

May Half Term Art & Music Classes

Tuesday 26th – Sunday 31st May 2026



The
Conservatoire

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Providing exceptional, welcoming
and creative music and art tuition
to South East London since 1881.

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Tuesday 26th May

Percy Jackson: Powerful Poseidon and Menacing Medusa

9.30am – 4.30pm, 5-11, Lily Walker, £78

In the popular books, Percy's father is revealed as Poseidon, Master of the Oceans, and one of the greatest Greek gods. The Gorgon, Medusa, with her writhing hair of snakes, could turn those who caught her gaze into stone! We will make stunning 3D masks of these characters' faces using paper, paint, modroc, tissue paper, thin rope, shells, and shimmering scales. Will your friends dare look at you?

Uke and You

10.30am – 12.30pm, 3-5, Virág Hevizi, £27

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Ukulele is a fantastic first instrument, and a wonderful stepping stone to other string instruments. Our friendly tutors will help you play your first song, have fun making music with others and learn skills in rhythm, pitch and notation as part of fun musical games! All levels are welcome! You can bring your own instrument or borrow one of ours for the session.

Wednesday 27th May

Momotaro: The Brave Peach Boy Adventure

9.30am – 4.30pm, 6-12, Yukako Shibata, £78

Journey into a magical Japanese folktale and bring the story of Momotaro, the Peach Boy, to life through art and making! Born from a giant peach, Momotaro sets off on an exciting adventure to defeat the mischievous ogres of Ogre Island, joined by his loyal animal companions — a dog, a monkey, and a pheasant. Inspired by this colourful and action-filled story, we will explore character design, storytelling, and imaginative world-building. We will begin by painting a vibrant scene from the story, experimenting with colour, composition and expressive mark-making. Then, we will create 3D masks or character pieces inspired by the animals or ogres, using a range of materials including card, tissue paper, rope and collage. In the afternoon, we will build a sculptural piece — perhaps a giant peach, a treasure object from Ogre Island, or a scene from the adventure — using mixed media and recycled materials. A fun, energetic and creative day full of storytelling, painting and hands-on making!

Mythical Creatures

9.30 – 11.30am, Sue Harris, 3-5, £27

Jia Yu transformed into part dragon/ part feline form, Pegasus was a flying horse born of the Greek gods, mermaids and men live under the sea. We can create our own mythical creature using collage and explore how to recreate their habitat - will it be a shimmering snow-capped 3D rocky ridge, a textured, fluffy remote cloud kingdom or painterly watercolour world?

All courses
are drop off



Heroic Hercules

1.30pm – 4.30pm, Sue Harris 4-7, £39

The Greek god Hercules is well known for his strength and athleticism, portrayed in paintings and statues, a Disney film and, currently, a West End musical. We will make some armour, a shield, and, looking at Greek patterns and symbols, mould and decorate a classical Greek vase—painting, designing and problem-solving.

Thursday 28th May

Songwriting and Playing Together

9.30am – 4.30pm, 8-14, Jacob Samuels, £78

Ever wanted to learn more about composition and songwriting? This inclusive and non-intimidating class is accessible for both musicians and non-musicians to learn about composition: Working with a professional guitarist, band player and educator, musicians and lyricists will have a lovely opportunity to work and play together, covering musicianship, a little theory, how to groove together and respond and play to support the overall sound as opposed to isolated, solo practise. Taking inspiration from whatever is happening in the community, the scope and stories of myths and legends, or whatever inspires us, the aim will be to “learn to create the music YOU love”. Please let us know what instruments you play when booking.

Merlin, Magic and Mythological Maps

9.30am – 4.30pm, 5-11, Fiona Berry, £78

Travel back in time to create your own vintage fantasy map inspired by Bernard Sleigh's stunning ancient map of fairyland. Using fine liners and watercolours, locate and illustrate the various places and characters in the King Arthur tale – Kings, knights, sorcerers and dragons, incorporating other fairytale and mythical characters and places if you desire. We will design a costume for one of your characters giving the drawing the appearance of a medieval manuscript using printmaking and paint to embellish our designs. At the end we can make a prop/costume piece from the story using paper and paint.

Art and Music Workshop – Come to Central America!

10am – 12.30pm, 3-5, Sue Harris
and Maria-José Andrade, £33

Following the success of our pilot classes at Easter and building on our unique position as a specialist across the creative arts, we are blending together art and music in a uniquely Conservatoire way! You will enjoy a specially devised complementary art and music class as we go on a journey to Central America to learn about Mayan culture. We'll look at jade masks and make our own in beautiful greeny blue tones. We will study the stunning geometric patterns in their art and clothing and make our own fringed poncho. We will wear our stunning creations as we join in ritualistic tunes and songs exploring typical melody patterns using wind and percussion instruments.

Monkey King

2 - 4pm, 3-5, Sue Harris, £27

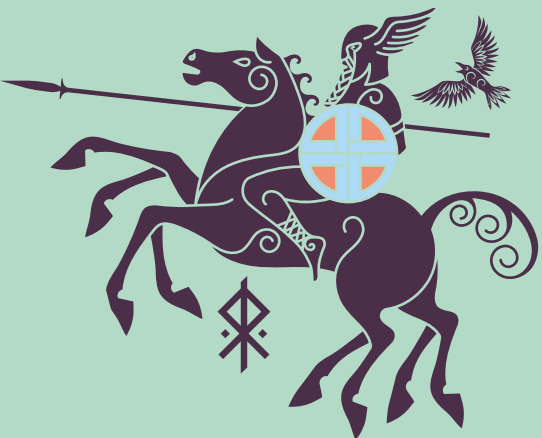
Sun Wukong, or the Monkey King, had supernatural strength, speed and memory. He also achieved the power of seventy earthly transformations. We will learn how to draw this much-depicted favourite and make our own puppet with moving parts. Don't forget his curly tail and golden staff! We can also create a backdrop world where he can have adventures.

Friday 29th May

There's more to Norse Legends than Marvel!

9.30am - 4.30pm, 5-11, Clare Kendall, £78

Explore the legends and symbolism of the gods and goddesses of Norse mythology in this full day art and craft course. We will start by painting a portrait of our chosen deity on canvas and go on to make a piece of 3D artwork representing their power and uniqueness. Perhaps you'll choose Thor and his devastating silver hammer, one-eyed Odin and his faithful raven servants, or beautiful Freya and her magical, jewel-adorned necklace (there will be more to choose from on the day!) We'll create our sculptures from a wide variety of materials including, clay, plaster, feathers, beads and recycled materials.



Saturday 30th May



Family Workshop: 'Flora' Resin Masterclass

2.30 - 4.30pm, 6+, Clare Kendall,
£27 per person

A lovely opportunity to get creative as a family! We will look at different ways of using eco resin, pigments and dried flowers. Supplied will be various silicone moulds for coasters, bookmarks and jewellery. Choose which colours and elements you would like to embody Flora the Goddess of spring and flowers! Please note, resin takes time to fully dry and will be available 48 hours after the workshop.

Please note adults and children each need a ticket. One adult can accompany two under 10s (and more children if they are above 10). Each participant will take home three unique and customised pieces - choose from a bookmark, coaster, piece of jewellery (either earrings or pendant) and keyring.

Alice in Wonderland

FAMILY
CONCERT

Sunday 31st May, 2pm and 3.30pm

Have you ever been down a secret rabbit hole and discovered a whole new world, full of magic with no limits? Well, if Alice can, so can we!

With a little helping hand from the lovely musicians - Mairéad Sheerin will be narrating and singing with Klio Blonz on the flute and Grace Mo on piano - Alice's wonderful and intriguing story comes to life. Join her and the White Rabbit and be part of their curious and magical musical adventures.

Aimed at school-aged children but little ones are very welcome.

Adult

£12.00 per ticket

Child

£6.00 per ticket

* Under 2s go FREE



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Adult Workshops

Tuesday 26th May

From Shire to Shadow: Fantasy Landscapes in Chalk Pastel

6 - 9pm, 18+, Sophie Cook, £39

Step into a world of imagination and atmosphere as we create mythological landscapes inspired by Tolkien's Middle-earth. In this workshop, students will explore how to use chalk pastels to capture dramatic skies, rolling hills, ancient forests, and glowing light, bringing fantasy settings to life with colour and texture. We will explore how this fantasy theme has been interpreted in art history, from Baroque-inspired landscapes like those of Claude Lorrain, with their serene, idealised nature, to the Surrealist visions of Max Ernst, featuring strange, dreamlike worlds born of the imagination.



Thursday 28th May

Working with Ink

6 - 9pm, 18+, Kirsten Lyle, £39

Come and join regular Conservatoire tutor Kirsten for a bespoke one-off workshop to explore the rich medium of ink. You will experiment with both drawing and painting, working with water-based coloured inks to create your own study or landscape. Find out if you are a 'line' or 'wash' person... or both! This class is perfect for both beginners and those with previous painting or drawing experience. Materials and equipment are all included, but participants are also welcome to bring their own.



Saturday 30th May

Drink and Draw

6 - 9pm, 18+, Sue Harris and Lilly Walker, £39

Come along to the Conservatoire Drink & Draw workshop series to let your hair down, learn some new skills, and make friends. Led by two of our expert art tutors, you'll spend a fun evening mixing prosecco with paint as you tackle your very own A3 canvas, inspired by an artist! You'll come away with a wonderful piece of work, no matter your prior experience - beginners are welcome. Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided by our on-site café Arts Kitchen, and food is available before or during the session. If you have any allergies, please share them with us at the point of booking.






So that we can ensure our holiday courses are viable, we are unfortunately not able to offer refunds. Holiday courses are also not transferable between people. Please bring a packed lunch for full day courses and a snack for shorter ones. No nuts or seeds please!

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