

Your guide to...

# What's On

## Connecting with our historic past



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### Coming up at the Museum of Oxford

**Connections:** *Oxfordshire's Links to Slavery and the Slave Trade*, 3 October – 4 January 2009, including Gallery Talks from 1-2pm 23 October and 6 & 20 November, and Connections Creation Station drop-in art and crafts for families supported by Elsevier Ltd. £1 per person. There is no need to book.

**The Big Museum Draw**, 4 October – 2 November, choose your favourite objects in the museum's galleries and use a drawing frame to make a sketch. Pin them up and see if other visitors can guess your object! £1 per pack.

**Ollie the Ox's October Half-term Activities for 5 - 12 year olds**, 28 – 31 October, Halloween and traditional African-inspired art and craft themed workshops.

**African Games**, 15 November, learn to make and play Mancala boards with Pitt Rivers museum staff at the Museum of Oxford, 1-4pm. FREE.

**Winter Light**, 28 November, late night opening with a Victorian theme, part of the city's Christmas lights switch-on ceremony. Find out how Victorians celebrated the festive season!

● Visit [www.museumofoxford.org.uk](http://www.museumofoxford.org.uk) or call 01865 252761.



### Flash of brilliance

**THIS Winter at the New Theatre there are big name concerts (The Temptations, Dionne Warwick, Will Young, Katherine Jenkins), stand-up comedy (Jimmy Carr, Dylan Moran, Frankie Boyle) and the very best opera, ballet and theatre shows.**

This Christmas the theatre will present the brand-new show *FLASH-*

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**DANCE – The Musical.** The all-star cast includes, pictured above from left, Noel Sullivan, Victoria Hamilton-Barritt, Arlene Phillips, Bernie Nolan and Bruno Langley.

● For up-to-date information, please visit the website or subscribe to the email list. Visit [www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk](http://www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk) or call 0844 847 1585.



### Treebute to excellence

MAGDALEN College has unveiled a new 550th anniversary sculpture – a 33ft high and wide tree made of steel. 'Planted' in Angel Meadow, the sculpture is the first permanent work by the eminent Turner prize-winning artist Mark Wallinger. It is open to public view, and stands at the back of the college grounds in a field of willow trees.

### 70 years of top-rate entertainment

OCTOBER marks the official start of the Oxford Playhouse's 70th Anniversary year.



After 70 years of being situated in Beaumont Street, the Playhouse will be celebrating in style. Also among the Playhouse highlights in October and November are: English Touring Theatre/Exeter Northcott's *Far from the Madding Crowd* (7 – 11 October), award-winning comedienne Dillie Keane playing Angela in Geraldine Aron's *My Brilliant Divorce* (20 October, 7.30pm) and *Ennio Marchetto – The Living Cartoon*, returning (21 October, 7.30pm) with his magical, quick-change act.

From 28 October – 1 November, Lifeblood Theatre Company and Shakespeare's Globe Theatre present *Liberty*, by award-winning poet and novelist Glyn Maxwell; Bill Kenwright presents the Peter Hall production of Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband* starring Kate O'Mara, Robert Duncan and Tony Britton (17 – 22 November), and rounding off the season before panto kicks in, Oxford Operatic Society present *Chess the Musical* (24 – 29 November).

This year's Oxford Playhouse pantomime *Sleeping Beauty* runs from 5 December – 18 January 2009.

● For information or to book tickets call the Box Office on 01865 305305 or visit [www.oxfordplayhouse.com](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com)

## Artists draw on alternative realities

**THE next exhibition at Modern Art Oxford is: Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller, 15 October – 18 January 2009.**

The galleries will be filled with sculptural works of art that combine sound, images and objects to draw the audience into alternative realities.

Look out too for the Family Day 'Big Draw' event at Rose Hill Primary School on 11 October and the late night opening on 28 November.

Modern Art Oxford also offers artists' talks, free lunchtime and Saturday tours, children's workshops, family guides and the Modern Art Trolley every weekend. The cafe and shop are open to all.



Opening times: Tuesday – Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 12pm-5pm, closed Mondays. Free admission.

● For further information, visit [www.modernartoxford.org.uk](http://www.modernartoxford.org.uk) or call 01865 722733.