

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

**FAMILY
SUNDAY**

LOTS OF LOVE

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SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2023

1.30pm–4pm

Welcome to the Royal Opera House and today's Family Sunday celebrating LGBTQ+ history.

Today, we are embracing individuality and coming together in love and friendship whilst highlighting the extraordinary contributions of LGBTQ+ communities past and present who make opera and ballet what they are today.

Jump on a train back to 1930's New York and learn about the life and relationship of artists Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears, in *A Letter from Ben*.

Listen to the musical stylings of the London Gay Big Band or ballet pianist NICKI WILLIAMSON as she plays some of our favourite hits, as well as having your own opportunity to sing it loud and proud with the Trans Voices choir.

T&T return to the Paul Hamlyn Hall with a specially created ballet featuring Royal Ballet first soloist JAMES HAY. They will also be premiering their most recent project *Voices*, a specially created film about the wonderful LGBTQ+ staff and artists of the Royal Opera House.

Get creative and transform something old into something new by making your very own Pride-scope with artist ZOE PHILLIPS or learn how to fly your own flag with textile artist HALINA EDWARDS.

And finally, join us in reflecting and sharing the love by adding your unique artwork to our Big Pride Mural.

With so much in store, we look forward to you joining us for this very special Family Sunday.

TAKE PART

EVERYBODY DANCE! ROMEO & JULIET

Everybody Dance! is a fun way to learn about ballet and get moving. People of all ages, experience and ability are invited to become honorary members of The Royal Ballet's corps de ballet and learn choreography inspired by *Romeo & Juliet*.

Linbury Foyer

1.40–2.00pm

BALLET BARRE

Ever fancied becoming a ballet dancer? Give it a go in this barre workshop led by former Royal Ballet soloist LAURA McCULLOCH, accompanied by NICKI WILLIAMSON on piano.

Linbury Foyer

2.30–3.00pm

ROSE ADAGE WORKSHOP

A workshop exploring supporting someone you love by making shapes and creating your own choreography with former First Artist of the Royal Ballet TARA BHAVNANI and lead dance artist BIM MALCOMSON.

Paul Hamlyn Hall

3.05–3.30pm

THE TRANS VOICES CHOIR

Join *Trans Voices* in a workshop exploring the power of voice, gender and community led by co-founders ILĀ KAMALAGHARAN and CODA NICOLAEFF.

Trans Voices is the UK's first professional trans+ choir featuring singers with diverse lived experiences and backgrounds.

Paul Hamlyn Hall

2.05–2.35pm

PARTY WITH BIM

Join dance facilitator and party maker extraordinaire BIM MALCOMSON to shake a tail feather and bust your best ballet moves in this fun workshop for all the family.

Paul Hamlyn Hall

3.35–4.00pm

DRESS TO IMPRESS

Let your imagination be inspired by the magical characters of the ROH stage. Who will you become on our walk-in dressing up floor?

Level 5

1.30–4.00pm

WATCH

A LETTER FROM BEN

Climb aboard the train to New York Airport and meet Peter, who is on his way home to his beloved Ben. This musical play tells the true love story of tenor Peter Pears (JOSEPH DOODY) and composer/pianist Benjamin Britten (EDWARD PICTON-TURBERVILL) directed by JONATHAN AINSCOUGH.

Clare Studio

2.00–2.30pm & 3.00–3.30pm

LETTER TO TCHAIKOVSKY

Everyone should be free to live openly wherever they are in the world, is the message in dance duo T&T's new piece, *Letter to Tchaikovsky*. Featuring first soloist of The Royal Ballet, JAMES HAY, this performance is inspired by the life of PYOTR ILYITCH TCHAIKOVSKY and the 'Letter Scene' in *Onegin*.

Paul Hamlyn Hall

2.40–3.00pm

VOICES

Sit back and enjoy a special screening of *Voices*, a commissioned dance piece created by T&T which shares the stories of The Royal Opera House's LGBTQ+ staff and artists.

Clare Studio

2.35–2.55pm & 3.35–4.00pm

LISTEN

LONDON GAY BIG BAND-LIMITED EDITION

Start and end your session with a boogie with the *London Gay Big Band*. Founded in the summer of 2011, this scintillating jazz orchestra is made up of predominantly, but not exclusively, LGBTQ+ musicians and vocalists, bringing a fresh and fabulous vibe to the London music scene.

Main Entrance Foyer

1.15–1.35pm

Linbury Foyer

3.30–4.00pm

I HATE MUSIC BUT I LOVE TO SING!

From lost loves, to clowns, to the existentiality of being 10 years old... Join soprano ELLA TAYLOR and pianist YSHANI PERINPANAYAGAM as they take you on a journey through the pieces of several of the 20th century's leading LGBTQ+ composers and librettists.

Linbury Foyer

3.05–3.25pm

PAINT ME, MOTHER

Have you ever wondered what it takes to get an opera singer ready for the stage? In this recital, counter tenor COLLIN SHAY and drag performer JOYLESS will demonstrate the power of transformation through make up, costumes and music. Expect to hear great music and witness a full transformation in just twenty minutes.

Paul Hamlyn Hall
1.40–2.00pm

THE DANCING PIANO

Join Royal Ballet pianist and founder of *The Dancing Piano*, NICKI WILLIAMSON, as they present their virtuoso piano stylings playing some of our favourite hits.

Linbury Foyer
2.05–2.25pm

MAKE

LIFE IS A PRID-E-SCOPE

Join artist ZOE PHILLIPS and ride the rainbow as you make your very own Prid-e-scope.

Crush Room
1.30–4.00pm

BIG PRIDE MURAL

Express your individuality with SHELLY & JOHN and create a giant rainbow mural of beautiful colourful dancers, dressed in ROH programmes.

Level 5
1.30–4.00pm

FABULOUS FLAGS

Flags have played a huge part in LGBTQ+ history and are a great way to express yourself. Join textile artist HALINA EDWARDS and make your own fabulous flag.

Crush Room
1.30–4.00pm

TIMETABLE

1 pm

1.30–4 pm

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DRESS TO IMPRESS ☞ Level 5

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1.40–2 pm

EVERYBODY DANCE! ☞ Linbury Foyer

1.40–2 pm

PAINT ME, MOTHER ☞ Paul Hamlyn Hall

2 pm

2–2.30 pm

A LETTER FROM BEN ☞ Clore Studio

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LONDON GAY BIG BAND 🗨️ Linbury Foyer

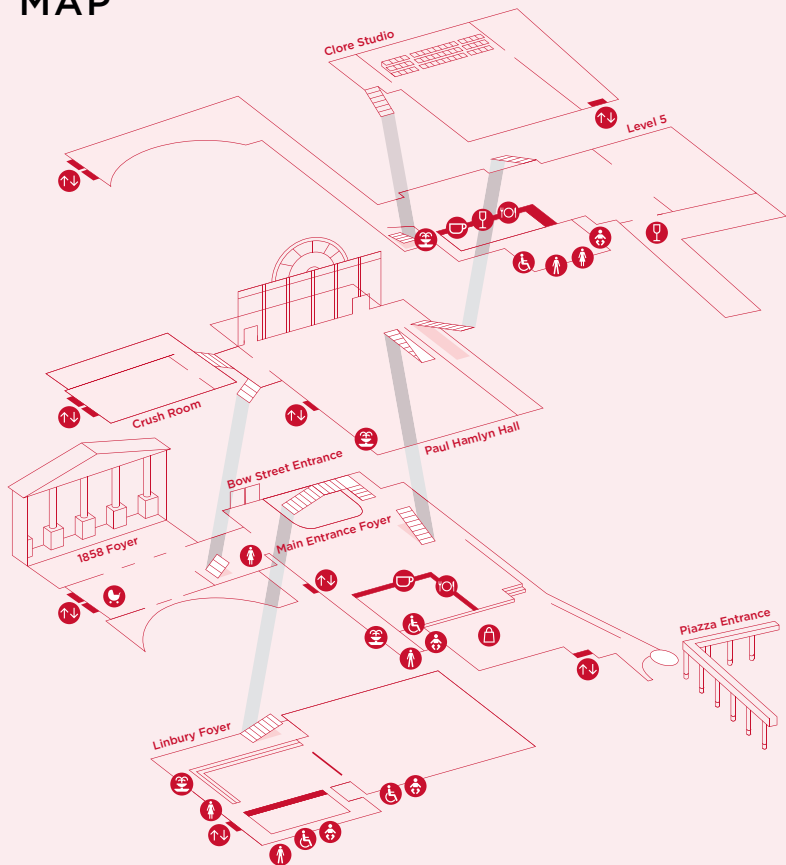
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VOICES 🗨️ Clore Studio

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PARTY WITH BIM 🗨️ Paul Hamlyn Hall

MAP



MEN'S TOILETS
WOMEN'S TOILETS
ACCESSIBLE / GENDER
NEUTRAL TOILETS
BABY CHANGING
WATER FOUNTAIN
BUGGY PARK



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