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The Great Museum Adventure at V&A South Kensington returns for October Half Term



An October Half Term Interactive Show aimed at 5-11 year-olds

Award winning, Community Interest Company KIT Theatre announces the return of their interactive show *The Great Museum Adventure* at V&A South Kensington this October Half Term. Families & groups of friends with children are invited to this free 45-minute performance that travels amongst the glistening treasures of the Silver Gallery.

The Great Museum Adventure is one of KIT Theatre's many museum collaborations over the last 10 years of its existence. Building on the experience of working with The Imperial War Museum (Best Educational Activity in the 2019 Days Out With the Kids Awards), The Natural History Museum (Dippy on Tour) & The Manchester Jewish Museum, Artistic Director Tom Bowtell has created this new custom

made show using game mechanics and a script filled with laughs and poetry alongside V&A Events Producers Yasmin Rai and Marveen Arkin.

KIT brings their signature format of unexpected stories erupting from the ordinary to the V&A. When the planned half term performance is delayed, V&A guide, Hayley, (one of KIT's actors in disguise) ends up following a trail of clues with the audience in tow. After they crack a series of codes together, Hayley and the audience discover a mysterious and magical human named Val behind a secret door. Val then enlists them on a mission to transform the lost and forgotten things from the museum, (including rubbish!) into new sculptures which they exhibit.

A team of multi-skilled actors, improvisers and facilitators will bring the show to life this October. After originating the role in a pilot held this May, star of Netflix series *Lockwood and Co.* Hayley Konadu returns to play the V&A guide caught up in this madcap adventure. KIT associate director Omar Bynon (*Blue Mist*, Royal Court) plays Val and former Punchdrunk performer and voiceover artist Richard Popple takes on the role of Richard R. Rigmorale, a museum delegate.

KIT are proud to present The Great Museum Adventure on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th October with BSL interpretation available at each of the five performances.

"We were all so absorbed in the story. Amazing!" *Audience Member from August 2026, The Great Museum Adventure.*

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For further information and to book your place please contact

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Listing

Title:	The Great Museum Adventure
Dates and times:	28th October 2026 11:00, 13:00 & 15:00
	29th October 2026 10:30 & 12:00
Running time:	Approximately 45 minutes
Booking options:	If you want to bring a child or young person to see their reaction please book online on the V&A website otherwise please contact Emma Bentley to arrange a ticket (emma@kittheatre.org)

Suitable for: Families with children aged 5+ (recommended) and Families with a member that is a BSL user.

Additional information

This is an immersive experience that takes place in different parts of the museum. We recommend wearing comfortable shoes. To keep the adventure magical for everyone, we ask that you don't share the surprises after your visit.

This event is free but capacity will be limited, booking tickets in advance is strongly recommended. There might be some extra spaces on the day, but this depends on capacity.

This is a family event for adults to take part in with their children; no child can be left unattended.

This is a performance for both BSL users non BSL users. Families of all ages are welcome!

Blurb

Some doors are meant to stay closed. Others are simply waiting for the right people to discover them. There are stories hidden all around the V&A. Are you ready to discover them?

Join us for an exciting family adventure where the museum becomes part of the story. Follow clues, solve puzzles and meet surprising characters as you explore parts of the V&A in a whole new way.

Work together as a family to unlock mysteries, make unexpected discoveries and help shape an adventure full of imagination. Every step brings something new, and everyone has an important part to play.

Celebrate the ways we can be creative using recycled and reused materials through this interactive show and uncover a side of the V&A that few visitors ever experience. Together, you'll journey through hidden corners of the museum that lead to magical discoveries.

The Great Museum Adventure blends theatre, exploration and hands-on creativity into a unique experience where the museum becomes a stage.

Inspired by the museum's amazing collections, this immersive experience celebrates curiosity, creativity and the joy of looking at ordinary things in extraordinary ways.

The adventure begins the moment you arrive. Come ready to explore. You never know what you might discover.

About the Team

Tom Bowtell - Writer

Tom brings 20 years' experience of performing in immersive theatre for young people. He has played numerous roles for KIT theatre and starred in The Good Neighbour Immersive adventure at Battersea Arts Centre.

Omar Bynon - Actor/Facilitator - Val

Omar is a versatile performer who has performed for RSC and at Royal Court as well as appearing in countless adventures for KIT Theatre. Omar is KIT's associate director and a leading director of youth theatre programmes.

Hayley Konadu - Actor/Facilitator - Undercover V&A team member

Hayley is an Actor and Facilitator. She regularly facilitates acting and theatre making workshops for organisations such as National Youth Theatre, Generation Arts, The Old Vic and KIT Theatre. She is best known for her leading role in "Lockwood & Co." (Netflix), where she portrayed Flo Bones.

Richard Popple - Actor - Richard R Rigmarole

Richard has been working with KIT for 15 years, and is an experienced performer in immersive theatre, working extensively with Punchdrunk. Richard is also a podcaster and voiceover artist.

About KIT Theatre

KIT Theatre creates fun, immersive theatre with and for children and young people. Its work helps young people enjoy learning, grow in confidence, use their imagination and see the world from different points of view. At the heart of KIT Theatre's work are Adventures in Learning. These are interactive stories that turn classrooms, museums and other cultural spaces into places full of adventure.

Using theatre, games and creative play, each adventure supports learning while encouraging teamwork, problem-solving and creative thinking. KIT Theatre has spent more than 10 years developing this approach. More than 15,000 pupils across the UK have taken part in its Adventures in Learning.

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V&A South Kensington Information

Food and drinks - Children's meal deals and highchairs are available in our cafés. Packed lunches can be eaten in the Lunchroom or John Madejski Garden.

Breastfeeding & Baby Changing - Breastfeeding is welcome throughout the V&A. Quiet spaces are available for those who prefer privacy. Baby changing facilities are available in most toilets.

Buggy Park - There are main buggy park areas near Cromwell Road entrance and the cloakroom near Exhibition Road entrance. Ask a member of staff to direct you to a buggy park. Some extra buggy park areas will be available close to the Lydia and Manfred Gorvy Lecture Theatre.

Ear defenders - ear defenders are available to pick up from the Learning Centre Desk.

The Museum is accessible and step-free. Please find further information by clicking here.

To join the V&A families mailing list please click here.