



PRESS RELEASE

Discover the Wonder of Words this Summer: Acrobatics, Dance, Visual Arts and more creative workshops for 4-16s this summer!

31 July-16 Aug 2018

Three weeks of creative activities inspired by the wonderful world of words, books and stories! Acrobatics in aerial swings, screen printing, drama adventure and dance are just some of the activities young people can get involved with.

We're running several special author events including leading UK rapper Karl Nova in a Rhythm & Rhyme workshop, creator of Rastamouse Michael de Souza and local author and environmentalist Richard Dijkstra.

And if parents are keen too, there are plenty of family workshops for them to take part in– ever fancied Bollywood Dancing or finding out how to inspire your kids with poetry? Now's your chance!

Activities cost from £3-13 per ticket and there's also a range of free drop in activities including a dressing up chest to transform yourself into your favourite character, or create a book for our giant bookshelf.

Please do check our website for full listings and more information. www.watermans.org.uk.

LISTINGS

Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford TW8 0DS

Watermans.org.uk

Box Office: 020 8232 1010

Nearest rail: Kew Bridge

Nearest tube: Gunnersbury then bus 237 or 267, stopping outside at 'Watermans Centre' Scarabeus

FOR 4-8s

Aerial Stories

Tue 31 & Thurs 2 Aug, 10am & 11.45am. 90m.



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Introducing safe, low-level aerial skills using cocoons suspended from the ceiling. Parents and children spend quality time together, playing games, snuggling and storytelling in the cocoons.

Nicole Line

Print your own Book

Tue 31 July, 10am, 11am & Midday

Mini-publishers will create their own book to take home using stamping and design techniques.

FaceFront Theatre

Bring a Book to Life: The Elephant and the Bad Baby

Wed 8 Aug, 10am, 11am, Midday. 50m.

We'll bring to life the popular story by Elfrida Vipont using songs, puppets and, of course, our imaginations.

Nicole Line

Screen Printing Book Bags

Thurs 9 Aug & Wed 15 Aug, 10am, 11am, Midday. 50m.

Screen print a book bag with lots of images and words that bring books you love to life!

Paul Clifford

Books that go Pop!

Tue 14 Aug, 10am & 11.30am. 75m.

Join robotics artist Paul Clifford to create an interactive book using simple electronics.

ALL AGES – FAMILY WORKSHOPS

A chance for families and friends to join in together! All participants require a ticket, apart from the Tiger Who Came to Tea Party. Children under 8 must be accompanied. Children over 8 may attend without an adult. If they do, they require a parent consent form (see 8+ section or website for details).

Scarabeus

Yoga Stories (4+)

Wed 1 Aug & Fri 3 Aug, 10am, 11.45am. 90m.



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Try gentle yoga together as a family using Scarabeus's unique aerial cocoons.

Akademi

Bollywood Dance Party (4+)

Wed 1 Aug. 11am & 12.15pm. 60m

Have fun shaking your booty with leading South Asian dance company Akademi.

The Tiger who came to Tea Party (2+)

Thur 9 Aug, 1-3pm. Drop in.

Celebrate 50 years of the original children's picture book with tea, squash and biscuits and some tiger-themed crafts. Recommended 2+. Only children require a ticket.

Emily Jenkins

A Wordy Treasure Hunt (5+)

Thur 16 Aug, 10am, 11.45am. 90m

Have fun with your family, joining in a treasure hunt for words around our building, using them to inspire creative movement as you go.

Emily Jenkins

Poetry in Motion: Shadow Boy (6+)

Thur 16 Aug, 2pm. 120m.

Taking this stunning poem by Kate Wakeling as inspiration, have fun as a family creating your own dance piece, whatever your experience.

AUTHOR EVENTS

Meet authors in these interactive sessions.

Michael DeSouza

Rastamouse and Da Easy Crew (3-8s)

Tue 31 July, 11am & 3pm. 50m.

Join Rastamouse, scratchy and Zoomer in a fun interactive session with creator of Rastamouse and the CBeebies series Michael DeSouza.

Karl Nova

Rhythm & Rhyme (8-13s)

Wed 8 Aug, 12.30pm. 90m.

Karl Nova is one of the UK's leading poets and hip hop artists delivering his work in his own unique, witty and energetic style. He has a passion for inspiring children through rhythm and rhyme and in this workshop will read some of his work and then work with children to develop their own rap, short story or poem.

R.D. Dijkstra

Tigeropolis (6-12s)

Thurs 9 Aug, 2pm & 3pm. 50m.

While the younger children are at the Tiger Who Came to Tea, Tea Party older siblings can meet Tigeropolis author R. D. Dijkstra. Tigeropolis is a series about a family of vegetarian tigers living in the foothills of the Himalayas as they battle against a variety of challenges and try to save their forest home from the bulldozers. A fun way for children to engage in environmental issues.

R. D. Dijkstra

The Adventures of Captain Bobo (4-8s)

Thurs 7 Aug, 10am, 11am, Midday. 50m.

You'll meet Captain Bobo, his faithful dog Salty and all the crew of paddle steamer Red Gauntlet. They never seem short of adventures as they sail the waters of Scotland's West Coast.

For 8-12s

Longer workshops for older children, to develop skills, team working and confidence through creativity. Children are not accompanied. They MUST have a signed parent consent form in order to take part. Parent consent forms can be filled in online via the event pages on our website or please ask at the Box Office. Thank you!

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Aerial Stories

Tue 31 July & Thur 2 July, 2pm. 120m.

An exciting workshop introducing impressive aerial and acrobatic skills using aerial cocoons. Learn to fly and create your own sequence of movement based on your favourite stories!

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Books that go Bang!

Tue 7 Aug, 2pm. 120m.

Make an interactive book that makes sounds and pops up, using basic electronics.

Emily Jenkins

The Comet: Poetry in Motion

Tue 7 Aug, 10am, 11.45am. 90m.

You'll have lots of fun in this workshop: creating movement sequences, dancing and sharing ideas inspired by the poem 'The Comet'. Don't worry if you've never danced before, this workshop will be fun and exciting whether you can dance or not!

FaceFront Theatre

Bring a Book to Life: The Magic Finger

Wed 8 Aug, 2pm. 120m.

We'll bring to life Roald Dahl's classic tale, using puppets, songs and, of course, our imaginations, learning new skills in drama, confidence and self expression.

Nicole Line

Metallic Foiling

Wed 15 Aug, 2pm. 120m.

Learn a fun new textile skill with artist Nicole Line, and create your own designs to take away.

FOR 12+

Please note that young people require a parent consent form to participate (see 8+ Section).

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Books that go Bang!

Tue 7 Aug, 11am. 120m.

Tell your story by making an interactive book using basic electronics: make it pop up and make sounds.

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About Watermans

Watermans is West London's leading arts centre. It attracts over 230,000 visits a year to its thriving and inclusive programme of independent cinema, family and Asian theatre, regular weekend festivals, exhibitions and courses. Watermans runs a year-round programme of cutting-edge digital arts for which it receives National Portfolio Organisation funding from Arts Council England, and has done so for many years.

Watermans also leads several other major projects outside its venue. These are primarily concerned with broadening access to high quality arts in communities that engage little, if at all, in the arts, to support community cohesion and economic regeneration:

- **Bell Square**, the outdoor arts venue in Hounslow Town Centre, now in its fifth year - bellsquarelondon.com
- **Circulate**, a London-wide outdoor arts touring network that regularly brings free events to Hounslow including to Bell Square and the Brentford Festival – circulate.london
- **Creative People & Places Hounslow**, Arts Council England's major investment in increasing arts capacity in underserved areas, working in Feltham, Heston and Cranford, and central Hounslow
- **Hayes Outdoor**, the new outdoor arts festival in Hayes Town Centre - www.hayesoutdoor.org.uk

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