



Darcey Bussell: from Student to Star of The Royal Ballet
Exhibition open until 30 October



Darcey Bussell at the official opening of *Darcey Bussell: from Student to Star of The Royal Ballet* at White Lodge Museum. Photo: Brian Slater



Family photographs from Darcey's personal collection, and her school reports from The Royal Ballet School Collections are on display. Photo: Brian Slater

A new exhibition *Darcey Bussell: from Student to Star of The Royal Ballet* has been officially opened by Darcey Bussell at White Lodge Museum. The exhibition features items from Darcey's personal collection, on display for the first time. Visitors can enjoy iconic costumes, including the tunic and shoes she wore for her final performance with The Royal Ballet in Kenneth MacMillan's *Song of the Earth* in 2007. Insights into Darcey's life as a student at The Royal Ballet School during the 1980s can be gleaned through a selection of her school reports and student photographs. Archival film excerpts charting Darcey's career to the present day are particularly popular with visitors. The exhibition is open until 30 October; to book your free visit, see details overleaf.



Darcey Bussell and Lady Deborah MacMillan, with Darcey's costume from Kenneth MacMillan's *The Prince of the Pagodas*. Photo: Brian Slater

Georgian Festival 2014 Richmond-upon-Thames



View to Pen Ponds from White Lodge, created by Princess Amelia, daughter of George II, when Ranger of Richmond Park. Photo: Brian Slater

2014 marks the tercentenary of the Hanoverian accession to the throne of England. To celebrate 300 years since the start of the Georgian era, venues across Richmond-upon-Thames have programmed a festival of events. White Lodge was commissioned by George I in 1725, and the first occupants of the royal hunting villa were George II and Queen Caroline of Ansbach. White Lodge Museum celebrates the royal history of the building within its permanent displays. In addition, two special events are taking place:

Artists' Sketching Day at White Lodge

Tuesday 15 July 10.30am - 5pm

£10

Details and booking through [artsrichmond](http://artsrichmond.org):

www.artsrichmond.org.uk

020 8892 9446

In partnership with [artsrichmond](http://artsrichmond.org) we are offering a day of access to White Lodge for local artists, to capture views of the Georgian building from the grounds and selected fine rooms.

Georgian Pleasures: musick for masquerades and other entertainments

Saturday 27 September 7.30pm

(Museum open from 6.30pm)

Adults £10; students £5, under 16s free

www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitelodgemuseum

A concert by the Lovekyn Consort, inspired by the lively theatrical life of the Hanoverian period. Featuring music composed by Handel, Eccles, Dibdin and Croft, among others, it will be performed with period instruments and singers. The concert will take place in the intimate Salon of Grade I listed White Lodge. The magnificent views of Richmond Park may be enjoyed during the interval.

White Lodge Museum will be open from 6.30pm prior to the concert, and during the interval. Ticket includes a complimentary glass of wine.

Newly acquired Fonteyn collection

As a result of featuring on the Antiques Roadshow, we have received a surge of donations to The Royal Ballet School Collections. After seeing we held a make-up case which belonged to Margot Fonteyn, one viewer kindly deposited his Fonteyn collection with us - it comprises a revelatory scrapbook, letters, signed shoes and an extensive set of photographs including the unusual and charming portrait of Fonteyn in her dressing room, pictured below.



Portrait of Margot Fonteyn by Harley 'Tank' Carpenter. The Royal Ballet School Collections

Weekend opening

White Lodge will once again participate in *Open House London*, opening on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 September from 10am with last admission at 12.30pm. There is no need to book for this weekend, simply turn up for your free visit to the fine rooms of White Lodge and White Lodge Museum. Arrive early to avoid queues.

Visits to White Lodge Museum are FREE

White Lodge is a working school therefore all visits must be booked in advance.

Opening times

During term time the museum is open:

Tuesday 1:30 - 3:30pm

Wednesday 1:30 - 3:30pm

Thursday 1:30 - 3:30pm

For groups of 10 people or more, alternative visiting hours can be arranged.

To book please visit:

www.royalballetschool.org.uk/the-school/museum

Email: museum@royalballetschool.org.uk