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## What's on

Autumn/Winter 2011

Ulster  
Museum

Ulster Folk &  
Transport Museum

Ulster American  
Folk Park

Armagh County  
Museum



**September to December**  
 Monday CLOSED  
 Tuesday - Sunday 10.00am-5.00pm

# Exhibitions



## Royal Ulster Academy 130th Annual Exhibition

Friday 21st October to Sunday 20th November

The Royal Ulster Academy (RUA) return to the Ulster Museum for their 130th Annual Exhibition. The Annual Exhibition comprises work by RUA members, invited artists and artists selected by open submission and aims to highlight the best in contemporary and traditional visual arts practice in Ireland, North and South. A range of educational events will support the exhibition and a full colour catalogue is available. The RUA Annual Exhibition is generously sponsored by KPMG, the leading Accounting and Professional Advisory Firm.



## Street Art: Contemporary Prints from the V&A

Friday 9th December 2011 to Sunday 4th March 2012

Street art is a diverse, constantly evolving art form, one that moves across the derelict buildings, bus shelters and hoardings of cities around the world. Its roots lie in history, echoing cave paintings and stencilled slogans and images in political campaigning. This touring exhibition from the Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A) in London showcases the work of some of the biggest artists in the street art community, such as Banksy, Shepard Fairey, Sickboy, Pure Evil and D\*Face. It explores the transition street art has made from the painted wall to printmaking.



### Street Art





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# The Queen: Art and Image

Exhibition

Exhibition organised by

National  
Portrait  
Gallery

Friday 14th October 2011 to Sunday 15th January 2012

From Beaton and Leibovitz to Annigoni and Warhol, this touring exhibition from the National Portrait Gallery explores the startling range of artistic creativity and media-derived imagery that the Queen has inspired. Comprising formal portraits, official photographs, images from newspapers and television, and works by contemporary artists, it probes the relation of this imagery to a world of changing values during a reign that has engaged the attention of millions.

## Events

### Brief History of Portraiture: 10 week course with Nicole Mezey

Tuesdays at 11.00am starting Tuesday 27th September

Are portraits spin, art or historic record? This course will consider the form and function of personal imagery from medieval heraldry to the 21st century. Places are limited so booking is essential. Tickets can be booked from Thursday 1st September by telephoning 028 9044 0017. The course cost is £50.00 an adult and £40.00 concession.



Night at the Museum

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Friday 30th September, 7.30pm to 9.30am

Have you ever wondered what happens inside the museum when you're asleep in your bed? Are you brave enough to embark on an expedition through the corridors of the museum with only the light of your torch to guide you? Well now is your chance to find out! Join us for your own night time adventure and see the museum in a whole new light. Places are limited so booking is essential. Tickets can be booked online or by phone from Thursday 1st September. Tickets cost £39.95 per person. Book early to avoid disappointment. Night at the Museum will also be held on Friday 13th January so why not purchase some tickets now as a Christmas gift?

### Trench Experience

Sunday 13th November, 2.00pm to 3.00pm

On Remembrance Sunday join the soldiers of Trench Line Lectures to discover more about what life was like for soldiers during World War I (1914-18). Experience the trenches through their stories and through handling original objects that survived the conflict.

### Geologists Tamed!

A series of four lectures by Dr Peter Crowther

Join National Museums Northern Ireland's Head of Natural Sciences as he takes a look at the people behind the science of geology in the north of Ireland. Who were they? What motivated these intrepid explorers of 'deep time'? Their life stories are not only ones of commitment, insight, discovery and occasional genius, but also of obsession, intrigue, feud, violence and scandal! Held between 7.30pm to 8.30pm, places are limited so booking is essential. Tickets can be booked from Thursday 1st September by telephoning 028 9039 5240. Admission is free.

Monday 24th October

Pioneers - early 'geologists'

Monday 31st October

Professionals - survey geologists

Monday 7th November

Academics - university geologists

Monday 14th November

Amateurs - 'spare-time' geologists



Geologists Tamed!



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Saturday 10.00am-1.00pm and 2.00pm-5.00pm  
Sunday CLOSED

## Exhibitions

### Through the Eye of a Needle

Friday 16th September 2011 to Tuesday  
10 April 2012

The sewing needle has been an essential tool in everyday life for over 10,000 years. It has given us sails to carry ships around the world, clothes to keep us warm, and quilts to sleep under. This exhibition celebrates the sewing needle and all its creations, whether for pleasure or for profit. See exquisite embroidery and beautiful examples of lace with hats, shoes, bags and dresses all on display.

### Enslaved

Friday 16th September 2011 to Saturday 7th January 2012

Slavery has been a prominent feature of the human condition since the earliest times. In this personal journey, photographer John Bradshaw has travelled extensively to capture authentic locations associated with the Atlantic slave trade. The resulting black and white photographs portray this story.



Enslaved

## Events

### Hallowe'en Family Event

Saturday 29th October, 12 noon to 4.00pm

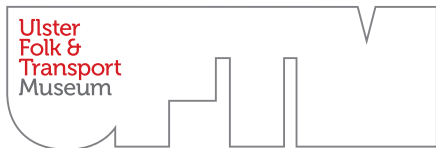
Try out crafts, trails and competitions. Activities are suitable for primary school children.

### Celebrate Christmas Traditions

Saturday 10th December, 12 noon to 4.00pm

With traditional crafts and trails to explore, come and discover how Christmas was celebrated in Victorian times. Activities are suitable for primary school children.

Wooden slave cabin, Mansfield plantation, South Carolina



September

Monday

Tuesday - Sunday

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October to December

Monday

Tuesday - Friday

Saturday - Sunday

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11.00am-4.00pm

## Walk and Sketch for the over-50s

Saturday 17th September, 12 noon to 5.00pm

Capture your surroundings using pencil, charcoal and watercolour under the guidance and advice of artists Sharon Kelly and Cilla Wagner. Stroll through the Folk Museum with stops to sketch the surrounding landscape and building interiors inspired by the current exhibition William Conor's Belfast. Places are limited so booking is essential. To book contact the Live and Learn Team on 028 9039 5081.

## Hallowe'en Family Festival

Monday 31st October

Listen to tales of things that go bump in the night, carve your own turnip lantern to ward off evil spirits, sample traditional Hallowe'en food and be transported by mystery and magic in the Rail Gallery. Don't forget to come dressed up for the popular fancy dress competition. Major event day pricing is applicable.

## Events



Hallowe'en Family Festival



Spirit of Christmas Past

## The Spirit of Christmas Past

Sunday 11th December

Experience the wonderful atmosphere of a 1900s Christmas. Storytelling, brass bands, and carol singing around the Christmas tree infuse the museum with the Spirit of Christmas Past. Make your own Christmas decorations, sample traditional food and drink and meet Father Christmas! Major event day pricing is applicable.

## Traditional Music Concert

Wednesday 14th December at 8.00pm

Places are limited so booking is essential. Tickets can be booked online or by telephone from Thursday 1st September. Tickets cost £10 per person.

# TITANICA

The all new experience  
of all things Titanic

Join us as the timeless tale of the *Titanic* comes to life. Walk the historic streets and meet the people who built the ship and lived in her time. Discover more than 500 original artefacts, including RMS Titanic objects recovered from the bottom of the icy Atlantic. It's two adventures that create one amazing experience.

## TITANICA The Exhibition

Get close to *Titanic* with real objects from her world. See one of the portholes and a soup tureen recovered from the seabed. Examine an original *Titanic* launch ticket from the pocket of a shipyard worker and find out about Rosa Abbott, the only woman to be pulled alive from the icy waters on that fateful night. Walk alongside Tram No. 249 and imagine being a shipyard worker heading for the docks. This incredible exhibition will fascinate and mesmerise you.

## THE WORLD OF TODAY AWOKE APRIL 15, 1912

Jack B. Thayer / Titanic Survivor

\* Artefact on loan from  
RMS Titanic, Inc. © 2011



3rd Class  
Porthole\*

## TITANICA The People's Story

Explore the ultimate living history experience of *Titanic* by walking and talking with the people who knew her best. Dress in period costumes and take away your own copy of the *Titanic* launch ticket. Meet local shopkeepers, businessmen and townspeople, and watch silent movies in the Picture House. Look around and be captivated by the era of the world's most famous ship.

## TITANICA Film Weekend

Fans of the silver screen are in for a real treat as two of the most famous *Titanic* related films are shown on a specially erected screen in the magnificent setting of the Rail Gallery. The large screen is sure to show the films to their full dramatic effect Admission includes free entry to TITANICA: The Exhibition.

### Gala Screening 'A Night to Remember' Friday 14th October

Dress up in period costume for this special showing amidst the grand steam trains of the era. Admission includes drinks on arrival and live music. Doors open at 6.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15.00 per adult and £12.50 concession. Cert U

### Titanic Saturday 15th October

James Cameron's 1997 blockbuster has been described as one of the most successful films ever made. Doors open at 6.00pm and the film starts at 7.00pm. Tickets are £6.00 per adult and £5.00 concession. Cert 12

Places are limited so booking is essential. Tickets can be booked online or by telephone from Thursday 1st September. Tickets can also be purchased from [www.queensfilmtheatre.com](http://www.queensfilmtheatre.com)

## TITANICA Lecture Series

Visit [ww.nmni.com](http://ww.nmni.com) to find out about Titanic themed lectures happening in October and November.



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## Moving Lives

Thursday 29th September, 2.00pm

Enjoy craftworks from pottery, mono printing and blacksmithing to quilting and digital imagery. The Live and Learn Project will also present 'Moving Lives' a short film of memories about migration.

## Hallowe'en Festival

Friday 28th, Saturday 29th and Monday 31st October

Take a tour of the outdoor museum as darkness falls. Ghost stories, ghouls and witches bring the museum to life as you are guided around the exhibit buildings by torch light. Places are limited so booking is essential. Tickets can be booked online or by telephone from Wednesday 14th September. Major event pricing applies. Book early to avoid disappointment.

## Thanksgiving Celebrations

Thursday 24th November

Why not join us to mark this most essentially American of festivals celebrating the determination of America's earliest settlers. Join the Partridges of Slippery Rock, Butler County, as they prepare the Thanksgiving turkey and anxiously await the return of their only son Joseph, an infantryman in the Union Army. Each re-enactment will last approximately 15 minutes and will commence at 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm.



Days of Christmas Past

## Events



Thanksgiving Celebrations

## Days of Christmas Past

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th December

This festive season take the family back in time to experience the magic of a truly traditional Christmas. Visit the Toymaker in his workshop and then meet Santa and Mrs Claus. Places are limited so booking is essential. Tickets can be booked online or by telephone from Monday 7th November. Major event pricing applies.

# Warriors of the Plains

200 years of Native North American  
honour and ritual

**A British Museum Tour**

**Exhibition**



Returning the Gaze (detail). Assiniboine dancer Kevin Haywahe with face paint. © Jeff Thomas.

**Tuesday 18th October 2011  
to Sunday 19th February 2012**

Explore the fascinating world of Native North American Indians from 1800 to the present with this spectacular collection from the British Museum. Delve into the warfare and ritual of the culture as you get close to the feather headdresses, shields, moccasins, pipes and tomahawks that are so iconic to the indigenous peoples of the North American Plains. Find out about the codes of chivalry, honour and behaviour that make up the warrior ethic. This exhibition will display unique and fragile material from the British Museum collections for the first time.

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**Ulster Museum**

Botanic Gardens, Belfast BT9 5AB  
Tel: 028 9044 0000

**Ulster Folk & Transport Museum**

Cultra, Holywood BT18 0EU  
Tel: 028 9042 8428

**Ulster American Folk Park**

2 Mellon Road, Castletown, Omagh BT78 5QU  
Tel: 028 8224 3292

**Armagh County Museum**

The Mall East, Armagh BT61 9BE  
Tel: 028 3752 3070

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**Visiting Information**



Opening Times



Disabled Access



Admission



Cloakroom



Baby Changing and Feeding Facilities



Restaurant



Toilets



Café



Picnic



Coach Parking



Shop



Car Park

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