

Welcome to the New Season of Activities

**Watermans Participative Arts Newsletter
September - December 2010**



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Dance

Dance is a great way to get fit, stay healthy, have fun and make friends. These community dance workshops are for people with mixed abilities and ages. Participants will learn all the basic and funky moves to get them started in the creative art of dance. The classes are run by Natasha McKenzie, Watermans Community Dance Coach.



Arctic Adventures! Family Fun Day

Natasha will be providing dance classes during our fun packed day of activities for 3+ years and their families. The day includes a theatre performance of *Penguin*, puppet making, face painting, and a series of short cartoons in the cinema. *Please see website for the full day activities, www.watermans.org.uk. Sunday 12 Sep / 30 minute dance classes: 1.45, 2.45 & 3.45pm / Watermans / Tickets: whole day activities £9.50 (£7.50)*



Family dance workshops based on the story of Little Red Hen

Natasha will be running movement workshops based around the theme of this year's Christmas theatre production *The Little Red Hen*. An adaptation of the nursery favourite, featuring a host of animal puppets, sing-along songs and comic routines about the hen who learns the true meaning of friendship. It's a Christmas treat for the whole family with no scary bits! *Showing 10-23 Dec for ages 3-7 years, more details on our website www.watermans.org.uk. Dance classes: 11, 12, 18 & 19 Dec / 1-1.45pm (for 3-5 years) / 3-3.45 (for 5-7 years) / Tickets: theatre + workshop £10 (£8)*

Alluminae Dance Workshops

Alluminae dance workshops are aimed at people aged 11-25 years to help participants develop dance movement and integrate a range of dance styles including contemporary, street dance, salsa, jazz and tap.

Tuesdays 6-10pm and Fridays 5-10pm / Watermans Studios 1 & 2

The workshops will lead to a **Showcase** event at Watermans Theatre, highlighting the talent emerging from this culturally diverse group and giving them an opportunity to perform to friends and families and to attain awards for their effort and progress. *Tickets: £5 (£3 conc)*



Bharatanatyam Dance Classes

Bharatanatyam is a very graceful and beautiful, traditional Indian dance style.

Sundays starting 5 Sep-28 Nov (exc 31 Oct) / 5.30-7pm / Watermans Studio 1

Tickets: 12 classes: £60 (£40 conc), individual classes: £6.50 (£5 conc)

Both classes are led by Monisha Bharadwaj, who is hugely experienced in teaching Indian dance. With her friendly approach, you will be moving your feet like a true Bollywood star. Both groups will be working towards a **Showcase** in Watermans Theatre

Bollywood Dance Classes

Love dance? Love Bollywood? Then why not combine the two together and have an hour of pure fun.

Sundays starting 5 Sep-28 Nov (exc 31 Oct) / Junior (under 16) 4.30-5.30pm / Adult (over 16) 7-8pm / Watermans Studio 1

Drama and Performance



October Half-Term Drama Zone

Kenn Michaels returns with our ever popular intensive drama workshops for ages 8-13 years. He will be guiding the participants on an imaginative workshop over the five days, working towards a final production in Watermans Theatre.

Classes: Mon 25-Fri 29 Oct / 10am-4pm / Watermans Studio 1 / £70 (£60 conc).

Performance: Fri 29 Oct / 5pm / Watermans Theatre / £2

Drama Zone

These Saturday drama sessions use improvisation, mime, storytelling and theatre games allowing young people to be creative and develop their confidence.

Saturdays from 18 Sep-20 Nov / 5-8 years 10.30am-12.30pm / 9-14 years 1.15pm-3.15pm / individual sessions £9 (£6 conc), 10 weeks £80 (£55 conc)



Company of Angels presents a theatre performance for young people **BLOWING**

An explosive farce, upgraded for the YouTube generation. Winner of the prestigious Dutch Taalunie Award for Best Play in 2003, **BLOWING** tells the story of a family imploding under the weight of its own fantasy. Award-winning company Fanshen (*Shooting Rats, Meetings, Full Circle*) present a new piece of international theatre about dreams, destruction and deceit, written by one of the most talented contemporary playwrights in the Netherlands.

27 Oct / 7-8.10pm / Watermans Theatre / Tickets: £5 (£3 conc)

Hillingdon Drama Workshop

Continuing from the success of the previous drama projects, we are pleased to offer a new drama project to Harefield Academy in Hillingdon. As part of the students' coursework, the project offers an opportunity for the students to work on creating and devising a performance from scratch, allowing them to explore the creative and technical decisions that go into putting on a show. The group will create a performance that represents their voices and interests, as well as challenging them as performers.

Thursdays from 9 Sept-9 Dec (exc 28 Oct) / 2.30-4.30pm / Harefield Academy, Hillingdon



Pandemonium

Introduce your young ones to music and let them make some noise in these sing-along workshops for parents or carers and their babies or toddlers. Led by Tamar Swade.

Wednesdays starting 15 Sep-1 Dec (exc 27 Oct) / 0-24 months: 10.30am-11.15am / 2-4 years: 11.30am-12.15pm / Watermans Studio 1 / Tickets: £5 (£3 conc)

New Media Arts



Exhibition by **Gunnersbury Catholic School**

This exhibition will showcase A-level work from Gunnersbury Catholic School in Brentford. A selection of digital photography will be displayed by past students who are now studying at Art colleges across London. They range from landscape and portraiture to abstract black and white images, they typify the talent shown throughout their time at school and hopefully signify a great career in the arts for them all.

21 Oct-7 Nov / Watermans Riverside Gallery / Open 1-9pm / Free



October Half-Term workshops

Two creative and fun workshops over the October half-term for young people aged 13-19 years. Spaces are limited, please book early by calling the Box Office 020 8232 1010.

Computer Graphics Workshop

Make Your Own Video Game

The workshops will introduce students to video game graphics and the basic concepts of gaming engines, basic know how to produce their video game graphics, and have hands on experience of creating gaming graphics for an actual video game.

28 Oct / 10.30-3.00pm / Watermans Studio 2 / Tickets: £8 (£5 conc)

Chocolate Films present

Animation Film Workshop

An introduction to 3D stop motion animation creative skills in making plasticine characters and animation sets. Participants will learn simple storytelling skills using computer software in Stop Motion animation programme, iStop Motion, and an introduction to editing using I-Movie.

25-27 Oct / 10am-3pm / Watermans Studio 2 / Tickets: £22.50 (£15 conc)



MzTEK

MzTEK is a non-profit education initiative with the aim of encouraging and up-skilling women artists and tinkerers in the fields of new media, computer arts, and technology. Based in London and supported by SPACE, an art institution in Hackney, the workshop will host a range of workshops, talks, and self-initiated tinker sessions. Workshops for women and girls only. Click onto their website to find out more www.mztek.org.

Monthly Saturdays from 21 Aug / 1-6.30pm / Watermans Studio 2

Film & Photography Projects in Hounslow

A creative media project for young people in Hounslow which asks participants to consider and complete the statement, 'We want our community to be...'. Two groups of young people in different parts of the borough will take part in four workshops which will include a day of filming and taking photographs in their local communities. The participants will develop the content, create a storyboard, learn to use digital cameras and filmmaking equipment, and learn how to edit and add music to finish their work. The photographs, films and animations produced will be exhibited at Watermans Riverside Gallery in February 2010.

If you would like to take part please contact Nadia Nervo - Head of Participative Arts Development - nadia@watermans.org.uk or 020 8232 1033



Take Me to London! - The Olympic Games are Coming. *Take me to London!* enables young people to explore new parts of the city and produce films and digital stories about their visits to the Olympic venues. It brings together perspectives from many different communities, backgrounds and abilities from eight boroughs in London. As the project occurs every year until the games begin it will also reveal how young people's perceptions of their city change as we approach 2012.

The art work created will be shown every year in Watermans Gallery and can be seen on the *Take me to London!* YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/takemetolondon>. The art work produced in year 2 will be exhibited in January 2010/February 2011 at Watermans Gallery.

We are currently looking for more groups to take part. If you would like to take part please contact Nadia Nervo - Head of Participative Arts Development - nadia@watermans.org.uk or 020 8232 1033 for an exploratory discussion.

Take me to London! was conceived by Watermans and produced by Watermans and Chocolate Films.

Working with Learning Disability and Mental Health Organisations



MoonRiver Ravers, Watermans, Hounslow Social Services & Luminous Frenzy present

MoonRiver Disco – Halloween Rock ‘n’ Roll

Moon River Club is a nightclub for people with learning disabilities & their friends and supporters. We have three events a year and you can find details on www.watermans.org.uk and www.myspace.com/moonriverclub

Following on from a packed summer party, where over 200 people strutted their funky stuff, Moon River continues its 10th birthday year celebrations, with a Rock n Roll Halloween special. Expect

lots of gruesome costumes, rock n roll music, Halloween tunes and groovy DJ's. There's a rumour that Elvis may be entering the building and performing. Yes we've brought him back from the dead, on a ghostly tour, a special surprise - for all you dedicated Moon River Clubbers. Guru Tandoori will also provide their legendary £3.50 buffet. Hope to see you there for a Halloween scare!

Thu 28 Oct / 6.30-10.30pm / Watermans Bar & Restaurant / Tickets: £5

For more info about the club, contact June Deacon 020 8572 0933 / Community Access Services 020 8583 6161 / Frank Hutson 07977 983 599

Albert & Friends Instant Circus present **Circus Workshops**

Six week circus workshops aimed for adults with learning disabilities where the participants will be taught by experienced performers who've toured the world dancing, clowning and circus skill-ing. From silly games to focussed skill sessions, street dance to mime, the participants will have fun with a stimulating activity, learning how to use various circus equipment, such as, walking globe, low wire tightrope, rolla-rolla, poi, flower stick, diabolo, juggling bean bags, spinning plates and hula-hoop.

Tuesdays from 2 Nov-14 Dec (exc 16 Nov) / 10.45am-12.45pm / Watermans Studio 1



Extreme Ability Dance Projects

These dance classes cater specifically for people with different abilities, levels and ages where participants have the chance to learn and have fun. The participants work towards a **Performance** at Watermans Theatre on *3 Dec at 1.30pm* alongside other groups. For more information and age suitability, please contact Natasha McKenzie, Watermans Community Dance Coach, natasha@watermans.org.uk

Project 1

For pupils with special needs, where the participants will learn street and contemporary dance styles.

Mondays from 13 Sep-22 Nov / 1.00-1.45 / at Oaklands School, Woodlands Road, Isleworth TW7 6JZ

Project 2

For participants with disabilities, where they will learn modern dance.

Tuesdays from 14 Sep-23 Nov / 6.30-7.15 / at Heston Community Sports Hall, Heston Road, TW5 0QZ

Project 3

For females with physical disadvantages, where participants will work on their dance fitness levels exploring coordination, balance and travelling.

Wednesdays from 15 Sep-23 Nov Term-Time / 12.00-1.00 / at Pope John Centre, Heston Road, Hounslow

Project 4

For participants over the age of 50 with physical disadvantages, who will learn soul, funk and jazz dance styles.

Thursdays / 1.30-2.20 / at Age Concern, Alexandra House Albany Road, Brentford TW8 0NE

Dance Workshops

As part of various regular workshops and courses offered to Hounslow adults with learning difficulties, Watermans is running this six-week dance workshop that caters specifically for adults with severe learning disability, where participants have the chance to have fun, learning varied dance styles.

6 weeks on Tuesdays from 14 Sept-19 Oct / 11am-12.30pm with a break in between / Watermans Studio 1

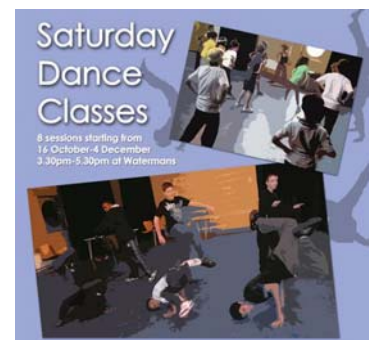
Saturday Dance Classes

Modern and funky dance classes aimed at young people, aged 12-19 years, with learning disabilities, suitable for a variety of needs, including Pathways 1 to 3. The classes are a great way to socialise, make new friends and have fun, while aiming to develop good posture, flexibility, coordination and artistic expression.

Parents and family members are welcome to stay at Watermans, enjoy a coffee in the cafe-bar or spend time in the park next door. Support workers are available to support the participants. Capacity is limited to 15 participants. Free parking at the venue.

To Book, please contact Jo Dawson at Hounslow's Aiming High on 020 8583 3636.

8 sessions on Saturdays starting from 16 Oct-4 Dec / 3.30-5.30pm / Watermans Studio 1



Exhibition by **West London Mental Health NHS Trust Service User**

The exhibition showcases 15 pieces of art work depicting 'the road to recovery' from the winner and the runners up of an art competition which involved the service users at the West London Mental Health NHS Trust.

9-26 Sept / Watermans Riverside Gallery / Open 1-9pm / Free

Exhibition - **ART4US**

During World Mental Health Week from 4-8 October, we will be presenting a collective exhibition of paintings and sculpture, which brings together artists who have been working with Canal House, Cathja, Feltham Doorways and Lakeside Mental Health Unit. You are welcome to attend the **Private View** held on *Fri 8 Oct from 6.30pm at Watermans*, which is a chance to meet the artists and other invited guests.

Sept 27-15 Oct / Watermans Riverside Gallery / Open 1-9pm / Free

Work with Refugee Groups



Urban Arts Exhibition

A showcase that consists of two exhibitions entitled **Fantasy Lives** and **You, Me & Tea**, created by two groups of young refugee people from Brent.
11-30 Nov / Watermans Riverside Gallery / Open 1-9pm / Free

Fantasy Lives

Working with a group of young people from Capital City Academy who have only recently arrived in the UK, artists Errol Fernandes and Katie Moritz supported the group in creating photographic works of art that depict each individual's everyday life and their dream or fantasy life. Each work has been created using two photographic processes. The first layer was created using a traditional darkroom process involving the use of silver gelatin emulsion on paper. This layer of the work holds an image that communicates an aspect of the artist's everyday life. The second layer, a digitally manipulated image on silk organza, holds the artist's dream, or fantasy life. The two layers have been brought together and encapsulated in a box frame that has been finished by hand by the participants.

You, Me & Tea

An exhibition showcasing works from three different Hounslow Borough community groups; year 10 students from the Green School for Girls, elderly members from a church and Somali mums. The work in the exhibition was produced through a series of workshops where the participants were encouraged to share their own personal memories and experiences of tea and tea times. This resulted in a series of drawings and paper collages to be manipulated and digitally printed before reworking with collage and craft techniques.

For more information on workshops and activities please visit our website

www.watermans.org.uk. To book for workshops and performances, please call our Box Office 020 8232 1010, open daily 1-9pm, unless otherwise stated. Alternatively you can contact Nadia Nervo, Watermans Head of Participative Arts Development, nadia@watermans.org.uk or 020 8232 1033.



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