

ON THE STREET

Oxford lights up in every way tonight, with an evening of spectacle, entertainment and surprises.

At the new Bonn Square, revealed for the first time, the Lord Mayor will be switching on the Christmas Lights. Eye-catching entertainment is provided by illuminated stiltwalkers **The Wrong Size** – and don't miss two giant glowing stars (you'll see more of them later, in Broad Street). **Les Grooms**, a French comic brass band with a difference, will serenade you. Watch out, you might be invited to join in!

A magical procession of lanterns, all with a celestial theme and made by children, schools and community groups will make its way to Broad Street. Next year's International Year of Astronomy is heralded by **Walk the Plank**, whose stunning aerial mobile animated with pyrotechnics is the culmination of the lantern parade.

Bonn Square and Cornmarket also get into the Christmas spirit with an explosion of dance and music from local groups and musicians, from samba to ceroc, breakdancing to butoh. Oxford's twin city of Leiden has also sent over a party band from the Netherlands.

There's a chance to hear more music at many of the cultural venues open on this special evening. And look out for stiltwalkers and more along the way...

Check inside this leaflet for full details and timing.



WINTERLIGHT OXFORD

Enjoy Oxford as it comes to vibrant life this special evening, heralding Christmas in museums, galleries and theatres across the city and on the streets.

Share seasonal cheer and feast the eyes on treasures old and new; see corners of Oxford – and the world – in a different light. Late night openings invite you to explore at leisure, and in a festive atmosphere, some of your favourite cultural spots – with entertainment and seasonal refreshments both inside and along your route.

This is the second year that Oxford city centre sees a late-night culture circuit of art, music, dance and performance. Nearly all events are free.

Do let us know if you enjoyed your evening. Email info@oxfordinspires.org or visit www.oxfordinspires.org where you can post your comments and find out more about other WinterLight events across the county.

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A MAGICAL NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

WinterLight Oxford

guide

Friday 28 November 2008

5.00pm – 10.30pm

Oxford city centre

Christmas lights switch-on

Free late night opening

Museums

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Bonn Square unveiled

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THE CULTURE TRAIL

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without stars and lights – and the theme is continued in cultural venues.

Oxford Castle's market square will be transformed into a winter wonderland with light installations and illuminations; **Modern Art Oxford** switches on its own creative light display and at the **Church of St Michael at the Northgate** you can see Oxfordshire faces projected in a specially created digital artwork.

At the **Museum of the History of Science**, family activities are inspired by stars and the many wonderful creations that man has made to see them by. At the **Ashmolean Museum**, burning flambeaux light your way inside, where the museum's famous collections are enhanced by music from some home-grown stars, including the Afropean choir.

More stars await at the **Museum of Oxford**, where Frank and Sarah Cooper, the founders of the famous Oxford Marmalade, invite you to step back in time to sample some Victorian goodies.

At the **Museum of Natural History**, see dinosaurs and other stars of the natural world in a different light. Music, children's activities and hot toddies for the grown ups reward you on your arrival.

There's much more: ghost tours at the Castle, Christmas trails, art exhibitions (at **OVADA**, **O3 Gallery** and **Modern Art Oxford**) and a special theatrical Winter Light cocktail at **Oxford Playhouse**. And don't forget to walk around Oxford Castle's **Earth from the Air** exhibition – even more stunning by night.

For full details see map inside



Kids Go Free!

Many thanks to Oxford Bus Company, who are offering free travel after 6pm on November 28 to children aged 5-15 years (up to three children per adult). Children travelling solo pay normal fare. This offer applies only to local buses and Park and Ride.

SEE HOW MANY PLACES YOU CAN VISIT - AND WIN A PRIZE!

Get your guide map stamped by at least three cultural venues to win a small gift. Just present this page at the following points: University of Oxford museums: Ashmolean, Natural History, History of Science; Modern Art Oxford, Museum of Oxford, OVADA, O3 Gallery, Oxford Playhouse.



CULTURAL PARTNERS

Museums, Galleries, Theatres

Modern Art Oxford
www.modernartoxford.org.uk

Museum of Oxford
www.museumofoxford.org.uk

Oxford Playhouse
www.oxfordplayhouse.com

St Michael at the Northgate
www.smng.org.uk

University of Oxford
Ashmolean Museum
www.ashmolean.org

University of Oxford
Museum of Natural History
www.oum.ox.ac.uk

University of Oxford
Museum of the History of Science
www.mhs.ox.ac.uk

O3 Gallery
www.o3gallery.co.uk

OVADA
www.ovada.org.uk

Oxford Castle
www.oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk
www.oxfordcastle.com

Street Performers

www.walktheplank.co.uk
www.lesgrooms.com
www.wrongsize.co.uk

Musicians

www.commotio.org
www.hornsofplenty.co.uk

Dance Groups

www.sambistas.co.uk
www.cafereason.com
www.jiveplus.com
www.cerocoxford.com
www.solsamba.co.uk

For more information on Oxford-based dance groups and dance in Oxford visit:

www.odfonline.org.uk/dancing-oxford.php
www.dancinoxford.co.uk

Procession

WinterLight lantern procession coordinated by Fusion Arts, working with Cherwell, Isis and Headington Schools Partnerships. Community artists have worked with more than 100 pupils from participating primary schools.
www.fusion-arts.org



MUSEUMS, GALLERIES AND THEATRES OPEN 6pm – 10.30pm

OXFORD CASTLE New Road

1



Exhibition: *Earth from the Air.* Astonishing natural landscapes revealed in awe-inspiring aerial photographs by Yann Arthus-Bertrand. See them lit up at night around the Castle site.

O3 Gallery: *Eye to Eye*, an exhibition of new work by Helen Pakeman.

Oxford Castle Unlocked Tours: Prepare to be scared! Chilling late night ghost tours (Normal admission charges apply). Festive family crafts, £1 per child.

Music: Decibel, party band from Oxford's twin city Leiden 8.00 – 8.30pm.

Market Square: will be unusually lit and transformed into a winter wonderland with Christmas trees, lights, mulled wine and – just for tonight – projections of video work by artists from the region. Organised by the O3 Gallery, OVADA and Workshop Studios.

OVADA GALLERY Gloucester Green

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Exhibition: *What is it like to be a Bat*, a solo exhibition of new work by Jan Crombie exploring the search for identity at different stages of life. Informal artists film screenings.

OXFORD PLAYHOUSE Beaumont Street

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Stop by at the theatre bar for mince pies and drinks, including a specially created 'WinterLight' cocktail.

University of Oxford ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM Beaumont Street

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Last chance to visit the Museum after-hours before the galleries close from 23 December until the autumn of 2009, when the new Rick Mather building opens.

Live music: Christmas carols, African rhythms, a brass band and rock and roll beats.

- 6.15 – 6.45pm: Carol singing, St. Ebbes School Choir, Oxford
7.30 – 8.00pm: Christmas music, QEH School, Bristol
8.20 – 9.00pm: African rhythms mixed with European musical styles, the Afropean Choir, Oxford
9.10 – 9.40pm: Decibel, party band from Oxford's twin city Leiden, on the forecourt
9.50 – 10.30pm: Rock 'n' Roll and Rhythm 'n' Blues, Hipbone Slim and the Kneetremblers

Shop: late-night Christmas purchases
Café: mince pies and mulled wine

University of Oxford MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY Parks Road Open from 7.30pm

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Enjoy the collection spectacularly illuminated after dark plus family activities.

Music: Leiden party band Decibel, joined Up Singing and street band Horns of Plenty.
Refreshments: mulled wine and festive food in the gallery.

University of Oxford MUSEUM OF HISTORY OF SCIENCE Broad Street

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Activities inspired by starlight and the Museum's *English Telescope* exhibition, focussing on light from the night sky.

Exhibition: The English Telescope from Newton to Herschel. Open all evening in the Special Exhibition Gallery (basement).

Activities: Family friendly drop-in related to light from the night sky. Basement Gallery.

Sound: The Equatorial Stars by musicians Fripp and Eno. Entrance Gallery (thanks to Brian Eno and Robert Fripp).

Object talks: Museum Stars in the Top Gallery

- 6.30pm: the sphere
7.00pm: the telescope
7.30pm: the astrolabe
8.00pm: the equatorium
8.30pm: the quadrant
9.00pm: the astronomer
9.30pm: the print
10.00pm: the nocturnal

MODERN ART OXFORD Pembroke Street

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Exhibition: *The House of Books Has No Windows*, immersive installation by Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller. Wander round or join one of the free tours.

Light switch on: a sneak preview of the Art in Rose Hill Street Lights project (walking tour 6 December)

- 5.00 – 9.00pm: Drop-in art and cake-making activities for families in the Café
5.00 – 10.30pm: Informal tours of the exhibition

MUSEUM OF OXFORD St Aldates

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Journey back in time to the 19th century and find out more about the traditions of a Victorian Christmas, with fun activities for all the family. Meet Father Christmas, join some eminent Oxford Victorians for traditional treats, nibbles and entertainment.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD SHOP 106 High Street

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5.30 – 6.00pm: Singers from Commotio, one of Oxford's foremost chamber choirs.

ST MICHAEL AT THE NORTHGATE Cornmarket Street

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Exhibition: Come face to face with the past. *Majoria* is a unique digital projection of Oxfordshire faces past and present, created by artist Neil C Smith. Multiple portraits are continuously collaged from a database of historic and contemporary photographs. You could be part of the exhibition yourself... (created with financial support from Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council and the National Lottery through Arts Council England)

Dance: 7.30 - 8.30pm in Cornmarket Street outside the Church.

BOSWELLS Broad Street

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Window display: When the lights go out, art installation by Lois Muddiman





ON THE STREET

Bonn Square 5.30 – 6.00pm **A**

- 5.00pm Illustrious Sambistas: Brazilian dance rhythms from acoustic/vocal band
- 5.30pm Bonn Square opening (Lord Mayor Susanna Pressel)
Christmas Lights switch-on
- 5.45pm Les Grooms: comic French band
- 6.20pm The Wrong Size: music and entertainment by illuminated stiltwalkers
- 6.30pm Lantern procession sets off, led by schoolchildren, The Wrong Size and Les Grooms. Route goes via Queen Street and Cornmarket Street to Broad Street

Broad Street 7.00 – 7.20pm **B**

- 7.00pm Lantern procession arrives
- 7-7.15pm Walk the Plank: aerial and pyrotechnic performance

- Barbeque, bangers and hot apple punch, courtesy of The Big Bang, official WinterLight caterers

Cornmarket Street: St Michael at the Northgate 6.00 – 6.30pm, 7.30 – 8.20pm **C**

- 6-6.30pm Decibel: party band from Oxford's twin city Leiden
- 7.30pm Messy Jam: hip hop dance
- 7.50pm Freefall Dance: contemporary dance from Oxford University students
- 8.00pm Jive+: jazz dance
- 8.10pm Café Reason Butoh Dance Theatre: Japanese dance form

- Look out for The Wrong Size stiltwalkers in the streets
- Look out for Creation Theatre cycle rickshaws available for transport after 7.30pm

Bonn Square 7.30 – 9.00pm **A**

- 7.25pm Decibel: party band from Oxford's twin city Leiden
- 7.45pm TIM (Trials in Movement): contemporary dance
- 7.50pm Floor R'tists: breakdancers
- 8.00pm Collision Dance Co: street dance/contemporary fusion;
d'Overbroeck's College Dancers: street jazz.
- 8.15pm Sol Samba: samba dancers and drummers
- 8.25pm Street Stage: breakdancers
- 8.35pm Messy Jam: hip hop
- 8.45pm Ceroc Oxford: salsa/jive fusion

- Refreshments available in the Baptist Church

At a glance...

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