

Summer Holiday Programme 2026

Saturday 25th July – Saturday 22nd August

Art and Music Workshops



The
Conservatoire

EARLY YEARS | CHILDREN | ADULT

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

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On offer this summer are classes in art and music for all ages from 3 to adult!

Based around four weekly themes of Popular Culture; the Natural World; Artists, Movements and Influences; and Stories and Folklore, we have:

- Special early years classes
- All day offerings for children
- Multi-day workshops culminating in performances
- A new programme of intergenerational family classes so you can create together!
- New Specialist Focus classes for older art students (8–14). Building on the Specialism strand of our termly courses, these weekly classes will introduce exciting and specialised techniques.
- Fascinating and stimulating workshops for adults





Tue 28th July,
Wed 29th July,
Thu 30th July

Play!

Children's Music

Play! Summer School

09.30 - 16.30, 6-10yrs, Giulia Semerano,
Jade Bultitude, Manuel Arellano Bover,
£230 (full course)

Spend a fun three days with a team of enthusiastic professional musicians, developing your playing ability and confidence, having fun and making friends! Activities include musical games, instrument tasters, percussion workshops, and playing as an orchestra and in chamber groups. Whether you are completely new to The Conservatoire, a current student or a graduate of our popular **Play!** and **Roundabout** programmes, this summer school is perfect for you! Please let us know your level and what instrument you play. Please bring your own instrument if you have one. If you have recently left Roundabout and not yet purchased your choice of instrument, please let us know and arrange to borrow ours.

Tue 18th August,
Wed 19th August,
Thu 20th August

Children's Music

Make a Musical!

09.30 - 16.30, 8-14yrs, Connor Jones &
Mary-Jean Caldwell, £230 (full course)
All levels welcome!

Join two West End actors for a three-day musical theatre workshop and learn songs and scenes from top West End and Broadway shows! You'll work with Connor and Mary-Jean, who've performed in hits like *Heathers the Musical* and most recently *Les Misérables*, where they've both recently finished the World Tour. By the end, you'll have improved your singing technique, learned new improvisation and acting skills and created your own short musical. Be prepared to act, sing and dance your heart out but most importantly to have fun!



Week 1: Popular Culture

Don't forget Play! Summer School,
28th – 30th July. See p3 for more details.



Mon 27th July

Children's Art

Groovy Californian Tie Dye

09.30 – 16.30, 5-11yrs, Tash Mok, £78

Who doesn't love a bit of tie dye! In this workshop you will learn how to create different tie dye patterns and use them to create groovy t-shirts and socks. You will also learn how to use marbling inks to create colourful shapes and swirls which you can turn into cards and wrapping paper.

Children's Art

Fashion Illustration and Craft your own Jewellery

09.30 – 16.30, 5-11yrs, Clare Kendall, £78

Step into the imaginative world of fashion and design in this hands-on children's workshop inspired by legendary designer Elsa Schiaparelli (exhibition now in at the V&A). Young creatives will explore fashion illustration techniques, experimenting with colour, texture, shape, and bold artistic ideas to design their own couture-inspired looks. Taking inspiration from Schiaparelli's iconic nature-inspired jewellery, participants will also recreate a striking pinecone necklace using mixed materials and creative embellishments. This fun and engaging workshop encourages self-expression, confidence, and imaginative making while introducing children to the exciting world of fashion history and wearable art.

Early Years Music

Uke & You!

10.30 – 12.30, 3-5yrs, Jay Hammond, £27

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. Bring your own instrument or borrow ours!

Tue 28th July

Children's Art

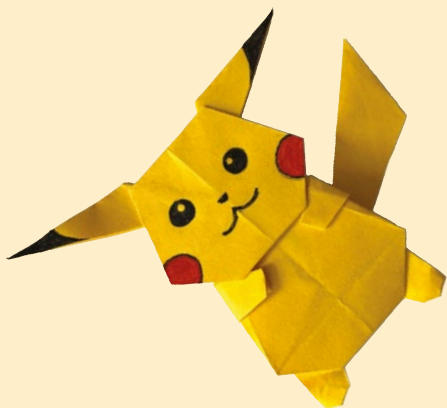


Draw your Dreams!

09.30 – 16.30, 5-11yrs, Fiona Berry, £78

Can you remember what you dreamt last night? Inspired by everyone from the Surrealists, to Leonardo Da Vinci, and most importantly, the children themselves, we will visualise these intriguing and colourful stories in a wide range of artistic media.

Wed 29th July



Children's Art

Pokémon Art Studio

09.30 - 16.30, 5-12yrs, Yukako Shibata, £78

Enter the world-famous Japanese Pokémon universe and become a Pokémon designer for the day! Design and create your own Pokémon-inspired characters through drawing, painting, collage and simple card-making techniques. Bring your creatures to life in colourful scenes full of action, adventure and imagination, inspired by the Pokémon world or your own unique stories. You'll also make an origami Pikachu to take home. A fun-filled day of creativity, imagination and artistic adventure.

Thu 30th July

Children's Art

Photo Batik – combine painting and photography!

09.30 - 16.30, 5-11yrs, Catherine Walker, £78

A fascinating combination of photography and painting; photo batik creates intriguing contrast pictures of bleached light and dark. Create your own montage inspired by your favourite film, programme or local legend.

Fri 31st July

Children's Art

CUTE!

09.30 - 16.30, 6-12yrs, Clare Kendall, £78

Enter a colourful world of cute culture in this playful mixed-media workshop inspired by kawaii art, anime, Pokémon-style creatures, Care Bears, and all things adorable! Children will experiment with painting on canvas using a variety of techniques and create vibrant collages featuring expressive characters and imaginative designs full of personality and charm. Perfect for young artists who love cute characters, bright colours, and creative self-expression. Please bring two printed images of your chosen character(s).

Specialist Focus: Spectacular Shoe Sculpture!

09.30 - 13.00, 8-14yrs, Paula Sanders, £46

Do you like shoes? From Cinderella's glass slipper to platforms of the swinging 60s, to the fantastical works of Costa Magarakis, shoes tell a story. Working with our skilled tutor this is a chance to focus on crafting an eye-catching shoe sculpture from recycled materials, collage and plaster bandage.

Early Years Art

Octoventure

14.30 - 16.30, 3-5yrs, Sue Harris, £27

At the Horniman Museum, the Octonauts are having an Underwater Adventure. Just another day in the life of the emergency services! We will be looking through a porthole at their activities and learning a range of artistic skills to bring them to life!

Week 2: The Natural World



Sat 1st August

Family Class: Ceramics

15.00 - 18.00, 5+yrs, Catherine Walker, £33

Take creative family time and learn all about handbuilding techniques to create and decorate your own pot. All work will be professionally glazed and fired after the class so your pieces can become genuine family heirlooms!



Mon 3rd August

Children's Art



Cyanotypes & Collage: crafting a natural utopia!

09.30 - 16.30, 5-11yrs, Catherine Walker, £78

Learn how to create beautiful blue and white cyanotypes from natural resources and digital negatives, including one created from a selection of plants, leaves and flowers. Using pre-made digital negatives create a newly imagined creature, which we will then collage to create a beautiful and harmonious nature-scape.

Art and Music: Spirit Animals

09.30 - 12.00, 3-5yrs, Sue Harris & Maria Jose Andrade, £33

Spirit Animals have a rich history in literature, art, and cultural traditions. We will design and model our own totem poles of the Pacific Islands and North Americas, highlighting their exaggerated features. In music we will explore the sounds, dynamics and rhythms of our various chosen beasts - will you be a soaring, legato eagle; roaring fortissimo bear; or staccato pointy porcupine? This class blends together art and music in a uniquely Conservatoire way, taught by specialists in both practices.

Early Years Music

Uke & You!

2 – 4pm, 3-5yrs, Jay Hammond, £27

See Monday 28th July for details.



Early Years Art

The Enormous Crocodile

13.00 – 15.00, 3-5yrs, Sue Harris, £27

Make a colourful, enormous (but friendly!) crocodile painting inspired by the books by Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake, which will be staged as a musical at the Lyric this summer. We will learn drawing techniques, use colourful inks and print rainbow scales!



Early Years Art

Mog the Cat

15.30 – 17.30, 3-5yrs, Sue Harris, £27

Do you love cats? The lovely illustrations of Mog by Judith Kerr symbolise the pets of our childhood and will inspire this workshop. We will look at how to create textures to replicate fur and feathers and make our own picture of Mog in the garden with her medal.

Tue 4th August

Children's Art

Papier-mâché Circus Animals

09.30 – 16.30, 5-11yrs, Clare Kendall, £78

Roll up your sleeves and step right into the circus ring in this fun-filled children's workshop creating playful Papier-mâché circus animals! Inspired by the colourful world of the big top, young makers will sculpt, layer, paint, and decorate their own imaginative creatures. Through hands-on making, children will explore shape, texture, and character while learning traditional papier-mâché techniques in a creative and supportive environment. This workshop encourages imagination, experimentation, and messy artistic fun, with every child taking home their own spectacular circus creation.



Children's Art

Nature's Fashion Show

09.30 – 16.30, 5-11yrs, Cate Chapman, £78

Taking inspiration from the natural forms of some endangered species (including insects, plants, mammals and sea creatures), we will design and make our own special costume. At the end of the day, we will model our creations on a catwalk! No materials are required, but you are more than welcome to bring any old garments you'd like to reuse or recycle.

Wed 5th August



Children's Art

Cast your own Fossils!

09.30 – 16.30, 5-11yrs, Fiona Berry, £78

Dinosaurs? Ancient Sea Creatures? Preserved plants? Fossils can be all sorts of things and now we can create our own! We will make clay reliefs and imprints with found and natural objects, cast them in plaster and decorate.

Children's Art

Underwater Seaworld

09.30 – 16.30, 6-12yrs, Yukako Shibata, £78

Dive beneath the waves and create your own miniature 3D underwater world inside a shoebox. Using paint, collage, simple model-making and origami sea creatures, you'll build a colourful ocean scene full of fish, coral, seaweed and hidden treasures. A wonderfully imaginative day combining art, storytelling and construction.

Early Years Music

Uke & You!

10.30 – 12.30, 3-5yrs, Jay Hammond, £27

See Monday 28th July for details.

Thu 6th August

Children's Art

Deserted Island Diary

09.30 – 16.30, 5-11yrs, Clare Kendall, £78

Set sail on a creative adventure as children become castaways stranded on a mysterious deserted island! Participants will create handmade survival journals filled with maps, discoveries, diary entries, and letters home. Using collage, printmaking, drawing, paper marbling, and other creative techniques, young artists will bring their island stories to life. This imaginative workshop encourages creativity, storytelling, and world-building through art and writing.



Early Years Art

Hockney's Happy Landscapes

09.30 – 12.30, 4-7yrs, Sue Harris, £39

Celebrating and remembering the work of the great David Hockney who recently died and has a free exhibition at the Serpentine Gallery. A panoramic exploration through the seasons at his home: colourful and full of mark-making. Although he latterly used an iPad, we will replicate the effects and vitality using brush, watercolours, inks and pastels.

Fri 7th August



Specialist Focus: Make a Macramé Plant Holder

13.30 – 17.00, 8–14yrs, Tash Mok, £46

Learn how to make hanging plant holders using macramé, a textile craft that uses knotting instead of weaving or knitting. You can create intricate designs that jazz up your plants and give them some extra style!

Children's Art

Printmaking Inspired by Nature

09.30 – 16.30, 5–11yrs, Tash Mok, £78

Patterns and prints are all around us on posters, textiles and on screens. You will learn how to create marks and patterns using a wide variety of printing techniques. You will use what you learn to print onto t-shirts and artworks which you can take home and show off to your friends and family.



Sat 8th August

Family Class: Cast your Hands!

15.00 – 18.00, 5+yrs, Clare Kendall, £33

Join us for this unique and memorable hands-on workshop where you'll create a beautiful plaster cast of your hands! Choose individual casts or a joint cast of hands intertwined. Using safe, skin-friendly alginate to make a detailed mould, you'll capture a special moment together before casting it in plaster. Once your sculpture is set, you can get creative decorating and personalising your finished piece with paints and embellishments. A fun, messy, and meaningful activity for all ages — and a keepsake to treasure forever!








CALENDAR

JULY

Sat 25	09.00 - 14.00	Summer Atelier Conservatoire	18+yrs
Sun 26	09.00 - 14.00	Summer Atelier Conservatoire	18+yrs
Mon 27	09.30 - 16.30	Groovy Californian Tie Dye	5-11yrs
Mon 27	09.30 - 16.30	Fashion Illustration and Craft your own Jewellery	5-11yrs
Mon 27	10.30 - 12.30	Uke & You!	3-5yrs
Tue 28	09.30 - 16.30	Play! Summer School	6-10yrs
Tue 28	09.30 - 16.30	Draw your Dreams!	5-11yrs
Wed 29	09.30 - 16.30	Play! Summer School	6-10yrs
Wed 29	09.30 - 16.30	Pokémon Art Studio	5-12yrs
Wed 29	18.00 - 21.00	Pictures at an Exhibition	18+yrs
Thu 30	09.30 - 16.30	Play! Summer School	6-10yrs
Thu 30	09.30 - 16.30	Photo Batik - combine painting and photography	5-11yrs
Thu 30	18.00 - 21.00	Iconic Inks!	18+yrs
Fri 31	09.30 - 16.30	CUTE!	6-12yrs
Fri 31	09.30 - 13.00	Specialist Focus: Spectacular Shoe Sculpture!	8-14yrs
Fri 31	14.30 - 16.30	Octoventure	3-5yrs
Fri 31	18.00 - 21.00	Drink & Draw Series I	18+yrs

AUGUST

Sat 1	09.00 - 14.00	Summer Atelier Conservatoire	18+yrs
Sat 1	15.00 - 18.00	Family Class: Ceramics	5+yrs
Sun 2	09.00 - 14.00	Summer Atelier Conservatoire	18+yrs
Mon 3	09.30 - 16.30	Cyanotypes & Collage	5-11yrs
Mon 3	09.30 - 12.00	Art and Music: Spirit Animals	3-5yrs
Mon 3	13.00 - 15.00	The Enormous Crocodile	3-5yrs
Mon 3	14.00 - 16.00	Uke & You!	3-5yrs
Mon 3	15.30 - 17.30	Mog the Cat	3-5yrs
Tue 4	09.30 - 16.30	Papier-mâché Circus Animals	5-11yrs
Tue 4	09.30 - 16.30	Nature's Fashion Show	5-11yrs
Wed 5	09.30 - 16.30	Cast your own Fossils!	5-11yrs
Wed 5	09.30 - 16.30	Underwater Seaworld	6-12yrs
Wed 5	10.30 - 12.30	Uke & You!	3-5yrs
Wed 5	18.00 - 21.00	Natural Origami Mindfulness	18+yrs
Thu 6	09.30 - 16.30	Deserted Island Diary	5-11yrs
Thu 6	09.30 - 12.30	Hockney's Happy Landscapes	4-7yrs
Thu 6	13.30 - 17.00	Specialist Focus: Make a Macramé Plant Holder	8-14yrs

 Early Years' Art	 Early Years' Music	 Childrens Art	 Childrens Music
 Adult Art	 Family Classes	 Specialist Focus	

Thu 6	18.00 – 21.00	Gouache Masterclass	18+yrs
Fri 7	09.30 – 16.30	Printmaking Inspired by Nature	5-11yrs
Fri 7	18.00 – 21.00	Drink & Draw Series II	18+yrs
Sat 8	15.00 – 18.00	Family Class: Cast your Hands!	5+yrs
Mon 10	09.30 – 16.30	Summer Painting: Food Art!	5-11yrs
Mon 10	09.30 – 12.30	Colourful Collages!	4-7yrs
Mon 10	13.30 – 15.30	Fabulous Frida Kahlo	3-5yrs
Tue 11	09.30 – 16.30	Summer Flowers	5-11yrs
Tue 11	09.30 – 16.30	Songwriting and Playing Together	8-14yrs
Tue 11	10.30 – 12.30	Uke & You!	3-5yrs
Tue 11	18.00 – 21.00	Picasso, Braque & Cubism	18+yrs
Wed 12	09.30 – 16.30	Where are the Whales?	5-11yrs
Thu 13	09.30 – 16.30	Bright Bauhaus Ballet	5-11yrs
Thu 13	09.30 – 16.30	Prepare to Play Piano!	6-9yrs
Thu 13	09.30 – 13.00	Specialist Focus: Paint like a Master	8-14yrs
Thu 13	10.30 – 12.30	Uke & You!	3-5yrs
Thu 13	14.00 – 17.00	Paint, Pattern & Print!	4-7yrs
Fri 14	09.30 – 16.30	Impressed by the Impressionists?	5-11yrs
Fri 14	18.00 – 21.00	Drink & Draw Series III	18+yrs
Sat 15	15.00 – 18.00	Family Class: Family Flip Portraits	5+yrs
Sat 15	09.30 – 16.30	Jazz Band Workshop	18+yrs
Mon 17	09.30 – 16.30	Animals in Folklore – A Sculpture Workshop	5-11yrs
Mon 17	09.30 – 12.30	Draw with Dogman!	4-7yrs
Mon 17	14.30 – 18.00	Specialist Focus: Clothed Life Drawing	8-14yrs
Tue 18	09.30 – 16.30	Make your own Puppet!	5-11yrs
Tue 18	09.30 – 16.30	Make a Musical!	8-14yrs
Wed 19	09.30 – 16.30	Treasure Island	5-11yrs
Wed 19	09.30 – 16.30	Make a Musical!	8-14yrs
Wed 19	18.00 – 21.00	Fruit & Form in Oils: Inspired by Cézanne, Chardin & Bell	18+yrs
Thu 20	09.30 – 16.30	Well Dressing and The Green Man	5-11yrs
Thu 20	10.30 – 12.30	Uke & You!	3-5yrs
Fri 21	09.30 – 16.30	Grimms' Fairy Tales	5-11yrs
Fri 21	14.00 – 16.30	Art and Music: The Little Mermaid and Merman	3-5yrs
Fri 21	18.00 – 21.00	Drink & Draw Series IV	18+yrs
Sat 22	15.00 – 18.00	Family Class: Origami	5+yrs

Week 3: Artists, Movements and Influences



Mon 10th August

Children's Art

Summer Painting: Food Art!

09.30 - 16.30, 5-11yrs, Lilly Walker, £78

Inspired by the amazing art of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, we will paint still life - fruits, vegetables, dry wheat and flowers and create a collage on A3 paper using our own faces as an outline.

Early Years Art

Colourful Collages!

09.30 - 12.30, 4-7yrs, Sue Harris, £27

Faith Ringgold was an African American artist with a passion for folklore, colour and women's stories. We will make our own vibrant and eye-catching patchwork collages, inspired by her children's books, quilts and paintings.

Early Years Art

Fabulous Frida Kahlo

13.30 - 15.30, 3-5yrs, Sue Harris, £27

Craft vibrant 3D flowers and headdresses inspired by the hot, bright colours of Mexico in this Frida Kahlo inspired class.

Tue 11th August

Children's Art

Summer Flowers

09.30 - 16.30, 5-11yrs, Lilly Walker, £78

Inspired by Yvonne Coomber, the children will paint a beautiful, colourful, vibrant summer field with wild flowers, using an amazing (and very fun!) technique — splatting!

Children's Music

Songwriting and Playing Together

09.30 - 16.30, 8-14yrs, 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 together to compose, arrange and write lyrics for our own original tune. 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 practice. Taking inspiration from whatever is happening in the community, or whatever inspires us, the aim will be to "learn to create the music YOU love".

Early Years Music

Uke & You!

10.30 – 12.30, 3-5yrs, Jay Hammond, £27

See Monday 28th July for details.

Wed 12th August

Children's Art

Where are the Whales?

09.30 – 16.30, 5-11yrs, Lilly Walker, £78

Have you seen the whale sculpture made of plastic litter at Canary Wharf? We will make a more optimistic 3D piece, crafted of clay and painted with the colour of choice. Why not make a little snail to keep him company, as told in Julia Donaldson's 'The Snail and the Whale'?



Thu 13th August

Children's Art

Bright Bauhaus Ballet

09.30 – 16.30, 5-11yrs, Fiona Berry, £78

Do you like dance? Enjoy bright colours and moving forms? Then this is the class for you! Taking inspiration from the Bauhaus's bold colours and geometric shapes, we will design dance costumes and backdrops ready for performance!



Specialist Focus: Paint like a Master

09.30 – 13.00, 8-14yrs, Catherine Walker, £46

There are so many amazing styles of painting. Learn what is unique about a range of styles and how to create work like the masters of Cubism, Impressionism and Expressionism.

Early Years Music

Uke & You!

10.30 – 12.30, 3-5yrs, Jay Hammond, £27

See Monday 28th July for details.

Early Years Art

Paint, Pattern & Print!

14.00 – 17.00, 4-7yrs, Sue Harris, £39

Both Martha Armitage and Collier/Campbell, who have printed textile exhibitions at Pitzhanger and the Fashion & Textile Museum respectively, use plants in their work. With reference to them and other textile artists, we will explore hot and cold colours and use paint, print and recycling materials to create our own textile.

Thu 13th August

Children's Music

Prepare to Play Piano!

09.30 - 16.30, 6-9 yrs,

Eleanor Thompson, £78

Our year-long Play programme is a fantastic opportunity to learn an instrument in supportive small groups following our tailored curriculum. Perfect for those who have just completed Roundabout, or complete musical beginners who are just interested in finding out and trying out, these fun one day courses will give you a little taster of each instrument. Participants will come away with new skills, have fun and perhaps select the instrument they would like to continue on Play! Led by your expert tutor, each day will be composed of musical exercises and games, some music theory, and LOTS of playing! You will learn the basics of each instrument, perfectly setting you up for a year of further learning on our Play! course or individual tuition. All instruments will be provided.

Fri 14th August

Children's Art

Impressed by the Impressionists?

09.30 - 16.30, 5-11yrs, Florence Tambini

Cooper, £78

Impressionist artists like Monet and Cassatt were radicals in their time, but their work is still popular today. We'll spend the morning exploring different mediums and drawing techniques influenced by the Impressionist movement and create our own masterpieces. Then in the afternoon we'll transform our artworks into a mono painting and explore printmaking as an art form.

Sat 15th Aug



Family Class: Family Flip Portraits

15.00 - 18.00, 5+yrs, Jonathan Huxley,
£30

Ever wanted to create a self portrait but thought "I can't do that"? Well, we're here to tell you yes you can, with guaranteed success! Introducing the unique method of the Flip Portrait, taught by life drawing and portrait specialist Jonathan Huxley. Using clever methods he will teach you how to conjure up magical self-portraits using acetate, photographs, Sharpies, and tissue paper. You'll create your portraits imagining yourself as a star of the silver screen! Everyone will go home with a unique finished work with your own lovely face at the centre. Choose to depict yourself, your children, or all of you together! Please bring along a black and white photograph (copies and printouts are fine).

Week 4: Stories and Folklore

Don't forget Make a Musical, 18th – 20th August. See p3 for more details.



Mon 17th August

Children's Art

Animals in Folklore – A Sculpture Workshop

09.30 – 16.30, 5–11yrs, Clare Kendall, £78

Step into a world of folklore and wildlife in this hands-on workshop! Inspired by legendary birds, mysterious cats, swift hares, and powerful bears from stories around the world, children will design and sculpt their own creature using foam craft techniques. Participants will build the body structure from foam before covering it with plaster and sand to create rich textures inspired by fur, feathers, and woodland surfaces. Along the way, they'll explore how animals appear in traditional tales, symbols, and folklore across different cultures. Perfect for curious makers and young storytellers, this workshop combines sculpture, imagination, and tactile making in a fun and creative environment.

Early Years Art

Draw with Dogman!

09.30 – 12.30, 4–7yrs, Sue Harris, £39

Dogman is a fantastic comic/graphic novel, film (and now play!) about a crime-fighting half-dog, half-man. We will create our own models and vehicles based on this engaging character!

Specialist Focus: Clothed Life Drawing

14.30 – 18.00, 8–14yrs, Jonathan Huxley, £46

Work with a (clothed) model to understand more about this vital painterly skill. Sketch a range of short and longer poses with a skilled expert. A chance to try something rarely available at school.

Tue 18th August

Children's Art

Make your own Puppet!

09.30 – 16.30, 5–11yrs, Cate Chapman, £78

Design and make your very own puppet to perform in a show! Children will work in small groups, each group given a scene to act out. With each child choosing their part, they will interpret, design and make their character as a puppet, using a variety of materials. At the end, we'll invite parents and carers in to watch the drama unfold!

Wed 19th August

Children's Art

Treasure Island

09.30 – 16.30, 5–11yrs, Lilly Walker, £78

Travel to a Treasure Island, but look out for pirates! Craft a pirate hat, overflowing treasure chest, kaleidoscope and a treasure map.

Thu 20th August

Children's Art

Well Dressing and The Green Man

09.30 – 16.30, 5–11yrs, Clare Kendall, £78

Discover the tradition of Well Dressing in this creative children's workshop inspired by the ancient custom of decorating wells and water sources with natural artworks. Participants will create a nature-inspired mosaic using petals, leaves, seeds, flowers, and other natural materials. Children will also paint a portrait of the Green Man, a famous figure from English folklore, onto canvas. Through hands-on making, they will explore colour, texture, and pattern while learning about seasonal traditions and the natural world.

Early Years Music

Uke & You!

10.30 – 12.30, 3–5yrs, Jay Hammond, £27

See Monday 28th July for details.

Fri 21st August

Children's Art

Grimms' Fairy Tales

09.30 – 16.30, 5–11yrs, Fiona Berry, £78

The Grimms' Fairy Tales gathers timeless folk stories — from daring quests and enchanted animals to cursed royals and clever peasants — collected by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, with pictures by some of the most famous illustrators such as Rackham and Crane. In these brisk, vivid tales, the everyday collides with the magical, and wit or courage often decides a character's fate. We will use printmaking to illustrate and then bind a book of our own version of the stories and print one of our designs onto a T-shirt — will you be a witch, a beast or a princess?

Art and Music: The Little Mermaid and Merman

14.00 – 16.30, 3–5yrs, Sue Harris &
Maria Jose Andrade, £33

Do you want to be a mermaid or merman and live under the sea? Inspired by the Disney classic, calypso and classic sea shanties, we will make music, puppets and beautiful art creating the moving effects of water. This class blends together art and music in a uniquely Conservatoire way, taught by specialists in both practices.

Sat 22nd August



Family Class: Origami

15.00 – 18.00, 5+yrs, Yukako Shibata,
£30

A relaxed, multi-generational session where participants create individual pieces using simple origami, collage and card-making within a shared theme.



Adult Art

Sat 25th July, Sun 26th July, Sat 1st August, Sun 2nd August

Adult Art

Summer Atelier Conservatoire

09.00 - 14.00, 18+yrs, David Webb, £200 (full course)

Like the term time Atelier Conservatoire, this course is based on the traditional European system of artists coming together as a group to work in a serious studio environment on personal projects, with the support and guidance of a tutor. Participants need to be self-motivated and have an idea of what they would like to do. Many make painting projects based around photographs as source material as well as their own research and drawings. Others work from observation - the still life or interior - as well as imaginatively on abstract compositions. This is a lovely supportive group, where students and tutor feed back to each other to help inform their work. The course runs in the spacious Studio 1 for two, full consecutive weekends. It is an opportunity to continue developing projects already begun in the Atelier Conservatoire, or to begin something new and see it as an intense self-contained period of work. Some experience of painting and drawing is essential.

Fri 31st July, Fri 7th August, Fri 14th August, Fri 21st August

Adult Art

Drink & Draw Series

18.00 - 21.00, 18+yrs, Sue Harris & Lilly Walker, £39 per session

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 Friday evening mixing prosecco with paint as you tackle your very own A3 canvas! You'll come away with a wonderful piece of painted work, no matter your prior experience - beginners are welcome. Each session will take inspiration from a different artist and you will explore different mediums each week. Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided.



Wed 29th July

Pictures at an Exhibition

18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs, Jonathan Huxley, £39

An exciting new way of approaching life drawing - this class will draw poses based on a moving model to music. Beginning with the original piano version of Pictures At An Exhibition by Modest Mussorgsky, the composer's response to his friend's Exhibition; students will depict a series of dynamic poses.



Thu 30th July

Iconic Inks!

18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs, Kirsten Lyle, £39

Join our tutor Kirsten Lyle on a working with inks class taking inspiration from iconic 20th century black and white photography, from silver-screen portraits to Ansel Adams' landscape. Explore the use of line and wash techniques to bring light and tone into your ink painting. Suitable for all levels.

Wed 5th August

Natural Origami Mindfulness

18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs, Yukako Shibata, £39

Discover the calming art of Japanese origami in this relaxing and creative evening workshop. Through a series of carefully guided folds, transform simple sheets of paper into elegant animals and natural forms inspired by the world around us. Origami offers a unique combination of concentration, creativity and mindfulness, making it both rewarding and deeply relaxing. Suitable for complete beginners as well as those with some experience. No previous origami experience is required.

Thu 6th August

Gouache Masterclass

18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs, Kirsten Lyle, £39

Taking inspiration from modern masters including Matisse's Mediterranean flora and fauna paintings and collages, this workshop explores the sumptuous painting medium: Gouache. Explore the medium's history, painting techniques, brushwork and colour mixing. Suitable for all levels.

Tue 11th August

Picasso, Braque & Cubism: Painting Beyond One Viewpoint

18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs, Yukako Shibata, £39

Step into the revolutionary world of Cubism and discover how artists such as Picasso and Braque transformed the way we see. Through drawing and painting exercises, you'll explore multiple viewpoints, fragmentation, composition and abstraction, learning how to move beyond straightforward observation to create dynamic and expressive artworks. Suitable for all levels of experience. No previous painting experience is required.



Thu 20th August

Fruit & Form in Oils: Inspired by Cézanne, Chardin & Bell

18.00 – 21.00, 18+yrs, Sophie Cook, £39

Join us as we explore the art of still life fruit painting in oils. Taking inspiration from a broad variety of artists including Paul Cézanne, Jean-Baptiste-Siméon Chardin, and Bell, this course will focus on painting vibrant fruit arrangements while experimenting with different backgrounds to create bold and striking visual designs. Working with a limited palette, you will learn how artists use colour harmony and complementary contrasts to make fruit glow against the background. Perfect for beginners and more experienced painters.

Adult Music

Sat 15th August

Jazz Band Workshop

09.30 – 16.30, 18+yrs, Cathal Herron, £78

Jazz Band Workshop is an exciting opportunity for students to learn, play and perform jazz as part of a group. In a friendly and welcoming setting, it is a great chance to experience group music making, whilst learning key musical skills including improvising, accompanying, jazz theory, teamwork and performance skills. The workshop offers students of grade 5 and above or equivalent level an opportunity to play with a variety of other instruments including piano, vocals, double bass or electric bass, drums, saxophone, trumpet, clarinet, violin and guitar. We will be exploring and learning the music of Miles Davis to Oscar Peterson to Billie Holiday and more, in an informative, engaging and fun way. The Jazz Band Workshop aims to connect people curious and passionate, teach new skills and create music together! Please let us know what instrument you play and your level.

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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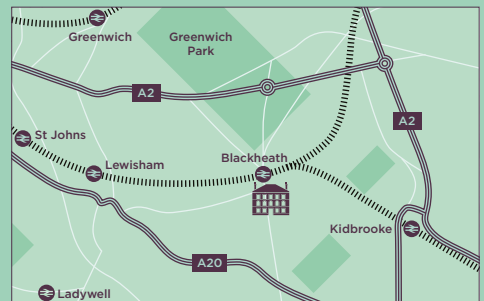
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