

**Sunday 21 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 World City Ensemble with Miriam Peretz
- 12.15 Saba Ensemble
- 12.45 Ziba Tabrizi
- 13.00 Jirar Band
- 13.45 Miriam Peretz
- 14.00 World City Ensemble with Miriam Peretz
- 14.30 Ziba Tabrizi
- 14.45 Saba Ensemble
- 15.15 Ziba Tabrizi
- 15.30 World City Ensemble, Parvaz Ensemble with Miriam Peretz
- 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