

A child's drawing of a tiger lying on a ledge, with a girl sitting on the floor next to it. The tiger is orange with black stripes and is looking towards the right. The girl has blonde hair and is wearing a blue shirt and patterned pants. The drawing is on a light-colored background.

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## V&A MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

Welcoming over 400,000 visitors through its doors each year, the V&A Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green houses the V&A's collection of childhood-related objects and artefacts dating from the 1600s to the present day, including toys, games, childcare, furniture, clothing, fine art and photography.

In addition to a varied programme of exhibitions and events, we run a range of free activities for families every day, and offer a wide variety of learning resources to those with special educational needs.

We also run an award-winning programme for schools and work with hospitals and community groups as part of ongoing outreach initiatives.



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Image credit: 'Princess Daisy' wax doll, England 1890-1894

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## EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS

ADMISSION TO ALL OUR EXHIBITIONS AND DISPLAYS IS FREE

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES



### SENSE OF PLACE

Until 12 June

In the spring of 2010, metal artist Steven Follen, rickshaw painter Tapan Das, paper artist Thurle Wright, textile designer Lokesh Ghai and fine artist Tarun Ghosh participated in an international exchange between Bangladesh, India and the UK. Sense of Place is an exhibition featuring some of the works inspired by their travels. A curatorial collaboration with A Fine Line, and in partnership with The Harley Gallery. Supported by Arts Council England, the Wates Foundation, the Helen Hamlyn Trust and the Aldgate and Allhallows Exhibition Foundation.



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Image credit: Jali tapestry © Thurle Wright



### ABSURD IMPOSITIONS

Drawings by Rebecca Fortnum  
Until 9 October

A display featuring a selection of drawings from two series' of work by artist Rebecca Fortnum – Dreams and Imperative.

Dreams is a series of 20 pencil portraits depicting a number of boys and girls aged between 6 and 12 with their eyes closed. The drawings, displayed in pairs, explore some of the meanings behind the power of the gaze, introducing the idea that a child's imaginings are inaccessible to the viewer.

The 9 large-scale drawings in Imperative provide a direct contrast to the works featured in Dreams. Here, the eyes of each child are open, and their gaze is aimed directly at the viewer in a way that is unflinching and demanding.

An award-winning artist, Rebecca Fortnum is Reader in Fine Art at Camberwell Chelsea Wimbledon Graduate School, University of the Arts, London.

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GRADUATE  
SCHOOL

Image credit: Billie © Rebecca Fortnum

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## EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS

### FROM THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA TO MOG AND PINK RABBIT

28 May–4 September

A retrospective of children's author and illustrator Judith Kerr, featuring original illustrations from *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, the *Mog* series and *Pink Rabbit*.

Judith Kerr's first picture book, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* (published in 1968), was written as a bedtime story for her own children and soon became a classic. By the time it celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2008, it had been translated into 11 languages and had sold over five million copies.

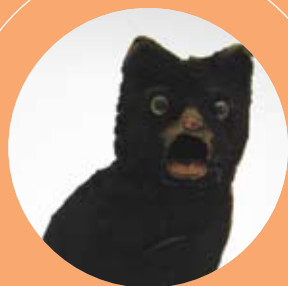
Original artwork, notes and sketches from *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* will be on show in the exhibition, as well as books from the loveable *Mog* series, which began with *Mog the Forgetful Cat* in 1970, eventually drawing to a close with *Goodbye Mog* in 2002. Little visitors can have tea with a life-size tiger in Sophie's kitchen or read the adventures of *Mog* curled up inside her cosy basket.

A *Seven Stories* exhibition.

Exhibition supported by Arts Council England, Newcastle City Council, Northern Rock and Harper Collins.



Image credit: Illustration © Judith Kerr



### THE STUFF OF NIGHTMARES

2 July–12 February 2012

When re-told to children, fairy tales often assume an air of innocence. Good always triumphs over evil, heroes are selfless and love is everlasting. Some fairytales however, explore the darker side of a child's imaginary landscape.

For *The Stuff of Nightmares*, the Museum's Front Room Gallery will be transformed into a sinister forest where anything might happen, the dark setting for a re-telling of *The Brothers Grimm's Fundevogel*, a tale of abduction, fear, evil old women, revenge and ultimately, friendship.

An installation by local schoolchildren working with artists will also be on show, alongside work by Katherine Tulloh, Ruth Weinberg, Daniel Bell and Sharon Brindle, which takes a closer look at the playthings of innocents.

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Image credit: Mechanical toy cat, German, 1900–1910

## FAMILIES

FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

CHILDREN UNDER 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR CARER

TO BOOK AN EVENT, CALL 020 8983 5205 OR EMAIL MOCBOOKINGS @VAM.AC.UK

### DAILY ACTIVITIES

We run a variety of free activities for families every day, including storytelling, arts & crafts, tours and treasure hunts.

### GALLERY TRAILS

A selection of free gallery trails for children and adults are available in the Museum. Collect from the Information Desk or download at [www.museumofchildhood.org.uk](http://www.museumofchildhood.org.uk)

### FAMILY PACKS

To make the most of your visit, we have recently introduced two new packs for families – *Montessori Family Packs* for under 5s and *Making SENse Family Packs*, which are tailored to families with children with autism. Packs are available to borrow from the Information Desk for one hour – please leave a form of ID.

Supported by the Friends of the V&A.



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## MAY HALF TERM

*The Tiger Who Came to Tea*  
Monday 30 May–Sunday 5 June  
10.30–16.00

Join in a purr-fect half term week inspired by Judith Kerr's classic picture book *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. Enjoy an active re-telling of the story (10.30, 11.15, 12.00), embark on our intrepid *Tiger Trail* for the chance to win a prize and come and make tiger feet and paws at our arts & crafts table (14.00–16.00).  
Drop-in All ages

Image credit: *Mog* © Judith Kerr



## A GLIMPSE OF ASIA

Saturday 11 June

11.30–16.30

A day at the Museum in celebration of Asia. Enjoy live music and dance with South Asian instrumental and dance ensemble Surtaal, join in folk art workshops and henna hand painting, sample tasty Asian snacks and more. Works by artists' featured in Sense of Place will also be for sale. Drop-in All ages



## NEW VOICES FESTIVAL

Saturday 16 July

12.00–18.00

Celebrate the rich diversity of London's newcomers with a day of world music and dance, theatre, kids workshops and tasty food hosted by the Museum, neighbouring Museum Gardens and St John's Church.

A partnership event with LBTH and Praxis.

Drop-in All ages

## VTECH DIGI-FUN FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Saturdays 23, 30 July & 6, 13, 20, 27 August

14.00–15.00

A series of fun and engaging digital workshops for kids. Come and explore, invent and create with the very latest kid-friendly technology including digital cameras, video cameras and much more. Bookings taken up to 14 days in advance of each session Age 4–9



## SUMMER FESTIVAL

Sunday 7 August

11.30–16.30

Drop in to Bethnal Green's friendliest family festival! Enjoy tasty food and live music and performance, explore a range of stalls selling everything from delicious homemade cakes to toys and games, and take part in all the usual festival favourites, including clay model-making, rickshaw rides and face painting. Plus, Vegetable Nanny will be back by popular demand. Drop-in All ages



## FUNKY FRIDAYS

Summer holiday fun at the Museum.

## MOG WITH JUDITH KERR

Friday 29 July

14.30–15.15

Join much-loved author and illustrator Judith Kerr as she talks about her popular series of Mog books and reads from The Tiger Who Came to Tea. Judith will also be signing books from 15.15. Bookings taken from Monday 18 July. All ages

Image credit: Judith Kerr © Judith Kerr

## TIGER TEA PARTY

Friday 12 August

12.00–16.00

A rip-roaring afternoon based on The Tiger Who Came to Tea, including lip-smacking tea tasting, tiger face painting and tiger-themed arts & crafts. Drop-in (space is limited for some activities). All ages

## FELINE FESTIVAL

Friday 19 August

12.00–16.00

An afternoon of feline fun! Dress up as a cheetah, tiger, lion or leopard – or even your own pet moggy – then swing your tail down our 'Cat Walk' for the chance to win a prize. Drop-in All ages

## SKETCH, SCRIBBLE, SQUIGGLE

Friday 26 August

12.00–16.00

Be inspired by Rebecca Fortnum's portraits of children, then dabble in an afternoon of sketching and drawing. Drop-in (space is limited for some activities). All ages



## WONDERTOTS

Art, drama, storytelling and movement for under 5s, led by the award-winning team from Artburst. Dress for mess!

## MOVING TOYS

Fridays 6, 13, 20 & 27 May  
10.30–12.00 and 13.00–14.30  
Come and make toys that flip, flap, spin and swing inspired by the Museum's collection of moving toys.

## INTO THE NIGHT

Fridays 10, 17, 24 June & 1, 8 July  
10.30–12.00 and 13.00–14.30  
Shhh... Which animals come out at night? Find out more about the nocturnal creatures that live in our gardens.

Bookings taken up to 14 days in advance of each session  
Under 5s



## BARNADO'S BIG TODDLE

Tuesday 14 June  
10.30–12.30  
The Big Toddle is back! This year is animal-themed so why not dress up and join us on a sponsored walk around Museum Gardens with Charlie the Clown. Bring a packed lunch. Drop-in Under 5s

## TODDLERS TAKE OVER...

Tuesday 14 June  
12.00–16.00  
An afternoon of free activities for under 5s. Includes fun fitness sessions with Amanda's Action Club (13.30 and 14.30), face painting (12.00–16.00), storytelling (14.00–14.30) and arts & crafts (14.00–16.00). Drop-in Under 5s



## WORDBURST NOT NOW BERNARD

Monday 30–Friday 3 June  
11.00–15.00  
Help us bring words and pictures to life with a week of literacy workshops led by the team from Artburst. Explore David McKee's picture book Not Now Bernard through drama games, costume design, scenery painting and storytelling, then perform your show to family and friends. Grown-ups have to join in too, so dress for mess!

Bring a packed lunch. Bookings taken from Monday.  
16 May  
Age 5–11



## ADULTS

### INSPIRED BY... 2011

4 June–3 July  
Inspired by... is the V&A's annual competition for adults studying arts & crafts part-time. Come and see this year's winner and shortlisted entries alongside the objects of their inspiration. Collect the Inspired by... trail from the Information Desk.

Supported by NIACE, the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education.



Image credit: Winner, 2010. Mrs Bryant's Pleasure © Rebecca Green



### KNIT AND KNATTER

Tuesdays (except Tuesday 31 May)  
14.00–16.00  
Join our friendly knitting circle. Bring your own projects or help make teddies, toys and clothing for underprivileged children all over the world. Led by expert volunteers from CSV. All abilities welcome. Drop-in Adults



## THE CHILD IN THE WORLD

INDIA, CANADA AND THE BRITISH FAMILY Empire, Class, and Communication in the Late Nineteenth Century  
Monday 23 May  
17.30–19.00

Dr Elizabeth Buettner, author of 'Empire Families: Britons and Late Imperial India', will be discussing late-Victorian letters and keepsakes exchanged between parents and children living separately in different parts of the British Empire. The evening will conclude with an opportunity to study some children's items connected with the British in India.

The first in a series of talks on the theme of 'The Child in the World' organised in collaboration with Queen Mary, University of London. Bookings taken up to 14 days in advance. Adults



Image credit: 'The Opening of the Great Exhibition' Henry Courtney Selous, 1851–1852



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Until 12 February 2012

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### EVENTS

KNIT AND KNATTER  
Tuesdays 3, 10, 17 & 24 May

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THE CHILD IN THE WORLD  
Monday 23 May

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MAY HALF TERM  
Monday 30 May & Tuesday 31 May

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WORDBURST  
Monday 30 May & Tuesday 31 May

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WONDERTOTS  
Fridays 6, 13, 20 & 27 May

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## JUNE

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MAY HALF TERM  
Wednesday 1, Thursday 2, Friday 3,  
Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 June

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WORDBURST  
Wednesday 1, Thursday 2 &  
Friday 3 June

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KNIT AND KNATTER  
Tuesdays 7, 14, 21 & 28 June

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## INFORMATION

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Bookings 020 8983 5205  
24 hour information 020 8983 5235

### ADMISSION FREE

Open daily  
10.00–17.45  
Last admission 17.30

### SHOP

10.00–17.30  
Selling children's books, gifts,  
stationery and pocket money toys.

### BENUGO CAFÉ AT THE V&A MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

10.00–17.00  
Serving superb lunches, freshly  
made sandwiches and salads,  
delicious cakes and award-  
winning coffee.

### CHILDREN'S PARTIES, CORPORATE EVENTS AND PRIVATE HIRE

You can hire all or part of the  
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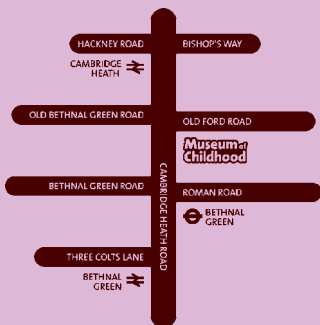
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## HOW TO FIND US



**Tube:** Bethnal Green,  
Central Line, Zone 2.


**Overground:** Whitechapel and  
Shoreditch High Street.

**Rail:** Cambridge Heath and  
Bethnal Green.

**Buses:** D6, 106, 254, 309 and  
388 stop outside, 8, 26, 55 and  
48 stop nearby.

Drop-off point and parking for  
two coaches on Cambridge  
Heath Road.

Free parking can be arranged for  
visitors with specific access needs.

 The Museum is wheelchair  
accessible.

Assistance dogs are welcome  
in the Museum.

Limited metered parking  
on surrounding roads  
Monday–Friday.

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