

# ALICE IN WONDERLAND 14 May – 2 October 2016

We invite you to go down the rabbit hole and delve into the curious world of Alice in Wonderland. Explore the different ways generations of illustrators, artists, musicians, filmmakers and designers over the past 150 years have been inspired by Lewis Carroll's classic tale.

## LATE AT THE LAING EVENTS

#### The Late Shows Saturday 14 May 7-1

Join us on the opening night of the Alice in Wonderland exhibition and celebrate all things curious and wonder-full with reflective art activities, a live DJ and remarkable refreshments. Plus, your chance to explore the more psychedelic side of the looking glass... Part of The Late Shows, www.thelateshows.org.uk. Free – drop in.

### Alice Ink & Drink featuring ScartVideo

## Thursday 16 June, 6–9pm

For our nocturnal celebration of the mind-bending marvels of Alice in Wonderland, Newcastle-based collaborative duo ScartVideo premiere a live performance of their videosculpture Enchanting Alice, which combines existing Alice films to create unexpected fusions and sensory distortions. Grab a drink from the bar, explore the exhibition, get hands-on with some inky art-making, then sit back and enjoy the trip.

**£10** (includes entry to the exhibition) - booking essential.



## **Eat Me!** Thursday 14 July, 7–10pm

An evening dedicated to the joys of food. Explore new flavours and take some time out to visit the Alice in Wonderland exhibition. Keep an eye on our website for more details closer to the time.

**£15** (includes entry to exhibition and a token to begin your foodie adventure) – booking essential.



#### Drink Me! Thursday 15 September, 7–10

Celebrate all things Alice with an evening of drinking entertainment. Hot or cold, soft or alcoholic, beverage experts from across the city will tempt you with new combinations, special ingredients and (just a little) education on science and techniques.

**£15** (includes entry to exhibition and drink token to get the party started) – booking essential.

## MAKE AND CREATE EVENTS

#### **Top Hat Making Workshop** Saturdays 11 June & 1 October, 10am-4pm

Be inspired by the Mad Hatter and create a miniature top hat with couture hat designer, Margaret Woodliff Wright. This will be an intensive day, learning core millinery techniques to make your own miniature headpiece, working with plastic canvas and felt. Experience not required but basic sewing skills would be useful. **£65** – booking essential.

#### Teapot making Workshops

Saturdays 16 July & 24 September, 1.30–4pm

Join Muddy Fingers Pottery at the Laing for a very curious teapot making session. All materials, equipment and firings are provided for you to create a handmade teapot, and the Laing provides the inspiration for this creative, curious and adventurous afternoon.

**£35** - booking essential.

#### **Butterfly pinning with Moth Studios** Sunday 11 September, 2.30–4.30pm

Bring a bit of wonderland into your home with your own butterfly display. Learn the specialist skill of butterfly pinning and preservation with expert entomologist Sherene Scott. All butterflies you pin can be taken home and will be ready to mount three days after the class. All specimens have been obtained after dying of natural causes in ethical butterfly farms.

**£30** - booking essential.

#### **Textile Accessory Workshop** Saturday 24 September, 10am–4pm

Learn some basic millinery techniques and use them to create your own decorative themed "Alice" band with couture hat designer Margaret Woodliff Wright. During this workshop you will learn how to cover a headband and make a dahlia inspired millinery flower. Experience not required but basic sewing skills would be useful. **£65** – booking essential.

#### **Tea Cosy Day** Saturday 1 October, 11am-4pm

Have a cosy autumnal day at the Laing knitting a cosy for your teapot. All levels welcome and expert knitters are especially welcome to share their expertise. A tutor will be on hand to help you create your woolly warmer.

**£5** (includes a hot drink or cold beverage from the Laing café) - booking essential.



#### **EXHIBITION TOURS**

#### Join curator Amy Barker for an entertaining introduction to the Alice in Wonderland exhibition.

Wednesday 22 June, 12.30-1pm Wednesday 20 July, 12.30-1pm Wednesday 17 August, 12.30-1pm Wednesday 21 September, 12.30-1pm

# **£3** plus the price of an exhibition ticket - booking essential.



## FAMILY EVENTS

## Half Term Art Academy Days for 7-10 year olds: Wonderland

#### Tuesday 31 May, 10am-3pm

Explore the new Alice in Wonderland exhibition and create fantastical wonderlands and peculiar pieces of costume to take away.

**£20** – booking essential (book both Half Term Art Academy Days for £35).

#### Half term Big Wednesday: Super Stories Wednesday 1 June, 10am–2pm

Join us for some amazing anecdotes and invent and illustrate stories of your own.

**£2.50 per child** – drop in.

#### Half Term Art Academy Days for 7-10 year olds: Illustration & Illusions Thursday 2 June, 10am–3pm

Discover your own style of illustration, create characters and explore ideas of optical illusions, all inspired by the artists and illustrators featured in the exhibition. **£20** – booking essential (book both Half Term Art Academy Days for £35).

#### **Summer Art School for 11 to 16 year olds** Monday 25 July-Friday 29 July, 10am–3pm

Work with a professional arts educator to experiment with a variety of materials and create a portfolio of work. The week will end with an exhibition opening event showcasing participants' work.

**£80** - booking essential. (Participation in Bronze Arts Award an additional £20)

#### Art Academy Days for 7 to 10 year olds

Thursdays 4 Aug, 11 Aug, 18 Aug, 25 Aug, 1 Sept, 10am–3pm

Explore the Laing and try out a range of art techniques from painting with acrylics and watercolours to drawing and illustrating, sculpting with clay and experimenting with printmaking.

**£20 per participant** – booking essential. See website for multiple booking discounts.

### **SUMMER BIG WEDNESDAYS** £3 per child - drop in

#### Mad Hatter's tea party

Wednesday 27 July, 10am–2pm

Fall down the rabbit hole and help the Mad Hatter organise his tea party. Create your own pocket watches, design teapots and craft your own cakes.

## Anyone for croquet?

## Wednesday 3 August, 10am–2pm

Join in our giant games, paint the roses red and fashion some flamingo croquet clubs.

## Supersize this

Wednesday 10 August, 10am-2pm

Make it MASSIVE, inspired by the everchanging size of leading lady Alice in her Land of Wonder.

#### Sun, sand and seasides

Wednesday 17 August, 10am–2pm

Some traditional seaside fun - build a beach, float some boats and add to our giant seascape.

#### **Illusions, delusions and trickeries** Wednesday 24 August, 10am–2pm

Boggle your brains with our optical illusions, peer through the looking glass and chase the Cheshire Cat around the gallery.... oooh – he's gone again...

#### **A very merry unbirthday to you!** Wednesday 31 August, 10am-2pm

Who ate all the tarts? And who's still hungry? Make your own giant cake sculptures; mix your own coloured potions, and help decorate the gallery for our unbirthday.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

#### **Embroidered Jewellery** with Jane Smallcombe Saturday 18 June, 1.30–4.30pm

This workshop will introduce you to simple design methods and free-form embroidering techniques to create your own original, embroidered felt brooch pin.

**£35** - booking essential.

## Fused Glass Making Workshop with Kimoci Glass

18 June, 1.30-4pm

Work alongside a glass artist to help you make a beautiful piece. Suitable for beginners.

**£40** per person – booking essential

# **Printmaking Class** 23 July, 1.30–4pm

Local printmaker Cindy Robinson-Begg will lead this workshop introducing you to hand printing techniques. Suitable for beginners.

£32 per person



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#### Admission charges apply to this exhibition – see the website for details.

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## **OPENING HOURS:** Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm. Sundays, 2pm to 5pm

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