

# **Bristol Events – January 2018**

# Last chance to see (events ending in January 2018)

Until 1 January 2018 **Fairy-tale SOS at We The Curious** - BS1 5DB Science comes to the rescue of some well-known fairy-tale characters!

Until 3 January 2018

## A Very Victorian Christmas at Tyntesfield - BS48 1NX

This special time of year gets off to a magical start as we step back into a Christmas past at Tyntesfield. They're taking the season's best loved traditions and bringing them to life with an immersive Victorian experience.

## Until 3 January 2018

## The Festival of Light at Longleat - BA12 7NW

Longleat's hugely successful Festival of Light will be brightening up even the darkest of wintry days when it makes a welcome return from November 5th.

## Until 4 January 2018

**Danceroom Spectroscopy: Making the Invisible Visible at We The Curious** - BS1 5DB The Box celebrates the synergy between art and science, and features exhibitions and artists that occupy the exciting space where art and science meet.

## Until 7 January 2018

## Aladdin at Bristol Hippodrome - BS1 4UZ

Follow Aladdin, his hapless brother, and of course his mother Widow Twankey, on a spectacular adventure featuring a beautiful love story, flying carpets, a wish-granting genie, an evil sorcerer and a lamp packed full of spectacular family entertainment.

Until 7 January 2018 Christmas Fishes at Bristol Aquarium - BS1 5TT Head along to Bristol Aquarium to enjoy some Christmas Fishes.

Until 7 January 2018 **Pliosaurus! at Bristol Museum & Art Gallery** - BS8 1RL Let's take you back in time, 150 million years ago to be precise...

Until 7 January 2018

## Snow Globe at The Lantern at Colston Hall - BS1 5AR

Join Kid Carpet and his peculiar posse for an evening of original music, comedy and theatrical chaos perfect for families.

Until 7 January 2018

## Winter Wonderland at The Mall, Cribbs Causeway - BS34 5DG

This fantastic festive experience encompasses the South West's largest outdoor ice rink (over 1,000 sq. metres), Santa's Enchanted Ice Castle, a magical Christmas train ride inside The Mall and a selection of festive foodie treats to enjoy

## Until 7 January 2018

## Winter Wonderland at Wookey Hole - BA5 1BB

Step into a magical world of all things Christmas including a visit to Santa's Grotto and over 20 festive attractions!

## Until 12 January 2018

**70 years of twinning: Bristol-Hannover and Bristol-Bordeaux at 'B' Bond Warehouse** - BS1 6XN In 1947, Bristol began formal friendships with two twin cities, Hannover in Germany and Bordeaux in France. Since then, Bristol has shared cultural, artistic and sporting exchanges with both cities. This exhibition celebrates the 70th anniversary of the twinnings and the historic and recent connections between them.

## Until 14 January 2018

## Beauty and the Beast at Tobacco Factory Theatres - BS3 1TF

This re-telling of the French classic fairy tale is brimming with surprises and delights to remind us that beauty – and beastliness – are only skin deep.

## Until 14 January

## The Little Matchgirl and Other Happier Tales at Bristol Old Vic - BS1 4ED

Emma Rice's "exquisite" (Daily Telegraph) production comes to Bristol this Christmas following its critically acclaimed premiere at Shakespeare's Globe.

## Until 14 January 2018

## The Ugly Duckling at Tobacco Factory Theatres - BS3 1TF

This Christmas the multi award-winning team behind Cinderella: A Fairy-tale brings all its trademark magic and mastery to a warming wintry tale of family, feathers and fitting in.

## Until 16 January 2018

## Winter Fair and Ice Rink in Millennium Square - BS1 5DB

Head to the winter playground on Bristol's Harbourside this December, with an ice rink, big wheel, film screening, Christmas market and more!

## Until 20 January 2018

## Martin Parr's Black Country Stories at The Martin Parr Foundation - BS4 3AR

Between 2010 and 2014, British photographer Martin Parr was commissioned to photograph the four boroughs of the Black Country in England's industrial West Midlands. The Martin Parr Foundation will present highlights from the show from October 25th.

Until 21 January 2018

## Reservoir Cats at The Wardrobe Theatre - BS2 0DF

An alternative Christmas with The Wardrobe Theatre, the makers of Rocky: A Horror Show, Goldilock, Stock & Three Smoking Bears and Muppets Die Hard.

#### Until 28 January 2018

## Cornelia Parker: One Day This Glass Will Break at RWA - BS5 0BF

Turner Prize-nominee Cornelia Parker RA OBE is one of the UK's foremost artists. Known across the world for her ground-breaking installations and sculpture, this intimate exhibition features Parker's most recent work.

## **Key events**

#### 26 January 2018

## Slapstick Festival: Silent Comedy Gala at Colston Hall - BS1 5AR

Bristol's stand-out annual comedy celebration returns for a fourteenth edition at Colston Hall – a unique celebration of the best onscreen classic silent comedy, live music and guest appearances by living legends of British comedy.

## 26 to 28 January 2018

## **Bristol Slapstick Festival 2018**

The Slapstick annual festival is held every January (Since 2005!) and gives audiences a unique and often once in a life time opportunity to see some extraordinary films in unique circumstances.

## 31 January 2018 to 3 March 2018

#### Wicked at Bristol Hippodrome - BS1 4UZ

WICKED is acclaimed as one of the greatest musicals of our time.

#### Until 8 April 2018

## Wildlife Photographer of the Year at M Shed - BS1 4RN

The renowned wildlife photography competition from the Natural History Museum is back with 100 spectacular images, from frozen wastelands to tropical paradises.

## January events

## 1 January 2018

**Bristol Rovers FC v Portsmouth - Sky Bet League One at Memorial Stadium** - BS7 0BF Bristol Rovers Football Club is an English professional association football club, based in Bristol, that competes in League Two, the fourth tier of English football. The team plays its home matches at Memorial Stadium, in Horfield.

## 1 January 2018

**New Year Eucharist at St Mary Redcliffe Church** - BS1 6RA Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel.

1 January 2018 New Year's Day Lunch at Hotel du Vin - BS1 2NU A great start to the New Year with a delicious four course lunch.

2 January 2018 Historical Walk: Floating Harbour from M Shed - BS1 4RN Join M Shed's expert guides as they take you on a trip into Bristol's old docklands.

4 to 6 January 2018 Cinderella at Redgrave Theatre - BS8 3LE Indulge in the joyful journey of this new adaptation and witness the marvellous wonders of magical Godparents, majestic parties and mighty heroes.

#### 6 January 2018

**Bristol Rovers FC v Wigan Athletic - Sky Bet League One at Memorial Stadium** - BS7 OBF Bristol Rovers Football Club is an English professional association football club, based in Bristol, that competes in League Two, the fourth tier of English football. The team plays its home matches at Memorial Stadium, in Horfield.

#### 6 January 2018

#### Interior Design Workshop at Hamilton House - BS1 3QY

Kickstart your project with all the enthusiasm the New Year brings with this whole day workshop run by Zoë from Stylemongers of Bristol.

#### 6 January 2018

#### Junior Drawing School - In the Studio at the RWA - BS8 1PX

Join Bristol-based illustrator, printmaker and regular RWA Drawing School tutor, Sophie Rae, for a printmaking workshop using stencils and rollers.

#### 6 January 2018

#### Scribble and Sketch at the RWA - BS8 1PX

Ideal for families of all ages, Scribble and Sketch offers a free morning of fun and informal art and drawing activities, often inspired by the current exhibitions.

#### 7 January 2018

#### Historical Walk: Bristol's Burning! 1831 Riots from M Shed - BS1 4RN

Explore the sites and learn about the causes and consequences of the citywide riots of 1831.

#### 9 January 2018

#### An Evening with Andy Weir at Bristol Planetarium - BS15DB

Experience a 3D trip to the moon and special Q&A with Andy Weir, renowned sci-fi author of the best-selling novel The Martian, in We The Curious' Planetarium to celebrate the launch of his new book, Artemis with local sci-fi podcast The Cosmic Shed and Bristol Sunset Cinema.

#### 9 to 13 January 2018

#### Sunset Boulevard at Bristol Hippodrome - BS1 4UZ

Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award-winning masterpiece Sunset Boulevard, directed by Nikolai Foster and starring Ria Jones as Norma Desmond, is coming to Bristol Hippodrome.

#### 10 January 2018

#### Electric Shadows - The Terminator at Bristol Cathedral - BS1 5TJ

In September 2017, a new monthly series of film screenings will be coming to Bristol Cathedral, all of which have a theological aspect. The films will be introduced by guest speakers from across the city.

#### 11 January 2018

## Adult Workshops: System Earth at We The Curious - BS1 5DB

This stimulating day includes a 3D planetarium show and offers first-hand experience of the science behind the headlines.

#### 11 January 2018

Jon Udry ABC Tour: J is for Jail at The Island - BS1 2LE

26 Comedy Juggling shows. 26 venues one for each letter of the alphabet. J is for Jail (cell)

## 12 January 2018

## Toddler Takeover: Crazy Creatures at We The Curious - BS1 5DB

Stimulate little senses with a fun-packed day of colourful activities for just for the tiniest of explorers!

13 January 2018 Artists Talk: Yvonne Crossley at the RWA - BS8 1PX Painter/marker Yvonne Crossley discusses her practice in this fascinating lecture.

13 January 2018 Bristol City FC v Norwich City at Ashton Gate Stadium - BS3 2EJ Championship game.

## 13 to 14 January 2018

## George and the Flight of the Imaginees at Zion Bristol - BS13 7JW

A globe-trotting quest bursting at the seams with magical illuminations and original music - in a tale about how limitless imagination can be (and how it can get you into a spot of bother sometimes!)

## 14 January 2018

## One Night of Queen at Bristol Hippodrome Theatre - BS1 4UZ

One Night of Queen is a spectacular live concert, recreating the look, sound, pomp and showmanship of arguably the greatest rock band of all time.

15 January 2018

## Closer Each Day: The Improvised Soap Opera at The Wardrobe Theatre - BS2 0DF

The unplanned, unscripted & unconventional cult comedy show continuing the world's longest improvised narrative every other Monday.

## 15 January 2018

**The Russian State Ballet & Orchestra of Siberia - The Nutcracker at Bristol Hippodrome** - BS1 4UZ Russia's acclaimed ballet company returns to Bristol.

15 to 19 January 2018 **Take Exhibition at The Vestibules** - BS1 5TR Take is a collaborative exhibition that explores the ways we respond to poetry.

16 January 2018

**The Russian State Ballet & Orchestra of Siberia - Cinderella at Bristol Hippodrome** - BS1 4UZ Russia's acclaimed ballet company returns to Bristol.

17 January 2018 Averys Presents: Burgundy 2016 En Primeur Tasting - BS1 5LD Discuss with the Averys of Bristol team the highlights from the current vintage.

17 January 2018 Historical Walk: Windmill Hill from M Shed - BS1 4RN Discover how Bedminster evolved from a rural Somerset town to a bustling industrial suburb.

17 January 2018

## The Russian State Ballet & Orchestra of Siberia - Swan Lake at Bristol Hippodrome - BS1 4UZ

Russia's acclaimed ballet company returns to Bristol.

18 January 2018

## Historical Walk: Old City from M Shed - BS1 4RN

Discover a millennium of history on this 1.8 mile walk around the heart of Bristol's old city.

## 18 January 2018

## Ellen Kent's Rigoletto at Bristol Hippodrome - BS1 4UZ

A stunning traditional production recapturing the decadence of Renaissance Italy with lavish sets and opulent costumes.

18 January 2018

**From Pageants to Powerboat Racing: The Film Collections at Bristol Archives at M Shed** - BS1 4RN Bristol Archives holds a collection of over 1,000 reels of film shot in Bristol.

## 19 January 2018

## Ellen Kent's Madama Butterfly at Bristol Hippodrome - BS1 4UZ

Back by overwhelming public demand, this award-winning Opera returns to Bristol.

## 19 January 2018

## On Form: Gallery Tour for Visually Impaired Adults at the RWA - BS8 1PX

Led by an experienced facilitator alongside gallery staff and volunteers, these described tours will help you explore the current exhibitions.

## 19 to 20 January 2018

## Bristol Acoustic (ish) Music Festival at The Louisiana - BS1 6UA

The 15th Bristol Acoustic (ish) Music Festival programmed by Jelli Records will be held at the Iconic Louisiana Music venue for 2018.

## 20 January 2018

## An Unsuitable Job for a Woman - Art History Day School at the RWA - BS8 1PX

The history of women in art has tended to be one of defiance and struggle against dispiriting odds, with very few exceptions to encourage them in the fight.

## 20 January 2018

## Bristol Jazz and Blues Festival presents Jazz Dames 3 at Redgrave Theatre - BS8 3LE

Celebrating the world of vocal Jazz with some of Bristol's finest singers, and a hot band to match, this will be an evening of great songs, harmonies and fantastic arrangements played by The Jazz Dames trio with special guests.

## 20 January 2018

**Bristol Rovers FC v Bradford City - Sky Bet League One at Memorial Stadium** - BS7 OBF Bristol Rovers Football Club is an English professional association football club, based in Bristol, that competes in League Two, the fourth tier of English football. The team plays its home matches at Memorial Stadium, in Horfield.

## 20 January 2018

## Instant Wit at Alma Tavern Theatre - BS8 2HY

The best in improvised comedy - welcome to an evening of songs, gags and general silliness – all of it based around audience suggestions.

## 20 to 21 January 2018

#### Easton Window Wanderland - BS5 OLB

Window Wanderland transforms everyday streets into magical, outdoor galleries, where anything goes and you never know what's around the next corner.

#### 21 January 2018

#### Wedding Fair at No.4 Clifton Village - BS8 4HY

A wedding fair like no other; with local suppliers and eco-friendly and ethical companies. If you want to create a unique, beautiful, environmentally-kind wedding...let this event introduce you to the right people!

#### 23 January 2018

## A Judge's Perspective: Wildlife Photographer of the Year at M Shed - BS1 4RN Join competition judge Roz Kidman Cox for a tour of the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition.

#### 23 January 2018

#### Cornelia Parker in Focus at the RWA - BS8 1PX

Antonia Shaw discusses Cornelia Parker's latest experiments in printmaking and reflects upon the influence that pioneering photographer William Henry Fox Talbot has had on her work at large.

#### 24 January 2018

#### Adult Workshops: Atoms to Astrophysics at We The Curious - BS1 5DB

This is the journey from the centre of the atom to the cosmos, told in particles, waves and energy.

#### 24 January 2018 Averys Presents: Winter Warmers - BS1 5LD Big bold reds to fight against the cold.

## 25 January 2018

## Academy of St Martin in the Fields at Colston Hall - BS1 5AR

A generous sprinkling of iconic Vivaldian 'seasoning' and Beethoven's defiant symphonic optimism swaddle something whose ink is scarcely dry: a new work by bassist Edgar Meyer.

#### 26 January 2018

## Historical Walk: Redcliffe from M Shed - BS1 4RN

Venture on a guided walk into the once-autonomous township of Redcliffe, where you'll find some of the most impressive remains of historical Bristol.

#### 26 January 2018

#### Kate Summerscale Live in Conversation at University of Bristol - BS8 1SS

The author Kate Summerscale will be appearing to discuss the creative and historical dimensions of her work with academics and members of the public.

#### 26 to 27 January 2018

**Murder Mystery Night – Burns Night Special at Bristol Museum & Art Gallery** - BS8 1RL Gather your friends, family and colleagues together for a Murder Mystery Night – Burns Night Special at Bristol Museum & Art Gallery.

27 January 2018

## Bristol City FC v QPR at Ashton Gate Stadium - BS3 2EJ

FA cup round 4

27 January 2018 Grand Pier Whisky & Rum Festival - BS23 1AL Warm yourself this winter at the Grand Pier's first ever Whisky & Rum Festival!

## 27 January 2018

## Griff Rhys Jones at Redgrave Theatre - BS8 3LE

Join the star of Not the Nine O'clock News, Smith & Jones and Three Men In A Boat as he airs stories, anecdotes, reminiscences and outright lies.

27 January 2018 **Frink-Blow-Lawson Gallery Tour at the RWA** - BS8 1PX A closer look at the exhibition Frink-Blow-Lawson. Led by Gemma Brace, Teaching Fellow and Curator in History of Art, Heritage and Museums, University of Bristol.

# **Ongoing events and exhibitions**

## 22 July 2017 to 10 June 2018

**Radical Clay: Teaching with the 60s' greatest potters At Bristol Museum & Art Gallery** - BS8 1RL See 50 pieces from the collection including work by Lucy Rie, Bernard and Janet Leach, Hans Coper, Ruth Duckworth and many more.

30 September 2017 to 31 August 2018

Empire Through the Lens at Bristol Museum and Art Gallery - BS8 1RL

Bristol Archives now holds an extraordinary collection of photography and film depicting aspects of life in former British Empire and the Commonwealth countries, mostly dating from the 1880s to the 1960s.

14 October 2017 to 15 April 2018

**Brave Poor Things: Reclaiming Bristol's Disability History at M Shed** - BS1 4RN M Shed's exhibition tells the story of The Guild of the Brave Poor Things, founded in 1894, its members and its headquarters.

13 November 2017 to 11 March 2018

**Somalis in Bristol: Where Are We From and Who Are We Now? at M Shed** - BS1 4RN This new display explores the diverse experiences of Somalis living in Bristol today.

6 December 2017 to 4 March 2018

Winter Stargazing (3D) at We The Curious - BS1 5DB

Investigate the science of astronomy and find answers to questions you've always wanted to ask at one of these regular daily shows.

## 12 December 2017 to 20 February 2018

## Dark Side of the Moon: The Fulldome Experience at We The Curious - BS1 5DB

An audio-visual extravaganza, inspired by the music of Pink Floyd, featuring the entire 1973, 'Dark Side of the Moon' album in glorious 5.1 surround sound, with abstract projections on the full dome enveloping the entire audience. Settle in and enjoy the astounding experience with a drink from the bar.

### 16 December 2017 to 11 March 2018

#### Frink-Blow-Lawson exhibition at RWA - BS5 OBF

A new exhibition featuring three highly influential female artists. This visionary collection of sculpture, collage and painting celebrates the international influence of these artists.

16 December 2017 to 11 March 2018

Women of the RWA at the RWA - BS5 0BF

From its foundation to the present day, the RWA has had women artists at its heart. This diverse exhibition takes a walk through the RWA's fascinating history and shines a light on the artists that shaped it.

16 December 2017 to 31 December 2018 **Rocketship Adventure (2D) at We The Curious** - BS1 5DB Join Stella the Bear on a quest to explore Earth... and beyond in a brand-new Planetarium show!

9 January 2018 to 20 February 2018

Junior Drawing School at the RWA - BS8 1PX

Explore the Women with Vision exhibition with Junior Drawing School tutors and gallery staff. Learn about different artists, media and techniques; take part in drawing activities and games.

9 January 2018 to 4 February 2018

**Yvonne Crossley Exhibition at the RWA** - BS8 1PX A solo exhibition of work by Academician Yvonne Crossley.

16 January 2018 to 20 February 2018

## DJ Food: The Search Engine at We The Curious - BS1 5DB

Lose yourself in the 50-minute 360-degree fulldome interpretation of DJ Food's album The Search Engine.

18 January 2018 to 8 March 2018

Wildlife Conservation Evening Classes at Bristol Zoo Gardens - BS8 3HA

This course will offer you opportunity to get up close to unique zoo resources, including some living ones!

19 January 2018 to 18 March 2018

**The Box presents Tipping Point by Kathy Hinde at We The Curious** - BS1 5DB The Box celebrates the synergy between art and science.

30 January 2018 to 11 March 2018 **Anne Redpath RA RWA RSA at the RWA** - BS8 1PX An exhibition showcasing the vibrant paintings of Anne Redpath.

30 January 2018 to 11 February 2018

**'Rooftops & Archways' Art Exhibition at Christmas Steps Gallery** - BS1 5BS Bristol based fine artist Susie Ramsay presents a new collection of paintings in her solo exhibition 'Rooftops and Archways'.