

FOR THE START OF 2014, SELFRIDGES BECOMES A PORTAL INTO THE CREATIVE MIND, AS WE EXPLORE THE POWER OF IMAGINATION TO DRIVE THE PROCESS OF INNOVATION AND INFORM THE SHAPE OF OUR FUTURE. IN MANCHESTER, THE FESTIVAL OF IMAGINATION COMPRISES A SERIES OF POP-UP EVENTS CURATED BY MARIA BALSHAW, DIRECTOR OF THE WHITWORTH ART GALLERY AND MANCHESTER CITY GALLERIES. EXPECT INSPIRATIONAL TALKS FROM SOME OF THE UK'S MOST CELEBRATED ARTISTS, WRITERS AND ACADEMICS, PLUS LUNCHTIME WORKSHOPS TO HELP YOU UNLOCK YOUR IMAGINATIVE POWERS.



OPEN YOUR MIND. BE READY TO EXPLORE. LET THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN. #IMAGINATION

WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY

'The Artist's Mind'
Artist Richard Wentworth & Dr. Maria Balshaw
in conversation
6-8pm, San Carlo Farmacia Del Dolce on LG

Join one of the most influential artists in the country, a giant of British sculpture and photography, as he talks to Dr. Maria Balshaw about artistic methods, experiments and leaps of faith.

Tickets are £10 and include a glass of wine and a tasting plate of San Carlo's signature dishes. To book your ticket, please call 0161 838 0610 or alternatively please see a member of the team.

THURSDAY 16 JANUARY

Imaginative Lunchtime: Alternative Camera Club
12.30pm-1.15pm, Womens on 3

Learn street-style photography in this Instagram-based workshop where the only kit you'll need is the smartphone in your pocket. The Alternative Camera Club is a Whitworth Art Gallery-based club that takes a more considered, conceptual approach to photography. Email FOImanchester@selfridges.co.uk to book.

FRIDAY 17 JANUARY

Imaginative Lunchtime: Manchester Urban Sketching
12.30pm-1.15pm, Womens on 3

See the world through an artist's eye with this art workshop run by the founder of the Manchester Urban Sketching group, Simone Ridyard. Bring drawing materials with you and learn the basics of urban sketching before heading out into the store to take inspiration from its displays. Email FOImanchester@selfridges.co.uk to book.

WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY

'Creative Collaboration'
Ben Kelly in conversation with Andrew Stevens
6-8PM, San Carlo Farmacia Del Dolce on LG

What makes for good creative collaboration and how does it benefit a project? Join two of the UK's most respected graphic and interior designers as they discuss what makes for a productive and creative working relationship.

Tickets are £10 and include a glass of wine and a tasting plate of San Carlo's signature dishes. To book your ticket at the FOI talk please call 0161 838 0610 or alternatively please see a member of the team.

THURSDAY 23 JANUARY

Imaginative Lunchtime: Alternative Camera Club
12.30pm-1.15pm, Womens on 3

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FRIDAY 24 JANUARY

Imaginative Lunchtime: Short Stories
12.30-1.15pm, Womens on 3

Is your 2014 resolution to kick-start your writing? Then get inspiration from three of the North's leading authors as they each pick a short story to read to you in an intimate, one-off reading. Including Emma Jane Unsworth whose short story 'I Arrive First' was included in 'The Best British Short Stories 2012'; Richard Hirst whose story 'School Report' was joint winner of the 2011 Manchester Fiction Prize and Marli Roode whose short story, 'Pieces Green', was shortlisted for the 2011 Bridport Prize. Email FOImanchester@selfridges.co.uk to book.

WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY

'The Writer's Mind'
Jeanette Winterson,
introduced by poet, John McAuliffe
6-8pm, San Carlo Farmacia Del Dolce on LG

Jeanette Winterson is one of the UK's leading literary minds, a multi award-winning writer who has published countless works including the celebrated novel 'Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit'. Join us as Jeanette gives an energetic, stand-up talk about her work. Jeanette's session is introduced by the poet and founder of the Centre for New Writing, John McAuliffe.

Tickets are £10 and include a glass of wine and a tasting plate of San Carlo's signature dishes. To book your ticket, please call 0161 838 0610 or alternatively please see a member of the team.

THURSDAY 30 JANUARY

Imaginative Lunchtime: Crafternoon Tea on Tour
12.30pm-1.15pm, Womens on 3

The Whitworth's popular Crafternoon Tea sessions are a social kind of affair; drop-in workshops where you get to try your hand at the latest contemporary craft techniques. In a one-off event for the festival, Crafternoon Tea goes on tour, bringing craft to Selfridges. Join us and get making. Email FOImanchester@selfridges.co.uk to book.

FRIDAY 31 JANUARY

Imaginative Lunchtime: Thinking with Dinosaurs
12.30pm-1.15pm, Womens on 3

Join Dr. Phil Manning, one of the country's leading palaeontologists, and Nick Merriman, Director of the Manchester Museum, for a lively talk about how imagination - alongside scientific enquiry - helps us to resurrect, reconstruct and understand dinosaurs. Arranged with the support of Manchester Museum. Email FOImanchester@selfridges.co.uk to book.

WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

'Danger: Imagination at Work'
Jeremy Deller, Mary Anne Hobbs & Dave Haslam
6-8pm, San Carlo Farmacia Del Dolce on LG

Our ability to imagine and to create new ideas, worlds and concepts is often used for the common good. But the imagination has a dark side, too. Explore its subversive side in a one-off conversation between Turner Prize-winning artist, Jeremy Deller, BBC Radio 6 Music DJ, Mary Anne Hobbs and DJ and historian, Dave Haslam. In a talk that ranges from William Blake to Johnny Rotten, find out just how disruptive the imagination and creative vision can be.

Tickets are £10 and include a glass of wine and a tasting plate of San Carlo's signature dishes. To book your ticket, please call 0161 838 0610 or alternatively please see a member of the team.

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

'The Theatre of the Mind'
Maxine Peake in conversation with Sarah Frankcom
6-8pm, San Carlo Farmacia Del Dolce on LG

The acclaimed theatre and television actress, Maxine Peake, has had a long and fruitful relationship with Manchester's Royal Exchange Theatre. In 2014, she becomes its Associate Artist, a role that will see her work even more closely with its Artistic Director, Sarah Frankcom. Join both Maxine and Sarah for an intimate conversation that explores the impulse to create drama. Arranged with the support of the Royal Exchange Theatre.

Tickets are £10 and include a glass of wine and a tasting plate of San Carlo's signature dishes. To book your ticket, please call 0161 838 0610 or alternatively please see a member of the team.

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY

'Fashion, Science & the Imagination':
Helen Storey in conversation with Caryn Franklin,
introduced by Jean M. Franczyk
6-8pm, San Carlo Farmacia Del Dolce on LG

Don't miss a fascinating talk between two long-time collaborators that touches on science, art and the creative process. Helen Storey MBE is a multi award-winning artist and designer. Since 1997, Helen has pioneered work that brings art and science together. She is currently a Professor of Science Fashion at the Centre for Sustainable Fashion and London College of Fashion. Caryn Franklin MBE is a fashion expert and campaigner who was co-editor of i-D Magazine in the 1980s and presented the BBC's The Clothes Show for 12 years. She was also co-chair of Fashion Targets Breast Cancer for 17 years, co-founded the award-winning All Walks Beyond the Catwalk and is an ambassador for the Centre for Sustainable Fashion. The talk is introduced by the Director of the Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI) in Manchester, Jean M. Franczyk and has been arranged with the support of MOSI.

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