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THE FROST FAIR

The Whitworth welcomes winter with a weekend of free events

Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 December 2018, 11am – 7pm

This December, The Frost Fair returns to the Whitworth, part of The University of Manchester, in celebration of the circus, marking 250 years of this popular art form that began in Britain. The Frost Fair promotes art and togetherness, encouraging gallery visitors, the local community and members of the whole family to come together and enjoy winter at the Whitworth.

Baron Bazaar - champion of the stupendous spectacle, master of the most marvelous merry making and courageous collector of the curious – has returned from his long overdue quest to find the Supreme Celebration. Throughout his travels he has encountered a practically perfect pack of performers. Now for two days only, the Baron showcases this collected celebratory circus. So, prepare yourself and witness the greatest exhibition of excitement on Earth. Get ready for Baron Bazaar's Bewildering Brouhaha at The Frost Fair!

The two-day programme of free activities will include circus performances from the Travelling Light Circus, live music from DJ's and performers including Mr Wilson's Second Liners. The Circus House presents Circus Baby for non-walking babies and their grown-ups, 'Have-A-Go' Circus Skills workshop, live Trapeze performances and roaming stilt walkers throughout the weekend.

The Art Garden will be transformed into an outdoor cinema after dusk and the Whitworth grounds will feature an array of craft market stalls from local artisans, delicious international street food pop ups, a seasonal beer bar and vintage fairground amusements.

Walk The Plank, one of the UK's foremost outdoor arts companies, will transform the front of the Whitworth into a fiery courtyard and will mark the finale of the weekend with an enthralling firework display on Sunday evening.

Hands on activities are on offer throughout the weekend, providing entertaining, lively and interactive spaces for all ages to enjoy.

#whitworthfrostfair
#galleryinthepark
#circus250

About the Whitworth

The Whitworth is part of The University of Manchester. It is home to internationally renowned collections of modern art, wallpaper, textiles, watercolours, prints, drawings and sculpture. Created in 1889 as the first English gallery in a park, the Whitworth has developed a new vision for the role of a university gallery. A creative laboratory within an ambitious university, the Whitworth is a place where good, unusual things happen. The Whitworth re-opened to the public on 14 February 2015 after a major £17 million redevelopment by architects MUMA. The Whitworth has welcomed over one million visitors since re-opening, and more than doubled its previous annual records. The redevelopment has doubled public space and created state-of-the-art new facilities including expanded gallery spaces, a study centre, learning studio, and a collections centre. The gallery was crowned Art Fund Museum of Year 2015, nominated for the prestigious Stirling Prize and named Best Emerging Cultural Destination in Europe.

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