

THE  
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# FOUNDERS' CIRCLE EVENTS

## SUMMER 2017

Please note that booking is essential for all events.

RSVP to [founderscircle@londonlibrary.co.uk](mailto:founderscircle@londonlibrary.co.uk)  
or call Georgina Ralston on 020 7766 4744



## SIR TIM RICE IN CONVERSATION

THURSDAY 30 MARCH, 6.30PM – 8.30PM

The London Library Reading Room

Join Founders' Circle member, Library Vice-President and award-winning lyricist Sir Tim Rice for an evening at the Library, and hear about his career collaborating with artists including ABBA (*Chess*), Elton John (*The Lion King*, *Aida*), 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.



## BOOK LAUNCH OF *INSIDE: ARTISTS AND WRITERS IN READING PRISON*

THURSDAY 20 APRIL, 6.30PM – 8.30PM

The London Library Reading Room

Join select guests to celebrate the launch of *Inside: Artists and Writers in Reading Prison*, a new publication marking Artangel's recent exhibition in one of the UK's most notorious Victorian gaols. Writers Joe Dunthorne, Gillian Slovo and Jeanette Winterson will be reading from their *Letters of Separation*, inspired by Oscar Wilde's extended letter to Lord Alfred Douglas, composed in Cell C.3.3. in 1897 and later published as *De Profundis*.



Chinese wallpaper belonging to Thomas Coutts, c.1793 © RBS

## VISIT TO THE COUTTS & CO ARCHIVES

THURSDAY 27 APRIL, 3PM – 4.30PM

Coutts, 440 Strand, London WC2R 0QS

Past events have often left a financial footprint that provides a unique perspective on our history. 325 years after Coutts & Co was founded, Archivist Tracey Earl will show us some treasures from the bank's collection, some of which have links with The London Library. This is a rare opportunity to view a unique collection not on public display.



Giovanni Antonio Canaletto, *Piazza di San Giacomo di Rialto*, 1760-69, The Samuel Courtauld Trust, The Courtauld Gallery, London

## READING DRAWINGS OUT-OF-HOURS AT THE COURTAULD GALLERY

TUESDAY 16 MAY, 8.30AM – 10AM

The Courtauld Institute of Art, Somerset House, London WC2R 0RN

Join us for breakfast and a private tour with Drawings Cataloguer Rachel Hapoienu. This display examines the intriguing variety of inscriptions that can be found on drawings, from artists' signatures to casual notes and records of ownership. Featuring works by Canaletto, Corot, Signac and others this selection reveals how such annotations can shed light on the purpose, history and use of drawings.



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## **THACKERAY AND DICKENS LEVEL: ANNUAL CHAIRMAN'S DINNER**

**THURSDAY 25 MAY, 7PM – 9.30PM**

The Sackler Study, The London Library

Sir Howard Davies, Chairman of the Library, is pleased to invite Thackeray and Dickens members to join him for a very special dinner. This annual occasion is an opportunity to meet with Sir Howard and to discuss Library developments and future plans in our beautiful setting in St James's Square.



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## **SUMMER PARTY IN HONOUR OF SIR TOM STOPPARD**

**THURSDAY 22 JUNE, 6.45PM – 9PM**

The London Library Reading Room

Founders' Circle members are among select guests for this august occasion. Held in celebration of Sir Tom's 15 years as Library President, this will be his last occasion before stepping down to be an honoured Vice-President. Details are to be confirmed but the evening will include a reception with readings from celebrated actors.

*Formal invitation to follow.*



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## **UPCOMING AUTUMN HIGHLIGHTS:**

### **THE FOUNDERS' CIRCLE ANNUAL LUNCH**

**SEPTEMBER, DATE TO BE CONFIRMED**

Join Sir Howard Davies, Chairman of The London Library, for the Founders' Circle Annual Lunch. An enjoyable occasion with other members and guests which allows us to thank the Founders' Circle for their support and provides the opportunity to discuss Library news for the coming year.



Jenna Coleman in *Victoria*

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## **AN EVENING WITH DAISY GOODWIN**

**SEPTEMBER, DATE TO BE CONFIRMED**

The London Library Reading Room

We are delighted to invite Founders' Circle for an evening with Daisy Goodwin, Creator, Writer and Producer of the acclaimed ITV series *Victoria*. Daisy will talk about the series and the role The London Library played in its development, shortly before the launch of *Victoria's* highly-anticipated second series in autumn 2017.

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