WHAT'S ON

May —
August 2013

FREE ENTRY

Museum of Childhood

Bethnal Green

www.museumofchildhood.org.uk

V&A MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

Home to the V&A's childhood collections, including dolls' houses, toys and games, furniture and clothing. Plus, exhibitions, events and activities for all the family.

Image credit: Mechanical bird, 1975-79

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EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS

ADMISSION TO ALL OUR EXHIBITIONS AND DISPLAYS IS FREE

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

THE SPACE BETWEEN

Until 19 May

Photographic collective The Lyrical & The Ordinary is made up of four artists, Tanya Clarke, Peter Gates, Emer Gillespie and Jacqueline McCullough. The Space Between is a small display featuring a selection of each of the artists' works, which look at the domestic family environment. Although the themes vary – from worry and loss to humour and affection – personal stories lie at the heart of each artists' work.

Image credit: Hair © Emer Gillespie

WAR GAMES

25 May 2013–9 March 2014

War Games is a major new exhibition that explores how children re-enact war through imaginative play and showcases a wealth of war games, toys, books and comics from 1800 to the present day.

See how toys reflect the changing technologies and tactics of the battlefield from cavalry charges to modern stealth technology. Take a trip into the realm of fantasy and science fiction where intergalactic armies of monsters and robots do battle with earthlings. Explore how games and toys have been used in surprising ways as tools of propaganda, to train or influence, to comfort and heal, and even to aid escape.

War play is considered a controversial activity for children, yet war is an inescapable part of our world. In this exhibition visitors are asked to contribute their views to debates on war toys: do they really encourage aggressive behaviour and is war play only for boys?

This engaging and interactive exhibition also offers a chance for children to join in, dress up for war and have a go at military skills from observation on the battlefield to top secret code breaking.

Image credit: Generals, 1985 © John Heywood

RED BALLOON 86

25 May–3 November

Red Balloon 86 is a fantasy work by Czech photographer Hana Vojáčková. Consisting of 5 large-format photographs and a video, it tells the story of a ghostly boy wandering around an abandoned city in the Chernobyl exclusion zone and explores the link between childhood fantasy and the reality of adults.

Image credit: © Hana Vojáčková

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A TREASURED COLLECTION

Until 1 September

Museums collect, cherish and display objects of cultural, historical and artistic importance. On a small scale many of us also collect, creating our own personal assemblage of significant objects, memories and keepsakes to preserve our past and inform our future.

What we consider valuable can be highly individual and varied from the truly mundane to the extremely precious. A Treasured Collection is an exuberant and eclectic installation of 'mini museums' made by artists with adults and children. Their personal stories provide an insight into the private art of collecting.

The exhibition also features an installation by Jasleen Kaur who creates objects that traverse cultural boundaries and subvert traditional notions of use, and a sound collection by beatboxer Jason Singh and filmmaker Elio Pavolini.

Image credit: Ruth Weinberg

FAMILIES

FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

CHILDREN UNDER 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR CARER

TO BOOK AN EVENT, CALL 020 8983 5205 OR EMAIL MOCBOOKINGS @VAM.AC.UK

DAILY ACTIVITIES

The Museum runs free drop-in activities every day. For more information ask at the Information Desk or visit www.museumofchildhood.org.uk/activities.

FAMILY PACKS

Family Packs help you get the most out of your visit. The packs are suitable for under 5s and children with autism and contain toys to touch, activity suggestions and support material. Free to borrow at the Information Desk.

MONTESSORI

HOME SWEET HOME

Fridays 3, 10, 17 and 24 May
10.30–12.00 and 13.00–14.30

Sessions for under 5s with speech and language needs. Learn ways to communicate with your child through story-telling, art, drama, music and movement, inspired by the Museum's dolls' houses. There will be signing, singing and messy art activities.

Age 2-5 (with a parent/carer)
Bookings taken up to 14 days in advance of each session - call Artburst on 020 8510 0220

ROMP AND ROLL

Saturdays 4, 11, 18, 25 May, 8, 15, 29 June and 6, 13, 20 July 10.15–11.00

Bust a move in this fun, playful dance session for toddlers with Adrenaline Dance.

£3 per child
Age 2-4 (with a parent/carer)
Sign up on the day

CHILDREN'S DANCE

Saturdays 4, 11, 18, 25 May, 8, 15, 29 June and 6, 13, 20 July 2013
11.15–12.00

Enjoy a new dance class exploring rhythm and creativity with Adrenaline Dance.

£3 per child
Age 4-6 (with a parent/carer)
Sign up on the day

Adrenaline

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MAY HALF TERM

SPY KIDS
Monday 27–Friday 31 May
10.30–16.00
Disguise! Decode! Detect! Listen to Story Spinner deliver a thoughtful re-telling of Michael Foreman's children's book, *A Child's Garden*. Unravel secret messages at the Cypher Station. Make your own Secret Agent ID card and complete an I Spy trail for a chance to win a prize.
Drop-in All ages

EYE SPY ART WORKSHOP
Monday 27, Wednesday 29 and Friday 31 May
10.30–12.00; 12.45–14.15; 14.45–16.15
An intensive art workshop led by Artbash. Construct laser beam art using ribbons and tape. Make characters out of finger prints. Create eye spy artworks using mystery painting techniques.
£5 per child
Age 5 -11 (with a parent/carer)
Bookings taken from Monday 13 May

INTRODUCTION TO CHESS BASICS
Tuesday 28 and Thursday 30 May
10.30–13.00 and 14.00–16.30
Chess coach Richard Weekes will lead families through the basic principles of a chess game. Playing for fun or playing to win he'll help you to improve your game!
£3 per child
Age 6+ (with a parent/carer)
Bookings taken from Monday 13 May

FAMILY CHESS CLUB
Saturdays 22 June, 6 and 20 July
3, 17 and 31 August
10.15–12.15
Families are invited to drop in for a few games. Learn how to start a game, tactical tips and strategic skills.
Drop-in
Age 6+ (with a parent/carer)

Image credit: (left) Corgi Aston Martin DB5, 1965; (above) Alice Through the Looking Glass Chess Set, 1983

NEW VOICES FESTIVAL
Saturday 13 July, 12.00–18.00
The Museum grounds and neighbouring Museum Gardens will be a hive of activity with a rich line up of live bands, dance troupes, DJs, carnival processions, theatre, workshops, stalls and food. An exuberant celebration of the diverse talents of London's new communities.
A partnership event with LBTH and Praxis
Drop-in All ages

SUMMER FESTIVAL
Sunday 28 July, 11.30–16.30
Join us for our ever popular annual summer event, with the best in family festival fun right on your doorstep in Bethnal Green. The Museum grounds will be buzzing with live music, dance, walkabout acts, art and craft activities, designer stalls, food, face painting, rickshaw rides and games. Not to be missed whatever the weather!
Drop-in All ages

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS

FAMILY FUN FRIDAYS
Fridays in August, 10.30–16.00
Looking for something to do with the kids this summer? Come along for free, fun-filled activities every Friday in August to enjoy art, games and (hopefully) sunshine. You can make a mask and help Story Spinner tell the story of *Buri and the Marrow*, a traditional Bengali folk tale.
Drop-in (some sign-up on the day)
All ages

IN THE TRENCHES
Friday 2 August
Travel back in time to the First World War. Have a go at marching, learning Royal Navy signals, gas mask training and more.

ART IN THE GARDENS
Friday 9 August
Design planes and boats, make a wacky hat or headdress and add to a giant mural. Roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty with messy art.

MEDIEVAL PICNIC
Friday 16 August
Come dressed as a princess or knight! Bring a packed lunch and enjoy painting toy soldiers, making a shield and medieval games using foam swords.

MUSIC IN THE GARDENS
Friday 23 August
Hop, jump, bounce and jiggle to music played by local bands supported by CM – a youth and community music organisation. Sign up for free music workshops (13.00 and 14.30). Make a shaker at the drop-in crafts table.

CM CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

V FOR VICTORY
Friday 30 August
What was life like in the Second World War? Have a go using metal detectors led by a member of The Royal Pioneers. Learn drills and complete an assault course. Make do and mend.

Image credit: (left) © Children's Workshops; (above) Toy soldier set, 17th lancers, Britain's Ltd, 1900; (right) Mum wouldn't let me have toy guns so I made my own, 2010 © Morgan White / Four Corners

ADULTS

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ADULT GROUP TOURS
For more information visit www.museumofchildhood.org.uk/tours.

COCKNEY HERITAGE FESTIVAL WORKSHOP
Friday 19 July,
11.00-13.00 and 14.00-16.00
Come and 'have a giraffe' at a hands-on workshop making your own 'pearly memento'. This workshop is part of the first Cockney Heritage Festival, taking place in Tower Hamlets, 18-27 July.
Booking required

LUNCHTIME LECTURE WAR GAMES
Wednesday 5 June,13.00
Curators Sarah Wood and Ieuan Hopkins talk about War Games, a dynamic and provocative exhibition that illustrates the diverse ways that play and toys recreate and represent warfare. The lecture will explore the secret history of toys used as tools of war and espionage, and looks at the impact conflict has had on children's play and toy manufacturing.

Location: V&A South Kensington, Sackler Centre
Drop-in

MAY

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AUGUST

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INFORMATION

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24 hour information 020 8983 5235

ADMISSION FREE

Open daily 10.00–17.45
Last admission 17.30

SHOP

10.00–17.30
Selling children's books, gifts, stationery and pocket money toys.

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10.00–17.00
Serving hot lunches, freshly made sandwiches and salads, delicious cakes and award-winning coffee.

CORPORATE AND PRIVATE EVENTS

You can hire all or part of the Museum. To find out more, call 020 8983 5221.

CHILDREN'S PARTIES

You can hold children's birthday parties at the Museum. To find out more, call 020 8983 5204.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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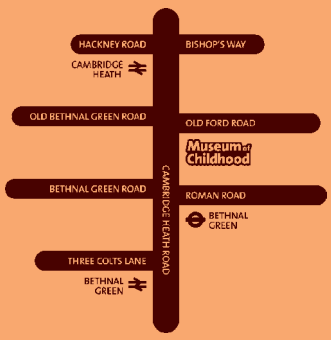

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Overground: Whitechapel and Shoreditch High Street
Rail: Cambridge Heath and Bethnal Green
Buses: D6, 106, 254, 309 and 388 stop outside, 8, 26, 55 and 48 sto p nearby

Drop-off point and parking for two coaches on Cambridge Heath Road.

Free parking can be arranged for visitors with specific access needs
The Museum is wheelchair accessible
Assistance dogs are welcome in the Museum
Limited metered parking on surrounding roads Monday–Friday.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or carer

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