

Join our Festival of Art & Archaeology weekend event for all the family to take part in a range of exciting, free activities and tours across the Museum and its galleries.

This year's festival explores the Medieval World of the Wilton Diptych.

Our weekend festival is in partnership with Oxford Festival of Arts, which runs from April-July. Part of the UK's annual Festival of Archaeology with UK events running from 13-28 July 2024.

## VISIT

The Wilton Diptych in Gallery 41, England 400 - 1600

As part of its 200th birthday celebrations, the National Gallery is loaning 12 paintings to venues around the UK. The Wilton Diptych, painted about 1395-9 and made for Richard II, King of England from 1377 to 1399. The small, portable altarpiece is one of a handful of English panel paintings to have survived from the Middle Ages.



Please donate. Help keep the museum free for everyone.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM  
OXFORD

# FESTIVAL OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY

## FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES

PROGRAMME  
SAT 13 & SUN 14 JULY



## FESTIVAL OF ART SAT 13 JUL

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**Medieval Music and Stories:**  
12.30pm, 2pm, 3pm, Atrium

Listen to medieval music and stories in the Atrium.

**Sketch!:** 11am-4pm, Gallery 21

Unleash your inner artist and sketch our statues in Gallery 21.

**Islamic Calligraphy Craft:**  
11am-4pm, Gallery 31

Create a beautiful Islamic Calligraphy inspired craft to take home.

**Medieval Crafts:** 11am-4pm,  
Learning Studio

Create a medieval tile and reimagine the past as a phone case based on our collections and the Wilton Diptych. Make a beautiful piece of art to take away with you!

**Shapes and Colours & Story  
Time:** 11am-4pm, Gallery 62.  
Story times: 11am, 12pm, 1pm,  
2pm, 3pm

Explore the shapes and colours of the Modern Art Gallery and listen to the story of 'Matisse's Garden'.



## FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY SUN 14 JUL

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**Opening Lecture 'All That Glitters: The Archaeology of Later Medieval Jewellery and Devotional Objects':**  
11am-12pm, Headley Lecture Theatre

With Eleanor Standley Associate Professor of Later Medieval Archaeology in the School of Archaeology and Curator of Medieval Archaeology in the Ashmolean Museum.

**Medieval Music and Stories:**  
12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm,  
3.30pm, Atrium

Listen to medieval music and stories in the Atrium with Dave Tong the Yarnsmith of Norwich and Trevor James, historical music performer.

**Make a Medieval Ring:** 11am-4pm, Gallery 21

Become a medieval jeweller and make your own medieval-style ring using wire.

**Medieval Amusements:** 11am-4pm, Gallery 31

Have fun playing medieval board games such as Nine Men's Morris.

**Medieval Messages:** 11am-4pm,  
Learning Studio

Write your own medieval message and keep it secret with a medieval-style wax seal. Families can make a quill pencil, write a secret message, 'lock' the letter and seal it closed with wax.

**Medieval Crafts:** 11am-4pm,  
Learning Studio

Decorate an illuminated letter inspired by those found in medieval manuscripts embellished with gold.

**Making a Diptych and Medieval Book Binding Demonstration:**  
11am-4pm, Gallery 35

Join a demonstration of how the wooden boards would be prepared for a diptych, and discover the types of tools used to prepare diptychs for painting and gilding.

Also enjoy a demonstration of medieval bookbinding where similar painting and gilding techniques were used to diptych decoration.

Families can have a go at gilding on card and making a mini diptych to colour in.

**Making a Medieval Crown:**  
11am-4pm, Gallery 41

Make your own medieval crown like those worn by King Richard II and the royal saints depicted in the Wilton Diptych. We will have three medieval-style crown designs to make, decorate and wear.

