

PRESS RELEASE

Digital Weekender brings together VR, Immersive Theatre & a musical odyssey

This year's Digital Weekender at Watermans (Sat 11 & Sun 12 Nov) brings together the best digital artists, and the most exciting work to give you a chance to try out immersive theatre, virtual and augmented reality and hear and see fabulously out-there music that will stretch your experience beyond the everyday.

Highlights of the festival weekend are:



Whist by AΦE (Sat 11 & Sun 12, various times. £9 (£7)) – a virtual and augmented reality theatre experience in which *you* make the choices to create your own story. Creative Review described it as 'A disorientating combination: but a powerful one... No two people will experience it in the same way'.

Binaural Dinner Date by ZU-UK (Sat 11, 1pm & 6pm, Sun 12, 1pm, £8 (£6)) – this is the premiere of this fun and engaging immersive experience in a restaurant setting. You'll be guided through the perfect date by a voice in your ear... whether you come as a single or with a friend or partner, see where it could take you!

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Wheels, Strings & Holographics: A Musical Odyssey (Sat 11, 7.30pm, £12 (£10)) - A triple bill of musicians at the forefront of technological and musical innovation. Immerse yourself in a holographic universe inspired by myths and fairytales in **Tinderdust's The Forest of Phasmagoria** (premiered in August at the Royal Academy of Arts). Be astounded at the musical virtuosity possible using bicycle wheels with /cYcle by Montreal's **QUADr Electroacoustic quartet**; and experience a string symphony like no other from **Alexis Langevin-Tétrault**.

DIY Wearables (Sat 11, various times, £10) – families and adults can create their very own funky badge, hat, wristband or something else to wear that lights up or makes sound using the BBC Microbit and other great bits of tech. A 2-hour workshop with Paul Clifford.

Plus lots more FREE events and installations suitable for children and adults, taking place throughout the weekender: virtually travel the world in Nye Thompson's The Seeker; discover the science of music in an interactive sound installation and free workshops with Helen Steer; see new robotics works by artist Patrick Tresset in exhibition Whilst we were here... we made some drawings; or try your hand at making outlandish music in interactive outdoor installation Cyclophones.

Listings Information

Watermans, 40 High Street Brentford TW8 0DS

www.watermans.org.uk

Box Office: 0208 232 1010

Nearest tube: Gunnersbury then 237 or 267 bus

Nearest rail: Kew Bridge or Brentford

Buses: 237, 267, 65. Stop at Watermans Centre stop right outside.

Digital Weekender

Sat 11 & Sun 12 Nov. See website for full details.

Free entry. Some events are ticketed.

The annual Digital Weekender at Watermans takes over our riverside arts centre in a festival of the best and brightest digital art out there. Virtual Reality, immersive theatre, interactive installations robots... it's different and it's fun, and lots of it is FREE too! Highlights include Whist by AΦE, an evening Musical Odyssey on the Saturday night, and ZU-UK's Binaural Dinner Date where you're the performers in your own date. Plus lots more for children and adults alike.

Full listings here: watermans.org.uk/weekender/digital-weekender

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About Watermans

Watermans is West London's leading arts centre. It attracts over 230,000 visits a year to its thriving and inclusive programme of independent cinema, family and Asian theatre, regular weekend festivals, exhibitions and courses. Watermans runs a year-round programme of cutting-edge digital arts for which it receives National Portfolio Organisation funding from Arts Council England, and has done so for many years.

Watermans also leads several other major projects outside its venue. These are primarily concerned with broadening access to high quality arts in communities that engage little, if at all, in the arts, to support community cohesion and economic regeneration:

- **Bell Square**, the outdoor arts venue in Hounslow Town Centre, now in its third year. It attracted 34k visitors to Hounslow Town Centre in 2015, just under half of whom said that these events were the primary reason for their visit and that they would go onto spend money elsewhere in Hounslow. 72% say they are more likely to return to the town centre because of these events
- **Circulate**, a London-wide outdoor arts touring network that regularly brings free events to Hounslow including to Bell Square and the Brentford Festival
- **Creative People & Places Hounslow**, Arts Council England's major investment in increasing arts capacity in underserved areas, working in Feltham, Heston and Cranford, and central Hounslow

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