Explore our Spellbound: Magical, Ritual and Witchcraft exhibition, and encounter magicians, illusionists, listen to talks on magic and medicine, star in some magical Shakespeare, and have a go at potion cocktail making. 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

Created 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 to battle Decadent Times DJs, yayac josta (80s, of choice. With 2 channels of music led by Griffin, Veronica Cordova de la Rosa - Helen Garrison, Veronica Cordova de la Rosa inspire their own curse tablet and dedicate it to the Ashmolean’s Spellbound exhibition. You will believe in magic!

Michael Jacksons Thriller ‘Moves’ Dance Lesson & Flash Mob |

Join us for a spooky thrilling dance class, bringing 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 exchange for luck.

LEVEL 2

Magical Myths, Enchanting Tales with Olivia Armstrong | LISTEN

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

Occult, Potions & Potions | ACTIVITY

Inspired by Salvars Rosc’s Witches at their cauldrons, AVN Curator present Occult Potions & Potions, a mini-history of magick, medicine and alchemy, with handling objects and a bewitching gift for the first 100 visitors at amcurnatures.com | amcurnatures

Tarot Readings Online - Mariana Bennett | ACTIVITY

Have your tarot cards read by Mariana Bennett, Ravenwood who has experience of 130 years of in-depth personalised tarot readings. Her aim is to unlock a deeper understanding of ‘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 Mix Box | ACTIVITY

Create your own mix by triggering multiple sound effect loops, blending terrifying soundscapes with an electronic backing track. www.decadenttimes.com

Sound spells and witchery rhythms workshop | ACTIVITY

A break between the night of audio spellweaving and magical mystery. A workshop of ghoully sounds, particles to play and even make, from old household items. Come along and bang, scrape, jibb and shake up a sound spell. With rhythms conjured up by dj jing wizard: “Thing”.

The Ebony Quartet | LISTEN

With conductor Gabrielle Woodward perform Spellbound inspired pieces.

LEVEL 3

The Love Bridge | ACTIVITY

Visit the Love Bridge to design your own padlock (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

Try astrolabe at the Love Bridge to get hands-on with an astrolobe, 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 spellling. 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 experimental publishing project.

Try your luck Games | ACTIVITY

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

Madame Audrey’s Ribes for All Occasions | BUY

Most 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 Witches’ Clothes and hats.

Songs of Magic through Time | LISTEN

The Oxford Department for Time-Traveling Ballad Collection and General Bureau of Song (O.D.T.T.B.C.G.B.) presents a report on a recent expedition to postwar clientology, A collection of songs of Magic and Song. From the Medieval to the Modern era, the balladmen 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 ibicher | SEE

Jamie Ballou-Paul (stage name Jamie ibicher) launched the independent humanitarian initiative Magic for Smiles in Lebanon in early 2016, with children within a fragile population of 1.5 to 2 million - mostly Syrians and Palestinians, as well as with poor Lebanese. Magic for Smiles’ promesses magic as an act of psychosocial support for traumatised or stressed children, comes to meet Jane and watch some magic! Donations www.gofundme.com/humanitarian-magic

Breathe Arts Health Research | SEE

The Breath Arts Health programme is a fun and clinically effective way of using magic to support psychological and mental health needs for people with a range of conditions. Magic Circle magician, senior occupational therapist and research academics have come together to create an approach that delivers meaningful outcomes. Come and see the magic in action!

Edward Hilsion – Astronomos at the Ashmolean | SEE

A multi-disciplinary 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 five years. Edward’s show features amazing Renewers and extraordinary still presented in a refreshing contemporary style. Edward applies the same skills and expertise in his amazing close-up performances which feature magic and miracles performed inches from the audience.

Spelling/Blind Talks Spot | LISTEN

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

Hattie Lawrence, Cornish and British Museum Podcast host

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

7.55–8.10 Dee Hutton (University of Hartfortshire) Locking Love: Magical Thinking Today

8.10–8.30 Dr Daniel Muñoz (Oncology, Oxford) Genuine Fake Magic: Biological Illusions

9.10–9.30 Prof Diane Pukels (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 Candice Palmer (15 people at a time).

LEVEL 4

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.

GET THERE EARLY!

Some performances have limited capacity. Please arrive early to avoid disappointment.
Halloween Silent Disco with Decadent Times
LISTEN | Café

Michael Jackson’s Thriller ‘Moves’ Dance Lesson & Flash Mob
SEE | Outside Lecture Theatre & flash mob in Gallery 21

Curses, curses!
ACTIVITY | Gallery 6

Spellbound Stage
SEE | Atrium

FILM: The Witchfinder General (86 mins)
SEE | Lecture Theatre

FILM: The Witcher (2002, 7 mins, repeated)
SEE | Lecture Theatre

Magical Myths, Enchanting Tales with Olivia Armstrong
LISTEN | Gallery 11

Spellbinding Talks Spot
LISTEN | Gallery 46

Try your luck Games
ACTIVITY | Gallery 30

Madame Audrey’s Robes for All Occasions
BUY | Gallery 35

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The Unrolling of a Mummy

The Trial of Witches

The Witches’ daughters

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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.

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