



Including Magic Worlds:  
Fantasy, Illusion and Enchantment  
a V&A Museum of Childhood  
touring exhibition...



# What's On

Norwich Castle

Winter/Spring 2013

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# Magic Worlds

Fantasy, Illusion  
and Enchantment...



26 January to 14 April

A delightful exhibition in the Norwich Union  
and Bernard Matthews Galleries

To step into a magical world is to leave reality behind and accept the fantastical. Explore the often dark fantasy realms of celebrated stories and fairy tales. Marvel at amazing tricks and the feats of awe-inspiring magicians. Dare to believe in fairies and enter a dreamlike landscape of fabled creatures.

Visitors of all ages will enjoy meeting favourite characters from fiction from Frodo Baggins to Snow White. Films and photography, beautiful story books and ceramics, toys and games, film props and merchandise steer a fascinating journey through magical worlds past and present.

*For the child in all of us*

## Norfolk's own Magical Worlds' Collections

The Toy Gallery at **Strangers' Hall** has one of the best collections of children's books, toys and games in the country including wonderful farm animals, dolls houses and Noah's arks. Several items from its collections will be on show in Magic Worlds. Look out for a wax fairy doll and a ventriloquist's dummy!

*13 February to 21 December, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10am to 4pm*

A V&A Museum of Childhood touring exhibition.

NMAS is delighted to be working with Tom Blofeld and the BeWILDerwood Team, who are supporting Magic Worlds in Norwich.

**BeWILDerwood**  
The Curious Treehouse  
Adventure

**Museum of  
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## Events for Adults

We offer talks and workshops, informal and formal for all. This season we're delighted to include a number of talks in partnership with the University of East Anglia. Events are free with museum admission unless otherwise stated.



## Magic Worlds Special Events

### Talk: Lewis Carroll and Alice, Games and Magic

Saturday 9 February, 2pm to 3pm  
With Dr Thomas Karshan, Lecturer in Literature, UEA.  
*Lecture theatre*

### Tea, Cake and Conversation

Wednesday 13 February  
2pm to 3.30pm  
A sociable discussion and celebration of children's literature. Bring along your favourite editions. With Dr BJ Epstein, writer and children's literature specialist at UEA.

*£5, includes exhibition admission, tea and cake. Benefactors' Room.  
Booking essential, 01603 495897*

### Talk: Under Wraps

Tuesday 26 March, 12.30pm to 2pm  
Explore changing attitudes to childhood through children's costume from the 1600s to the present. With Ruth Battersby Tooke, Curator of Costume and Textiles at NMAS.

*Benefactors' Room.  
Booking essential, 01603 495897*



## Tuesday Lunchtime Talks

12.30pm to 1pm, talks by museum experts from NMAS and partner museums. If demand is sufficient these seated talks may be repeated at 1.15pm. Free with museum admission. No booking required.

### 12 February

#### From the Romantic to the Macabre: Nineteenth Century Fairy Painting

With Dr Francesca Vanke, Keeper of Art and Curator of Decorative Art at Norwich Castle.

*Landscape and Nature Gallery*

### 5 March

#### Conjuring up Magic Worlds for Children of All Ages

With Catherine Howell, Collections Manager at V&A Museum of Childhood.

*Lecture theatre, 12.30pm to 1.30pm*



Group of six ceramic tiles showing *The Flower Fairies*, designed by Walter Crane, possibly for Pilkington & Co. Ltd, England c.1900. © V&A Museum of Childhood.



### 12 March

#### Here Be Dragons! Why are they so special?

With Dr Antoinette Moses, Lecturer in Creative Writing and Literature, UEA.

*Lecture theatre*

### 19 March

#### Special Treasures from the Strangers' Hall Collection

With Cathy Terry, Curator of Social History, Norwich Museums.

*Landscape and Nature Gallery*



## Afternoon Gallery Talks

These informal talks take place at 2.30pm every Monday and Thursday during school term.

*30 minutes. Free with museum admission. Booking not required*



9 February,  
**Mad Hatter's Tea Party**  
 Meet Alice, the Mad Hatter and the March Hare as they prepare for their **unbirthday celebration\***. Help set the table, check out some fabulous teapots and design your own to take home with you. Plus gather round as the Mad Hatter tells tales of Alice and the Jabberwocky.



'Dragon', children's poster by Wayne Anderson, England 1974 © V&A Museum of Childhood.

*\*An unbirthday celebration is an event that can be celebrated on any day that is not the person's birthday. It's a term that was invented by Lewis Carroll in Alice Through the Looking Glass.*

2 March, **Dragons and Fairies**  
 Make a sparkling fairy wand to take home with you and meet Snap, Norwich's very own dragon, and create a scale for his new friend.

16 March, **Magical Science**  
 We're celebrating National Science and Engineering Week with a host of brilliant activities throughout Norwich Castle. Join scientists from UEA to explore miniature magical worlds under the microscope, learn about the skills and techniques of early inventors and more...

**Top tip for families...** 

**Art & Play**

Time and Tide, Great Yarmouth  
 1 December 2012 to 24 February 2013

A 'please touch' exhibition of contemporary art for young visitors and their grown-ups.

**Winter opening:** Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm, weekends, midday to 4pm



## Magic Worlds family special

Norwich Puppet Theatre presents  
**The Tinder Box**  
 Sunday 3 March, 2.30pm to 3.20pm  
 Stunning re-telling of the classic Hans Christian Andersen tale using puppetry, animation and an evocative soundscape. Tickets include entry to Magic Worlds.

Adult £5, child £3.50. Discounts for Museums Pass holders

Ages 4+.  
 Norwich Castle lecture theatre.  
 Booking essential, 01603 495897



## For Families

Take a look at our Family Saturday and holidays events and get some dates in the diary for your family now.

### Family Saturdays

12.30pm to 3.30pm  
 Fun and creative drop-in sessions for families to enjoy together. Free with museum admission.

26 January, **Spells and Superstitions**  
 Make a talisman to ward off evil spirits and play a matching game to find out about Anglo-Saxon and Roman spells and curses.

2 February, **Enchanting Storytelling**  
 Readings by two brilliant Norfolk children's authors; Tom Blofeld, creator of the *BeWILDerwood* books and Sheridan Winn, author of *The Sprite Sisters* series. Their books will also be available to buy and there'll be some hands-on crafty activities too.  
 Tom Blofeld, 11am and 3pm, age 6 to 11  
 Sheridan Winn, midday and 2pm, age 7 to 12



## Creative Writing Workshops

To tie in with Magic Worlds we've invited writer and specialist in children's literature at UEA Dr BJ Epstein and PhD student Alex Valente to run two special workshops.

### Family Writing Workshop

**Thursday 21 February, 2pm to 4pm**

A fun and engaging creative writing workshop for children to enjoy with a favourite adult.

Adult £3, conc £2, child £2

Ages 7 to 12 Benefactors' Room.

Booking essential 01603 495897



*Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll, Everett and Co Ltd, circa 1912. © Strangers' Hall.

### Creative Writing

**Friday 15 March, 2pm to 4pm**

For anyone thinking of writing for children - their own or a wider young public!

Adult £5, conc £4

Benefactors' Room.

Booking essential 01603 495897

## Norfolk Museums Pass

From just £22.05 you can get free entry year-round to Norwich Castle, Gressenhall, Bridewell Museum, Time and Tide and six other top Norfolk museums, plus discounts and special offers.

**For details** ask at reception, phone 01603 495897 or visit [www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk).

## A Magical February Half Term

All activities are drop in and free with museum admission.

### A Magic World for Norfolk

Monday 18 to Friday 22 February  
11am to 12.30pm and  
1.30pm to 3.30pm

Help us create our own mystical and fantastical world. Throughout the week we'll be constructing a large 3D artwork in the Timothy Gurney Gallery. With Norwich artist Emma Jarvis.



Abacadabra Conjuring Set, Suprex, England 1955-1965 © V&A Museum of Childhood.



A Pretty Kettle of Tricks, promotional advertising story book for Colman's Mustard, England 1950s. © V&A Museum of Childhood.

### Magic on the Move

Monday 18 and  
Wednesday 20 February  
11am to 12.30pm and  
1.30pm to 3.30pm

Roving magic in the exhibition with local magicians Martin and Joe. Can you guess the secrets behind the clever tricks?

### Magic Lantern Shows

Tuesday 19 and Friday 22 February  
11am, midday, 2pm and 3pm

These ingenious early projectors have been around since the 17th century and still delight today. Listen to our showman's fascinating stories as he projects beautifully coloured and animated pictures in our darkened lecture theatre.

25 minutes

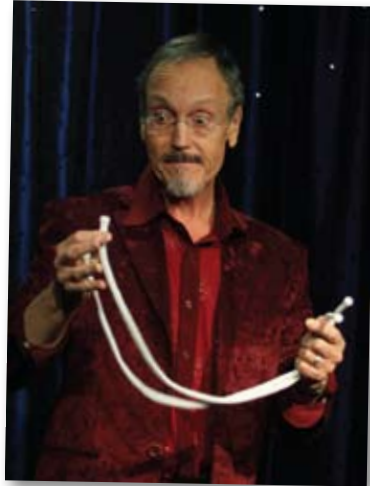


## Enchanting Easter Holidays

Activities are free with museum admission unless otherwise stated.

### Simply Magic

Thursday 4 and Friday 5 April  
 Spellbinding shows by brilliant  
 Magic Circle Magician David Weeks.  
 Age 6 and under, 11.30am  
 Age 7+, 1.30pm and 3pm  
 Lecture theatre. Adult free, child £2.50 plus  
 museum admission.  
 Booking essential, 01603 495897

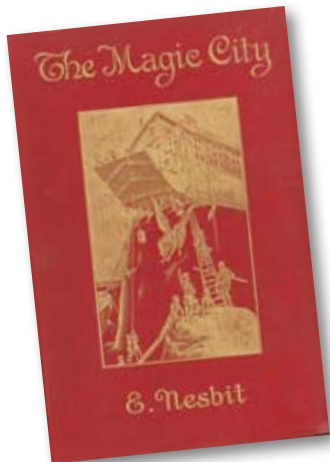


Magic Circle magician, David Weeks.

### Puppet Show

Wednesdays 3 and 10 April  
 11am, midday, 2pm and 3pm  
 Traditional folk tales told with beautiful  
 hand-crafted puppets and a chance to  
 say hello to the puppets afterwards.

With Fools Puppet Company



The Magic City by E. Nesbit,  
 Macmillan and Co Ltd, 1910. © Strangers' Hall.

### Magic Worlds Book time for Children

Tuesday 9 April  
 11am, midday, 2pm and 3pm  
 Listen to magical stories, join in with  
 fantastic tales and discover some  
 fabulous 3D books too. In the Magic  
 Worlds' story-telling corner.

With Norfolk Library and Information Service

### Writing Workshop

Thursday 11 and Saturday 13 April  
 Midday and 2pm  
 Take part in writing games and exercises  
 to create your own fantastical realm.  
 Just bring your imagination!  
 Ages 12+, approx 30 minutes

### Magic Worlds for Schools and Groups

Norwich Castle is offering special Magic Worlds workshops for primary schools. And for groups we're offering introductory tours in the gallery to help you get the most from your visit.

Bookings and info 01603 493636 or [claire.dollman@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:claire.dollman@norfolk.gov.uk)

### Magic Worlds Activities for Schools at the Millennium Library

Explore and celebrate fairytales and fantasy worlds through books and activities in Norwich's wonderful Millennium Library. Free workshops for KS1 and 2. Indoor picnic area provided.

Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library, The Forum, Norwich, NR2 1AW  
 Bookings and info 01603 774781 or [gwen.parker@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:gwen.parker@norfolk.gov.uk)

## Dates for your diary

### Skin 2: On The Street

Saturday 9 March

Street culture event. From Kett to Banksy.

### John Sell Cotman:

A picturesque tour of Norfolk and Normandy

30 March 2013 to 16 March 2014

Colman Watercolour Gallery

### Gerard Stamp: Conquest

Norfolk's Norman Legacy reflected in Watercolour

30 March to Sunday 29 September 2013

Colman Project Space

### Arts Council Collection Exhibition

11 May to 8 September 2013

Norwich Union and Bernard Matthews Galleries



John Sell Cotman, Old house in the Rue St Jean at Caen, pencil and watercolour.  
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# Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery

## Castle Hill, Norwich, NR1 3JU

### Open

Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4.30pm  
Sunday 1pm to 4.30pm

### Admission\*

Adult £6.80, conc £5.80, young adult (17-25) £5.30, child (4-16) £4.90

*Magic Worlds exhibition only*

Adult £3.50, conc £3.00,  
child (4-16) £2.60

Norfolk Museums Pass holders and under 4's free

*\*Prices go up from 1 April.*

### Pop in for a pound

Visit the Castle for £1 an hour before closing every day, and between midday and 1pm weekdays during school term.

**Museum Shop and Café** free entry

### Contact

24hr info line 01603 493648  
Enquiries & info 01603 493625

### Bookings

Events & activities 01603 495897  
Groups & schools 01603 493636

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**Walking** Ten minutes walk from bus and train stations.

**Parking** levels K-N, Castle Mall Car Park (sat nav NR1 3DD)

**Park and ride** 0344 800 8020 or [www.norfolk.gov.uk/parkandride](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/parkandride)

**Traveline** 0871 200 2233

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