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FOUNDERS' CIRCLE EVENTS

AUTUMN/WINTER 2016-17

Please note that booking is essential for all events.

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THE ANNUAL CHAIRMAN'S LUNCH

MONDAY 5 AND 19 SEPTEMBER, 12.30PM – 2.30PM

5th: Coutts, 440 Strand, London WC2R 0QS

19th: Royal Bank of Scotland, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB

Sir Howard Davies, Chairman of The London Library, would like to invite all members of the Founders' Circle to join him for lunch in two intimate groups. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet Sir Howard, who became the Library's Chair of Trustees in 2015.



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PREVIEW AND TALK AT FRIEZE MASTERS

WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER, 6PM – 8.30PM

TALK AT 7PM

Regent's Park, London, NW1 4HG

Join us at the exclusive preview of this leading international art fair. The evening will feature an informal talk for Founders' Circle members by Dr Sandra Hindman, Founder and Owner of *Des Enluminures* and Dr Christopher De Hamel, Librarian of the Parker Library, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. They will reveal highlights from their special collection of manuscripts and miniatures from the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

The Fair opens to the public from 6th to 9th October.



Image: Medieval marginalia of gothic grotesques in a recently discovered medieval manuscript charting the movement of stars

TOUR OF THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER, 6PM – 8PM

The Royal Astronomical Society, Burlington House

Enjoy a private tour of the Royal Astronomical Society's world-class collection of books and manuscripts in astronomy. The archive's treasures include a 1652 edition of 'Starry Messenger' by Galileo Galilei and an extremely rare first edition of *De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium* (1543) by Nicolaus Copernicus, one of the most important works in astronomical history in which Copernicus proposed that all the planets orbit around the Sun.



BOOK LAUNCH AND PARTY

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER, 6.30PM – 8.30PM

The London Library Reading Room

Join us for the launch party of Library Trustee Elizabeth Herridge's new book, *Bringing Heaven to Earth: Silver Jewellery and Ornament in the Late Qing Dynasty* (Ilanthe Press, London) which investigates a little-known area of the Chinese decorative arts, as part of the *Asian Art in London 2016* programme of events.



PAUL NASH AT TATE BRITAIN

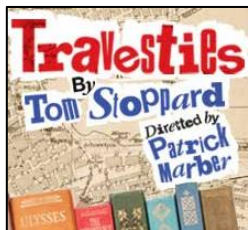
WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2016, 9AM – 10AM

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ORIGINAL DATE

Tate Britain, Millbank, London SW1P 4RG

Uncover the surreal and mystical side of English landscapes through one of the most distinctive British painters, Paul Nash, with an out-of-hours view and private tour at Tate Britain.

Paul Nash, Totes Meer (Dead Sea) 1940-1, oil paint on canvas, Tate. Presented by the War Artists Advisory Committee 1946.



FOR DICKENS LEVEL: DRINKS WITH SIR TOM STOPPARD AT TRAVESTIES

TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER, 6.45PM – 7.45PM

PERFORMANCE 8PM

Menier Chocolate Factory, 53 Southwark St, London SE1 1RU

We hope that Sir Tom Stoppard will host us for drinks at the Menier Chocolate Factory, before a performance of his award-winning comedy *Travesties*. This first London revival in over 20 years is directed by Patrick Marber and stars Tom Hollander.

Please note tickets for the performance are purchasable for £39.50.



LONDON LIBRARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER, 6.45PM – 9PM

The London Library Reading Room

Sir Tom Stoppard invites you to celebrate the festive season with fellow Founders and friends of the Library in the beautiful Reading Room. Enjoy drinks and canapés whilst listening to a selection of winter readings by special guests.



AN EVENING WITH JOHN SIMPSON CBE

THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER, 6.30PM – 8.30PM

The London Library Reading Room

BBC foreign correspondent and long-term Library member John Simpson has reported from more than 120 countries, including thirty war zones, and has interviewed many world leaders. With extraordinary personal accounts, he will introduce his new book *We Chose to Speak of War and Strife: The World of the War Correspondent* (Bloomsbury, October 2016), which presents pivotal moments in our history through the eyes of those who risked their lives to witness them first hand, and the astonishing tales of what it took to report them.



CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENARY OF FINLAND

THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2017, TIME TBC
The London Library Reading Room

Marking the start of Finland's centenary celebrations in Britain and a gift of around 100 Finnish books which will augment the Library's collection of literature in this area, the evening will include a talk by Henrik Meinander from the University of Helsinki, in the presence of the Finnish Ambassador to Great Britain.



TOUR OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION ARCHIVES

THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2017, 6.30PM – 8PM
21 Albemarle St, London W1S 4BS

A private tour of the Royal Institution's archive, a treasure trove of material illustrating some of the major scientific discoveries throughout history, led by Library member Professor Frank James (Ri Head of Collections). He will be joined by fellow member Professor Roger Kneebone, renowned surgeon and professor.

UPCOMING SPRING HIGHLIGHTS



THACKERAY AND DICKENS LEVEL: PRIVATE COLLECTION VISIT WITH THE RT HON THE LORD BROWNE OF MADINGLEY

TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017, 6.30PM – 8PM
Chelsea, London

We are very privileged to invite members of the Founders' Circle to visit the library of the Lord Browne of Madingley, a room which he has termed "full of stuff – a room of wonders". We will view his collection of rare books, prints and engravings which includes Venetian works from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century.



IN CONVERSATION WITH SIR TIM RICE

THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2017, 6.30PM – 8.30PM (TIME TBC)
The London Library Reading Room

Join fellow Founders' Circle member and award-winning lyricist Sir Tim Rice for an evening at The London Library, and hear about his career collaborating with artists including ABBA (*Chess*), Elton John (*The Lion King*, *Aida*), Cliff Richard, Andrew Lloyd Webber (*Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Evita*), Walt Disney Studios and Alan Menken (*Aladdin*, *Beauty and the Beast*), and the challenges of transposing the written word to music for Broadway and Hollywood.
