the special exhibition, *The Art of Calligraphy in Modern China*.

10 adult places available,
2 children per accompanying adult.
Booking is essential.
Please contact the Education Department.

Under 5's Stories Together

Tuesday 21 May
11.00 - 11.45 and
13.30 - 14.15
Reading Room

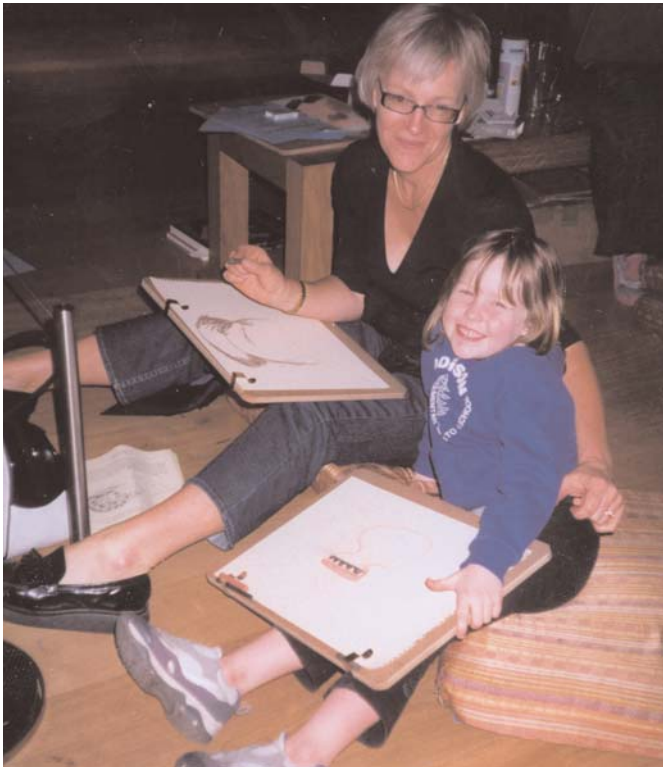
Margaret Bateson-Hill will delight and amaze adults and under 5s alike with magical tales and music.

Booking is essential for these two events. Please contact the Education Department.

Under 5's Drawing Together

All day workshop
(excludes lunch)
Wednesday 22 May
10.30 - 14.00
Sainsbury African Galleries

You and your child once again have the opportunity to work with artist, Rebecca Jewell to create your own work of art.



PHOTOGRAPH: REBEKAH MORAN

Almighty Aphrodite

Monday 27 May -
Sunday 2 June
Performances starting at
11.00, 13.00, 15.00
Clore Education Centre

A fast-moving and interactive piece suitable for all the family which takes a look at the myths and legends surrounding Aphrodite, goddess of love. The show features the birth of Aphrodite, the race between Atalanta and Hippomenes, Pygmalion's love for his statue and the Judgment of Paris. Join the shepherds, sing and worship Aphrodite... if she is satisfied all will be well, if not, a small village in Cyprus might be destroyed by her vengeful temper!

National Archaeology Days 2002

Saturday 20 July -
Sunday 21 July

After the resounding success of last year's *Saturnalia Weekend*, Legio II Augusta will return to The British Museum for National Archaeology Days 2002. They will perform on the forecourt and there will be a special Eastern flavour to the event to complement the exhibition *The Queen of Sheba and the ancient treasures of Yemen*.



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How to book

- Booking for Autumn family events is open, Spring family events available from 14 January 2002, Summer family events available from 15 April 2002.
- All bookings can be made by calling The Education Department on 020 7323 8511/8854 Monday - Friday 10.00-16.30
- If you have special access requirements please inform The Box Office or the Education Department in advance.
- All tickets will be posted out by the Education Department

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Education	For information on education programmes and resources contact the Education Department. Telephone 020 7323 8511/8854, facsimile 020 7323 8855 or email education@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk
Museum opening hours	Saturday – Wednesday 10.00 – 17.30, Thursday – Friday 10.00 – 20.30.
Great Court opening hours	Monday 09.00 – 18.00, Tuesday and Wednesday 09.00 – 21.00, Thursday to Saturday 09.00 – 23.00 and Sunday 09.00 – 21.00.
Tours	Free eyeOpener gallery tours are available Mondays to Fridays. Specially trained volunteer guides introduce major areas of the collections. Each tour lasts approximately 50 minutes. 20 minute 'Spotlights' focus on particular exhibits. Available regularly at 12.30, 16.15 and 19.15. 90 minute Highlights tours, £7 or £4 concessions and 60 minute Focus tours, £5 or £3 concessions are also provided. A Highlight Audio tour is available, £2.50.
What's On	<p>There is a free programme of gallery talks, lectures and films, as well as ticketed public events. Further details in <i>What's On</i>, the Museum's bi-monthly events leaflet free of charge from the Information Desk.</p> <p>To receive <i>What's On</i> for £3.00 a year (UK and overseas surface mail) please send a cheque payable to 'The British Museum Great Court Ltd' to: Mailing List, The British Museum, London WC1B 3DG.</p> <p>The British Museum has an exciting programme of special changing exhibitions. See <i>What's On</i> for further details.</p>
British Museum Friends	Membership costs £45 a year (direct debit) £50 (other payment methods) and entitles Friends to free Evening Openings and an extensive programme of special events. For details of these and how to join or become a volunteer, telephone 020 7323 8605 or visit www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/join/friends
Young Friends	<p>If you are between 8 and 15 years old, join the Young Friends of The British Museum. Being a Young Friend is your passport to world cultures, past and present. When you join, you will be sent an information pack and the Young Friends' magazine, ReMUS, three times a year. You will be able to enjoy Sunday Clubs, holiday events, talks, behind-the-scenes visits and exciting sleepovers. Annual membership £17.50 - third child half price.</p> <p>If you would like to join, or have any questions, telephone 020 7323 8605 or 020 7323 8195 or visit www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/join/friends</p>

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