

ROYAL BALLET & OPERA

Opening Night



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Family Sunday

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Sunday 30 Nov 2025
1.30pm – 4pm

The stage is set for Opening Night Family Sunday!

Get ready for a day packed with music, movement, and magical moments at the Royal Opera House.

Unleash the power of your voice and help defeat the mischievous resident snake, STANLEY, in our interactive sound adventure, *Snake Attack!*

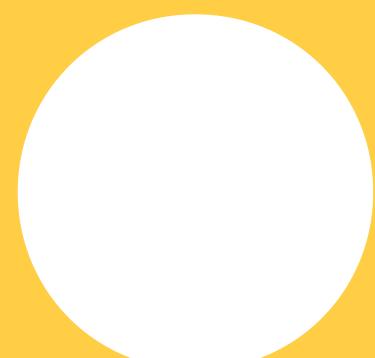
Royal Ballet Principal Dancer STEVEN MCRAE takes over the Clore Studio with an exciting, hands-on workshop inspired by his new children's book, *Anything is Possible with Ballet*.

There's more ballet magic in store with former Royal Ballet Principal ZENAIDA YANOWSKY, as she introduces the AUD JEBSEN dancers in a live demonstration from *The Nutcracker*.

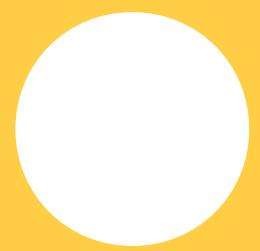
Throughout the day, let your imagination soar with *Swan Lake* storytelling from the enchanting MAGIC VIOLIN TRIO and master storyteller SALLY POMME CLAYTON. Join in a joyful ballet barre session, lift your voice in the BIG SING, or get creative with our team of craft wizards and make your very own Opening Night keepsake.

There's so much to see, do, and discover. Get stuck in and let the adventure begin!

Please be aware we have a buggy park on site but the cloakroom will be closed during the event. Please pack with this in mind.



Take Part



A Musical Welcome

Kick off your day with the uplifting sounds of the live Balkan ensemble, TATCHO DROM, now bringing the party to the ground floor, before making your way upstairs to the main event.

1858 Foyer
1.15pm—1.30pm

Dressing Up

Step into the world of The Royal Ballet and Opera with costumes inspired by magical stage characters. Who will you become?

Level 5
1.30pm—3.45pm

Ballet Barre

Fancy being a ballet dancer? Give it a go in this barre workshop led by SHEVELLE DYNOTT accompanied by FRANCES YONGE on piano.

Linbury Foyer
1.40pm—2pm
2.45pm—3.05pm

Snake Attack!

A terrifying snake is roaming the Royal Opera House. Help our heroines defeat the slippery serpent and save the prince in this immersive opera workshop!

Join workshop leader LUCIA VERNON-LONG and puppeteer ALICA BRITT as they take you through an exciting performance of the opening scene from *The Magic Flute*.

Paul Hamlyn Hall
2.05pm—2.35pm

Dance Party

Join party-maker extraordinaire AMBER OGUNSANYA to shake a tail feather and show off your best ballet moves in this lively, family-friendly workshop.

Paul Hamlyn Hall
3.35pm — 3.55pm

Anything is Possible with Ballet

Explore the world of ballet with Royal Ballet Principal dancer STEVEN MCCRAE and dancers of The Royal Ballet in this immersive workshop inspired by Steven's new children's book.

The last 20 minutes of each session will be followed by a Q&A with Steven and a chance to buy a signed copy of the book.

Clore Studio
1.45pm — 2.40pm
3pm—3.55pm

Capacity is limited for this event, seats will be allocated to first come, first served. Doors and queue will open at 1.30pm / 2.45pm.

Everybody Dance! Alice's Adventures

A lively and enjoyable way to discover the beauty of ballet and get moving. People of all ages, experience and ability are invited to become honorary members of The Royal Ballet's corps de ballet and learn choreography inspired by Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

Paul Hamlyn Hall
3.05pm — 3.30pm

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Big Sing

Raise your voice and sing like a bird in this Big Sing workshop for the whole family. Led by conductor PATRICK BARRETT and accompanied by JOSEPH CUMMINGS.

Linbury Foyer
3.10pm — 3.30pm

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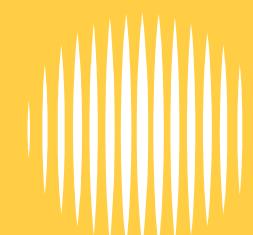


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'Behind the Scenes' Rehearsal: The Sugar Plum pas de deux

Join us for a live rehearsal with Aub Jensen Young Dancers of The Royal Ballet, led by former Royal Ballet Principal dancer ZENAIDA YANOWSKY. Watch how the dancers transform into The Sugar Plum Fairy and The Prince in this iconic pas de deux from *The Nutcracker*.

Paul Hamlyn Hall
2.40pm – 3pm



Listen

Young Voices

Enjoy an uplifting performance by the RBO YOUNG VOICES as they showcase music from *Carmen*, *Hansel & Gretel* and more! Led by Musical Director PATRICK BARRETT and accompanied by JOE CUMMINGS, this young ensemble shares their joy of music.

Paul Hamlyn Hall
1.40pm – 2pm

Encore!

Step into the world of opera with a live performance from the singers of Snake Attack. Enjoy spellbinding solos and dazzling duets. A perfect moment to sit back, listen and let the music transport you!

Linbury Foyer
3.35pm – 4pm

Seven Swans and the Magic Violin Trio

SALLY POMME CLAYTON tells a wonderful folk tale about a bold girl searching for her brothers who have been turned into swans. Accompanied by MAGIC VIOLIN TRIO.

Linbury Foyer
2.05pm – 2.40pm

Make



Paper Stage Magic

Join paper artist TRACEY BUSH to create your own mini paper theatre to take back home. Upcycle old programmes and sheet music used in the Royal Opera House to make your own keepsake theatre.

Level 5

1.30pm – 3.45pm

A Round of Applause

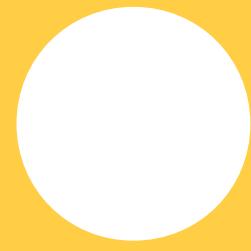
Give yourself a big round of applause and a pat on the back in this fun craft activity where you can make your very own cheerful noisemaker.

From a wild leopard-print hand to a goofy monster paw, whatever you decide, our resident craft wizard ZOE PHILLIPS, will guide you all the way.

Crush Room

1.30pm – 3.45pm

Timetable



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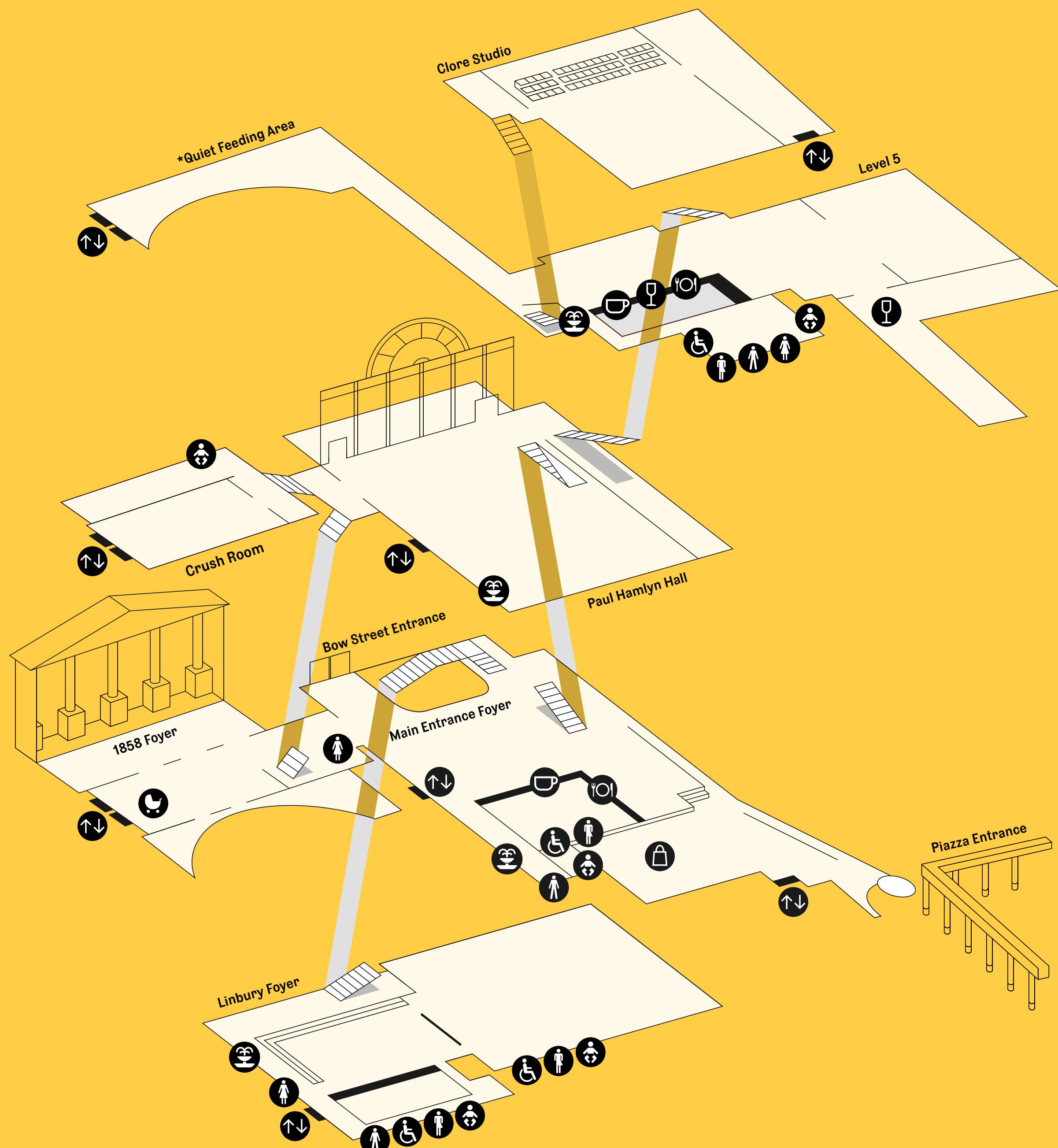
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ACCESSIBLE/GENDER NEUTRAL TOILETS



BABY CHANGING



WATER FOUNTAIN



BUGGY PARK

