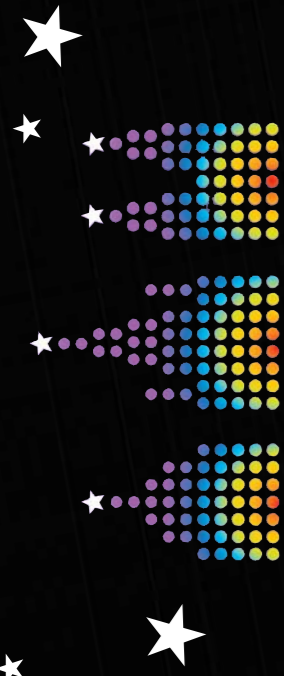


LATE NIGHT CULTURAL CELEBRATION



Christmas Light Night

Friday 27 November 5-11pm

Christmas Lights

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Christmas Light Night

COME AND CELEBRATE THE START OF THE FESTIVE SEASON

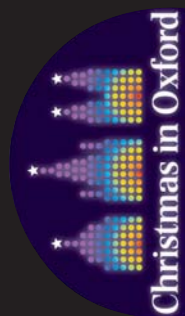
at this special, late night opening of all your cultural favourites and Christmas lights switch-on. Join together with artists and children to enjoy the real spirit of Christmas, with lanterns, music, fire and dancing in the streets and art and music in everyone's favourite museums, galleries and theatres. All venues and activities are free, unless otherwise stated.

Venues: Oxford City centre streets, Ashmolean Museum, Bodleian Library, Modern Art Oxford, Museum of Oxford, Museum of Natural History & Pitt Rivers Museum, Museum of History of Science, OVADA, Oxford Playhouse, Oxford Castle and O3 Gallery.*

*Admission to all venues is free unless otherwise stated.

For more information on all events and activities, visit www.oxfordinspires.org or individual websites.

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Christmas Light Night is just part of the Christmas in Oxford season, which also includes well-loved and established events such as **Creation Theatre's Beauty and the Beast** in the Mirror Tent at Mini Plant Oxford and Music at Oxford's **Christmas at Christ Church**.

Also if you're looking for special presents, do remember to visit **Oxford Castle's Christmas Market** from 10 - 20 December.

For more information about these and other Christmas events go to www.oxford.gov.uk or www.oxfordinspires.org or pick up a programme guide from libraries and information outlets.

Kids Travel Free with Oxford Bus Company

Thanks to Oxford Bus Company kids go free after 6pm on their City buses: up to three children (5-15 years), accompanied by an adult on City buses and Park & Ride (NB only Park & Ride operates after 8pm).

Thank You SUPPORTERS AND OXFORD INSPIRES STAKEHOLDERS

MINI Plant Oxford

First Great Western

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

Christmas Light Night Street Scene



Photo: Greg Smolonski

Lantern Procession 6.15 - 6.45pm

View the celebratory lantern procession as it makes its way from two starting points, north and south, joining together in Broad Street before moving to its final destination at Oxford Castle. As the lanterns pass by, the Christmas lights in each street will be switched on. The **NORTH PROCESSION** starts from The Pitt Rivers Museum and will be led by the Oxfordshire Corunna Band along Parks Road and Broad Street. The **SOUTH PROCESSION** starts outside Modern Art Oxford, with the Festkapelle Decibel Band from Leiden leading the way up Pembroke Street, through St. Aldates, the High Street and Turl Street to Broad Street. The meeting of the two parades in Broad Street will be illuminated with fire dancing. The **COMBINED PROCESSION** passes along Broad Street, Cornmarket, Queen Street and New Road to Oxford Castle Unlocked, where the Castle Mound will be brought to life with music and fire dancing.

The amazing lanterns have been created by artists, schools and community groups, led by a partnership of leading community arts organisers: Oxford's Fusion Arts and Same Sky, from Brighton.

Dance Platform 5.30pm & 6.45pm

Displays by a vibrant selection of dancers. Get your feet tapping – or join in.

Westgate Centre 5.30pm
 Afrofusion Rhythm (African)
 Ceroc Oxford
 Expression School of Dance (Jazz piece)
 St Clare's Salsa dancers
 Point Zero (Contemporary)
 Café Reason (Butoh)
 Sol Samba (band and dance)

Broad Street 6.45pm
 KC School of Dance (Modern/Urban)
 Dance 8 & youth group (Urban/Breakdance)
 D'Overbroecks students (Street Jazz)
 Anjali Youth Dance Company (Contemporary)
 Street Stage (Urban dance)
 Oxford Young Steps (Bhangra/Bollywood)
 Step 2 Academy of Dance (Street Dance)
 Jive+ (Modern Jive)
 Messy Jam (Hip Hop)

Thanks to INevents (Procession management) and Claire Thompson (Dance Platform coordinator)

For more information on other events and opening times, see map and schedule inside.

Plan your evening...

There's something for everyone on Christmas Light Night...visit your favourite museums and galleries, enjoy live music and dance and welcome in the festive season with delicious food and hot mulled wine.

	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm
City Centre: Westgate Centre/ Bonn Square		Westgate Centre Dance Platform 5.30 - 6.15pm Sol Samba 6.20 - 6.45pm	Bonn Square Mulled Wine and Decibel Band 6.45 - 8.00pm			
City Centre: Broad Street	Christmas crafts, hot food and drink 6 - 9pm	Lantern Procession 6.15 - 6.45pm	Fire Dancing 6.30 pm	Dance Platform 6.45 - 8.30pm	Fire Dancing 8.30 pm	
City Centre: Castle Mound		Lantern Procession ends and Fire Dancing approx 6.45pm				
OVADA and Gloucester Green	Gloucester Green Big Screen 5 - 10.30pm Exhibition by Anna Lucas open all evening plus 'Nightfair Before Christmas' upstairs					
Modern Art Oxford	Art workshop in the Yard and Children's Cake Decorating in the Café – until 9pm Yard Party – until 10.30pm: Hertford College Chapel Choir. Global sounds and workshop with OCM featuring the happy sounds of Salt street band, 8.30pm and 9.40pm			Tours of Karla Black exhibition all evening		
Museum of Oxford	Medieval Christmas Open 5-8pm					
Oxford Playhouse	Exhibition <i>Between the Lines</i> by artist-in-residence Michael Gabriel 5 - 7.30pm			My Fair Lady 7.30 - 10pm. Tickets £13.50 - £17.50 Light Night Cocktail in the bar during the interval and post show		Live Music and Cocktails from 10pm in the Bar
Ashmolean Museum	Dining Room and Gift Shop open (all evening) Mulled Wine in the vaulted Café (all evening)	Dr Souths School Choir 6.30 - 7.00pm	Community Choir 7.30 - 8pm	Decibel Band 8.30 - 9pm		
Museum of Natural History		Lantern Procession 6pm	Jazznosis 7pm Horns of Plenty 7.30pm	The Oxford Waits 8pm Marching Band 8.30pm		
Pitt Rivers Museum		Lantern Procession 6pm Zimbabwean Music 6.15pm Storytelling 6.30pm	Balkan Fiddle and Accordion 7pm Storytelling 7.15pm	Northumbrian Pipers 7.45pm Tabla Group 8.30pm Storytelling 8pm		
Museum of the History of Science	Steampunk exhibition throughout evening. Family-friendly activities all evening.		Victorian and Edwardian Parlour Songs		Screening of Thorold Dickinson's film 'Gaslight' 9 - 10.30pm	
Oxford Castle	Winter Wonderland every hour from 4pm	Ghost Tours of the castle and Prison 5-10pm (every 30 mins)	Ice Carving Demonstration	Winter Wonderland and Ghost Tours		
O3 Gallery	Late opening - Oxford Printmakers Cooperative Christmas Show					
Bodleian Library	Bodleian library shop open 5.00 - 8.30pm	Music – Oxford Waits in Convocation House 6.30 - 6.50pm 7.00 - 7.20pm, 7.30 - 7.50pm Divinity School open 6.20 - 8.30pm			Divinity School, Convocation House and Shop open until 8.30	

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1 University of Oxford Museum of the History of Science BROAD STREET Gaslight 7 - 11pm

Catch the world's first exhibition of Steampunk art, from redesigned practical items to fantastical contraptions. **Steampunk** combines the technology of today with the aesthetic of Victorian science: expect 'steam-powered' computer mice, clockwork hearts, brass goggles and much more. Family friendly activities plus performances of Victorian and Edwardian parlour songs and a screening of the original 1940 film *Gaslight* in the atmospheric lower gallery.



2 University of Oxford Museum of Natural History/Pitt Rivers Museum PARKS ROAD Community Christmas 6 - 9pm

Enjoy melodic and street jazz: a marching band and the Oxford Waits; or world music from Zimbabwe, the Balkans, India and Northumberland. There's also storytelling, family-friendly activities and Christmas shopping.



3 Museum of Oxford ST ALDATES Medieval Christmas 5 - 8pm

Join in with traditional children's games, family arts and crafts, and find out what made Christmas special in the Middle Ages from staff in period costume.

www.museumofoxford.gov.uk



4 University of Oxford Ashmolean Museum BEAUMONT STREET Explore the New Museum 6 - 10pm

See the newly-reopened Museum's magnificent contemporary architecture and explore the exciting redisplay of collections in more than 30 new galleries. There's something for everyone: traditional music from the Oxford Waits, carol singing, gallery tours, late night shopping, mulled wine and mince pies.

www.ashmolean.org



5 Oxford Castle NEW ROAD Winter Wonderland from 4pm onwards Lamplight Tours 5 - 10pm every 30 mins

Magical lights, Christmas trees, mulled wine and - just for tonight - beautiful festive ice sculptures, in the Market Place.

Live Ice Carving 7 - 8pm

Prepare to be scared! Discover the spookier side of the Castle and Prison with chilling late night ghost tours at Oxford Castle Unlocked.

Tickets: £7.50 adults, £5.35 children, £6.20 concessions. Group discounts available.

www.oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk



6 O3 Gallery OXFORD CASTLE Oxford Printmakers until 10pm

Special evening view of Oxford Printmakers Cooperative Christmas show. Intricate wood engravings, lino and woodcuts, screen printing, etching and monoprints.

www.o3gallery.co.uk



Map



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Lantern Procession

South Route
North Route

7 Oxford Playhouse BEAUMONT STREET Exhibition, Music & Cocktails 5pm - late

To coincide with the ever-popular musical, *My Fair Lady*, the Playhouse will be exhibiting the work of **artist-in-residence Michael Gabriel**, who for more than 30 years has made hundreds of quick sketches and paintings of actors, rehearsals and performance moments. Post show there will be **live music** and a special **Playhouse cocktail** in the bar.

www.oxfordplayhouse.com



8 Modern Art Oxford PEMBROKE STREET Exhibition and Entertainment 5 - 10.30pm

Enjoy the **Karla Black** and **Cova Macías** exhibitions and tours in the galleries (including one especially for families). **Art activities** in the Yard and **cake decorating** in the Café. Designer Christmas cards, jewellery and other unique gifts in the Gallery shop. **Live music** in the Yard, with refreshments to buy: mulled wine and hot cider from the Royal Blenheim, waffles and hot chocolate provided by G&D's.

www.modernartoxford.org.uk



9 OVADA GLOUCESTER GREEN Nightfair before Christmas 5 - 10.30pm

An affordable art fair showcasing the best emerging art students from the Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Art and Oxford Brookes Fine Art. Enjoy the chance to buy artworks and vintage fashion, music and much more. **Nightfair** will extend to Modern Art Oxford as part of its Yard Party. The gallery's current exhibition by **Anna Lucas** will also be on view.

www.ovada.org.uk



10 Gloucester Green Big Screen 5 - 10.30pm

Watch a series of selected short film and video works from the Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Art, Oxford Brookes Fine Art and Oxford Brookes Film Studies.

www.ruskin-sch.ox.ac.uk
ah.brookes.ac.uk
Organised by Ruskin School of Drawing & Fine Art, University of Oxford in partnership with Oxford Brookes University Fine Art and Film Studies, Modern Art Oxford and Film Oxford.

★ Broad Street Christmas craft fair, mulled wine, food and entertainment 6 - 9pm

The Oxford Tourist Information Centre will be open for information until 7.15pm.

www.visitoxford.org

The University of Oxford shop in the High Street will also be open.



City Centre Streets Lantern Procession (See map for both routes)

6.15 - 6.45pm
Oxford schoolchildren will switch on the **Christmas Lights** street by street as they pass by with **magical lanterns** created with local artists, community arts groups and **Same Sky** of Brighton. Coordinated by **Fusion Arts** (Oxford).

★ Dancing in the Streets 5.30 - 6.15pm

WESTGATE CENTRE
6.45 - 8.15pm
BROAD STREET
From hip-hop to ceroc, Bollywood to butoh: displays by 15 of Oxfordshire's talented dance groups.

...and more
Don't miss live bands and fire dancing, with displays of fire poi, hoops and juggling.

12 University of Oxford Divinity School, Bodleian Library BROAD STREET/CATTE STREET Music and Manuscripts 6.20 - 8.30pm

The Oxford Waits will be playing traditional music in Convocation House and there will be a small display of complementary items from the Bodleian Collections in the Proscholium. Original Christmas gifts and cards in the 17th century panelled shop.

www.bodley.ox.ac.uk



Divinity School, Bodleian Library