

WELCOME TO THE V&A, THE WORLD'S GREATEST MUSEUM OF ART AND DESIGN.

AFRICA 05 IS THE UK'S LARGEST CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, AND AS A PART OF THIS FESTIVAL THE V&A PLAYS HOST TO AN INTERNATIONAL EXTRAVAGANZA OF EVENTS FOR ADULTS, FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE. THE AFRICA 05 SEASON INCLUDES FASHION DISPLAYS, HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS, TALKS AND DEBATES, AFRICAN ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY, MUSICAL PERFORMANCES AND HUGE LIVE EVENTS INCLUDING OUR AFRICAN BAZAAR AND THE EVER-POPULAR CARNIVAL.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE DIVERSE CULTURAL MAKE-UP OF AFRICA, AND IN RECOGNISING THE GLOBAL INFLUENCE IT HAS ON FASHION, ART AND MUSIC. ALL AFRICA 05 EVENTS ARE FREE AND DROP-IN UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. WHERE BOOKING IS ADVISED CALL 020 7942 2211 OR EMAIL: BOOKINGS.OFFICE@VAM.AC.UK

FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Africa Friday Late

various locations, 18.30–22.00
Africa 05 launches with Africa Friday Late – an evening arranged around the contemporary culture of Africa. The highlight for this spectacular Africa evening will be a 'Fashion in Motion' event and there will also be an African bar, DJ and food. Dilomprizulike, the V&A's artist-in-residence, will present a live performance responding to the V&A's textile collection, while a spoken word poetry performance with audience debate will be hosted by Beyonder and Tuggstar. For further details please visit www.vam.ac.uk

SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER

Africa Fashion Day

Come along dressed in Africa-inspired outfits and celebrate African style and fashion in a day full of brilliant events and activities for all the family. After spending some time with our choreographer you too can take to our catwalk and model your outfit; bring along your favourite object for a Samuel Fosso inspired portrait, listen to stories from Ethiopia and much more.

Nigerian Head-wrapping Workshop

China, Room 44, 11.00–17.00
An opportunity for everyone to learn how to create fantastic Nigerian head-wraps in this drop-in workshop.

Recycled Fashion Workshop

Lunchroom, 11.00–16.00
The V&A's Africa 05 artist-in-residence Dilomprizulike leads this art and fashion based workshop. Create amazing wearable art for a fashion presentation later in the day. This event is open to all ages.

African Portrait

Seminar Room 3, 11.00–17.00
Drawing inspiration from the work of Cameroonian photographer Samuel Fosso and Seyou Keita from Mali, Anita Mackenzie invites you to dress up and bring your favourite object along to a photographic session. A similar session will also take place in Morley College in November. To enrol at Morley College please visit www.morleycollege.ac.uk or call 020 7450 1889. Free but booking necessary – 020 7942 2211 or email bookings.office@vam.ac.uk

Face Painting

Grand Entrance, 11.00–16.30
Have your face painted with an African-inspired tribal design or animal.

100% Big: West African Cloth and Clothing in London

Seminar Room 1, 14.00–15.00
For West Africans in London cloth is big business in every sense. Addy Trude examines the 'aesthetics of bigness', the design and construction of made-to-measure garments in a Ghanaian workshop in north London and considers how factory-made textiles, like wax prints and lace, travel the world.

Africa Fashion Presentation

Raphael Gallery, 16.00–17.30
Join students from 'A' Team Arts as they showcase their African-inspired collection. The display includes traditional bridal wear based on the work of women from the Ghanaian Cultural Community Group, the Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Women's Centre, the African Women Solidarity Organisation and Somali Arts Project. Work produced as part of the Recycled Fashion workshop earlier in the day will also be shown. Join choreographer Dorna Casteallo to practise your routine from 13.00 in the Raphael Gallery, then join in and model your outfits.

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER

Drawing Together: Big Draw Meets Carnival

(Big Draw National Launch across South Kensington)
various locations, 11.00–17.00
The V&A celebrates Drawing and Carnival with an extravaganza of events. Draw a design for a carnival costume, help make a costume and even try one on. There are mask-making workshops, face painting and steel bands to listen to. You can find out more about carnival and how important drawing is for recording ideas for carnival costumes. At 15.30 over 300 performers will process along Exhibition Road and you can take part. So come and get drawn in to Carnival!

SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER

African Bazaar

Garden, 11.00–17.00
For one day only the V&A garden will be transformed into a spectacular African Bazaar. Artists inspired by Africa will showcase their original work, from fashion to home furnishings.

The area will be buzzing with music and activity including a fair-trade shop with delicious goodies from across the continent, a Marrakech tea room, and a Dakar DJ music bar. Take part in activities including face-painting, having your photograph taken in an African-style studio, and playing traditional West African board games. This day is produced in association with Shaheera Asante.

WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER

Africa Though a Lens

Prints & Drawing Study Room, 18.30–19.30
Assistant curator Anne-Marie Eze gives an overview of photographs of Africa and Africans in the V&A's collections. She charts the changes in representation of the continent and it's people from ethnological photographs of the 19th century to works by contemporary African photographers. Taking place in the recently refurbished Prints and Drawing Study Room, this informal talk presents the opportunity for you to view the actual prints being discussed.

Textile Printing and Decoration Workshop

Seminar Room 3, 14.00–16.30
Design and decorate your own textile inspired by African designs. Try out printing, embroidery and appliqué to create a unique cloth for use as a hanging or cushion cover. With textile artist Ruth Singer. This workshop is particularly suitable for people aged 50+.

THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER

African Thread

Seminar Room 3, 14.00–16.00
This workshop uses artefacts and textiles from the V&A's collection to explore a brief history of Africa and its cultures. With Maureen Mckarkiel. Mental health services users are particularly encouraged to attend.

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER

Africa Music Day

Raphael Gallery, 11.00–17.00
Join us to celebrate and explore the culture and tradition of African music. Leading musicians will guide you through the diversity of the continent's musical heritage with performances and workshops. Join in with percussion, chanting and rhythm, and explore a range of traditional instruments. This day is produced in collaboration with the Africa-Europe Forum.



Juwon Ogungbe (Nigeria) – performance and workshop

Raphael Gallery, 11.00
Join Juwon Ogungbe for this West African music performance and family-oriented workshop. Juwon will perform an excerpt from his musical theatre piece Oshe – 'A Friend in Need', based on one of the Yoruba tortoise folk tales. As part of the workshop you can learn West African songs and accompany yourself using percussion instruments.



Ezra Ethiopian Dance Group (Ethiopia) – performance

Raphael Gallery, 13.30
Ethiopian dance group Ezra takes to the floor in a celebration of East African rhythm. The main focus of their work is music and dance for development, working with and for the most disadvantaged people of their country, but they are also performers and choreographers of an international standard.

Hassan Erraji (Morocco) – performance

Raphael Gallery, 14.30
A master musician and singer-songwriter who is also a very good storyteller, Hassan will be performing with his main stage instrument the ud – the forerunner of the classical lute and modern guitar. Having no frets gives the ud the possibility of providing all intervals, particularly the inherent quarter tones and the modes which constitutes the soul of Arabic and North African music.

Doreen Thobekile (South Africa) – performance and workshop

Raphael Gallery, 15.45
Doreen Thobekile is a South African Kwazulu roots diva of immaculate pedigree with a phenomenal voice. She is also a skilled musician with various Southern African instruments such as the mbira and umqangala. Come along to her performance and then take part in her workshop exploring South African music including Zulu singing and vocal chanting.

INFORMATION

Open

10.00–17.45 daily
10.00–22.00 Wednesdays and last Friday of the month (selected galleries remain open after 17.45).

Admission

Admission to the V&A is free. A separate charge may apply to special major exhibitions and events. Family tickets are available for major exhibitions.

Group visits and event bookings

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Other V&A museums

V&A Museum of Childhood: one of the oldest collections of toys and childhood artefacts in the world (020 8983 5200).
V&A Theatre Museum: the National Museum of the Performing Arts, holding the world's largest and most important collections relating to the British stage (020 7943 4700).

Private group tours

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How to reach the V&A

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