

Life Long Learning
In the Clore Education Centre

Exploring Beethoven: the piano concerti

Join Robert Levin, the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and leading experts to explore the piano concerti and the instruments on which they were first performed.

Sunday 18 January 10.00 - 17.00

£18, students £12

To book contact:

The Royal Festival Hall Box Office 020 7960 4242

Enlightenment:

Discovering the World in the Eighteenth Century

Curators involved in setting up the Enlightenment Gallery give their own perspectives on such topics as sculpture in the age of the Grand Tour, scientific inventions, ancient scripts and decipherment, Natural History, Ethnography and Archaeology.

Saturday 20 March, 10.00 - 17.00

£28, BM Friends £25,

concessions £18

Drawing objects from the Pacific

This workshop led by artist Rebecca Jewell in the splendid surroundings of the Enlightenment Gallery aims to develop your drawing techniques

Thursday 22 January, 10.30 - 13.30

Meet in the Clore Education Centre

£15, BM Friends and concessions £12

History of British Archaeology

This eight week course, led by curator Jill Cook traces the history of archaeology in Britain from Tudor times to the 1960s. It complements the displays in the Enlightenment Gallery.

From Monday 5 January, 18.00 - 20.00

£80, concessions £65

Treasures & trinkets:

Exploring the 18th century through objects

This 6 week course, based on the new Enlightenment Gallery, views this century from a different angle. It includes gallery work, the Compass website and the Reading Room library.

Tutors: Patricia Melville and Margaret O'Brien

From Wednesday 14 January, 14.00 - 16.00

Book through the Workers Education Association:

Telephone Estelle Morris on 020 7613 7550



Family events

February Half-term

14-22 February

Join our eyeOpener guides for a new family tour of the gallery.

Contact the Education Department for more details or visit

www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/enlightenment

Young Friends event

Thursday 19 February

A special half term treat with curator Kim Sloan. Handle objects and look for the Big Foot, stuffed animals and fossils. For Young Friends of the British Museum. For more details and how to join telephone 020 7323 8605.

Easter holidays

5-18 April

Come and meet Sir Hans Sloane and other eighteenth century characters. Take part in Sir Hans' special chocolate egg hunt!

Join our eyeOpener family tours.

The British Museum

& Natural History Museum webcasts

Starting on Saturday 17 January and every day during the week January 19 - 23 at 14:30, to celebrate the opening of the new Enlightenment Gallery in the British Museum, curators from both museums will be taking part in a live webcast on the internet discussing themes and artefacts that link the two museums together.

Visit www.nhm.ac.uk/darwincentre or come and watch the fun live at the Natural History Museum's Darwin Centre. You can also watch it in the ICT Room of the Clore Education Centre in the British Museum.

An evening of Christmas carols

This year the Camden choir will fill the Enlightenment Gallery with the soaring chords of festive motets by Durufle, Bruckner and Faure alongside a selection of more traditional carols.

Organised by the British Museum Friends

Thursday 18 December, 17.45 - 19.00

Admission free

Music in the Enlightenment Gallery

Watch out for future music events on

www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/enlightenment



British Museum volunteers at the gallery information desk provide on loan large print copies of labels, transcripts of the audio tour, handlists of all objects on display, magnifying glasses and binoculars



Gifts inspired by the Enlightenment Gallery are on sale in the Museum shops or on the website www.britishmuseum.co.uk



A study guide *Accessing Enlightenment: The Experience of the museum visitor in the 18th century*, for students over 16 is available from the Education Department, £8.99



Education, events and *What's on*

For more information about events and resources

contact the Education Department:

Telephone 020 7323 8511/8854

education@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk

Or visit www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/enlightenment



Booking

Unless otherwise stated, all events can be booked through the Box Office:

Telephone 020 7323 8181



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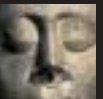
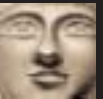
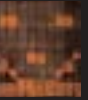
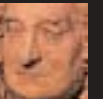
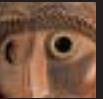
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Events

December 2003 - May 2004

Enlightenment

Discovering the World in the
Eighteenth Century

Enlightenment
Discovering the World in the 18th Century
Room 1

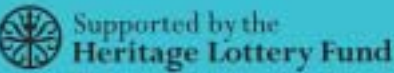
Admission free
The restoration of the King's Library and the opening of the new permanent exhibition is the centrepiece of the Museum's 250th anniversary celebrations. The King's Library formerly housed the library of George III and is the earliest part of the present Museum building. The exhibition focuses on the British Enlightenment during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, the great age of discovery and learning. This exhibition enables visitors to examine Enlightenment collections and ideas as they were experienced at the time.

A beautifully illustrated book with essays by the curators who have created this new gallery, *Enlightenment: Discovering the World in the Eighteenth Century*, edited by Kim Sloan, is available in the Museum Bookshop and from all good booksellers, £29.99, British Museum Press
Telephone 0800 0850864
or sales.books@bmcompany.co.uk

The exhibition was created in partnership with the Natural History Museum, House of Commons Library and British Library.



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eyeOpener tours
Daily at 12.30
This 50 minute tour by British Museum volunteers will take you back in time to look at a selection of objects through the eyes of our 18th century ancestors.

Hands On
Daily 11.00-16.00
Children and adults alike can learn about the Enlightenment and the world in the 18th century through handling objects. Run by volunteers of the British Museum.



Audio tour
From platypus to chocolate cups and medicinal mummy fingers to Greek vases: be amazed at the thousands of objects in this exciting display with our new audio tour narrated by Neil MacGregor.
£3.50, available from the Information Desk in the Great Court

Free guides available from the Enlightenment Gallery and the Information Desk in the Great Court:

- Enlightenment Gallery guide with a plan and explanation of the main themes
- Museum trail of 18th century collectors and key objects
- Family trail *Eighteenth century to eBay*



For a Compass tour of the Enlightenment Gallery and other reference material visit www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/compass and the Reading Room in the Great Court

Gallery talks
11.15, admission free
Enlightenment Gallery, Room 1

To celebrate the opening of the new gallery, a special series of talks by the curators involved in creating the exhibition has been arranged for the months following the opening. The first group are listed below:

- Monday 15 December**
Introduction to the new Enlightenment Gallery
Kim Sloan
- Wednesday 17 December**
The Enlightenment Gallery:
How things were arranged in the 18th century
Luke Syson
- Thursday 18 December**
The new Enlightenment Gallery: Its restoration
Satvinder Jandu
- Wednesday 7 January**
The Enlightenment Gallery: Voyages of Discovery
Kim Sloan
- Thursday 15 January**
The Enlightenment Gallery: Deciphering Ancient Egypt
Richard Parkinson
- Thursday 22 January**
The Enlightenment Gallery: The rediscovery of paganism
Jonathan Williams
- Thursday 29 January**
The Enlightenment Gallery: Discovering India's early history
Joe Cribb
- Thursday 5 February**
The Enlightenment Gallery: The architectural environment
Christopher Date

- Wednesday 11 February**
18th century collectors: A tour of the British Museum
Margaret O'Brien
- Thursday 12 February**
The Enlightenment Gallery: Magic and mathematics, John Dee in the 18th Century
Silke Ackermann
- Friday 13 February**
The Enlightenment Gallery: Restorations on ceramics
Ruth Scott
- Thursday 19 February**
The Enlightenment Gallery: Can these bones live?
Irving Finkel
- Thursday 26 February**
The Enlightenment Gallery:
Sir William Hamilton's Greek vases
Alexandra Villing
- Sign interpreted evening gallery talk**
Thursday 12 February, 18.00
Introduction to the new Enlightenment Gallery
Susan Harrison
- Regular gallery talks in the Enlightenment Gallery will continue. Pick up a **What's on** from the Great Court Information Desk or visit www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/enlightenment*