

Saturday 20 March 2010, 11.00-16.30

Celebrate the coming of spring with dance, music, storytelling and family activities. Free, just drop in.

Carpet tiles – Persian style!

Great Court (south-east side), 11.00-16.00

Be inspired by traditional Persian designs and create a tile to add to our 'carpet' fit for a Persian King.

Mythical creatures workshop

Great Court (south-west side), 11.00-16.00

Create a costume to transform yourself into a Persia-inspired mythical creature.

Norouz egg painting

Ford Centre for Young Visitors (orange section), 11.00-16.00

Join in with a traditional Persian New Year activity and paint an egg to take home.

Photofit: Persia

Samsung Digital Discovery Centre, 11.30-15.30

Use green screen technology to ride a chariot, meet a griffin and transport yourself back into the past. Limited places

Face painting

Great Court (south-east side), 11.00-16.00

Fabulous face painters will transform you into a Persian style mythical creature. Limited places

Meet the Persian King

Room 52, 11.00-13.00 & 14.00-16.00

Meet King Darius and ask him about the wonders of his great empire.

Persian mythical creatures family trail

Available from the Paul Hamlyn Library

Pick up a family trail and explore the mythical creatures from ancient Persia.

AKSbazi

Great Court (south-east side)

Visit the AKSbazi photography exhibition and take part in a Norouz inspired cultural exchange.

Hafez installation

Great Court (south-west side)

A message from Hafez. Based on a Norouz tradition read your fortune 'fal' from Hafez's poetry.

Stories of Persian myths and legends

BP Lecture Theatre, sessions last about 35 minutes

- 11.00 Stories of the seven beauties with Zahra
- 12.00 Fire stories from the Shahnameh with Xanthe
- 13.00 Zal, Rubadeh & Rostam with Zahra and Xanthe
- 14.00 Sohrab and Rostam with Xanthe
- 14.45 Story of the seven beauties with Zahra

Music & dance performances on the Great Court Stage

- 11.00 Saba Ensemble
- 11.30 Ziba Tabrizi
- 11.45 Parvaz Ensemble
- 12.15 Saba Ensemble
- 12.45 Ziba Tabrizi
- 13.00 Jirar Band
- 14.00 Pavarz Ensemble
- 14.30 Ziba Tabrizi
- 14.45 Saba Ensemble
- 15.15 Ziba Tabrizi
- 15.30 Parvaz Ensemble
- 16.00 Finale with Jirar Band

Daie Jan Napoleon

Stevenson Lecture Theatre, episodes will start at 11.00, 12.00, 14.00 and 15.00, episodes last 1 hour

Watch episodes of this popular Iranian television series. (in Farsi; not subtitled)

Norouz: Persian New Year