

New Waves: Mohamed Melehi and the Casablanca Art School 12 April — 22 June 2019

PUBLIC PROGRAMME

APRIL

CURATOR TOUR

New Waves
Saturday 13 April, 2.30pm

Curator Morad Montazami offers insight into Mohamed Melehi's work and life as an artist and cultural activist, and looks at the wider Moroccan and international art community he was part of.

FREE

FILM

'Our Memory is Vast'
Thursday 25 April, 7.30pm

Screening of Ahmed Bouanani's classic, poetic short films *Memory 14* and *6 & 12*. Followed by *Fragments of Memory* by Touda Bouanani which traces her father's life as a writer, artist and filmmaker.

£6.50

FAMILY FUN

Kan Ya Makan (once upon a time)
Saturday 27 April, 2.30-4pm

Leila and Sami are trying to find a common language to speak to each other. Meet author and illustrator Nadine Kaadan and make art inspired by their story.

FREE

MAY

EDWARD W SAID LONDON LECTURE

Is Justice Still Possible?
Palestine, International Law, and Public Discourse
Thursday 2 May, 7pm

Royal Geographical Society

Four world-renowned scholars, Susan M Akram, Hassan Jabareen, Wadie Said and Phillippe Sands examine the role of international law and public discourse in the struggle for justice in Palestine-Israel.

£8/£14

TALK

The Rise of the Moroccan New Left (60s-70s)
Wednesday 8 May, 7pm

Ghassane Koumiya traces the establishment of the New Left in post-independence 60s-70s Morocco. The New Left marked a revolutionary alternative to the traditional Communist parties and the nationalist movement.

FREE

ARTIST'S TALK

Mohamed Melehi
Wednesday 15 May, 7pm

Artist Mohamed Melehi speaks to curator Morad Montazami about his first UK solo exhibition. The talk will trace his career as a major figure of postcolonial Moroccan art and modernism in the Global South.

FREE

WORKSHOP

I survived London (or I was here...)
Wednesday 22 May, 7pm

We have all had incidents on the street: a strange encounter, a fall or an insightful walk. Draw your own experience with award winning illustrator Lena Merhej to create a collective poster of street life.

£10/£15

BOOK LAUNCH

Season of Migration to the North
Thursday 23 May, 7pm

Artist Mohammad Omar Khalil launches his book of prints paying homage to Tayeb Salih, author of *Season of Migration to the North*. Mohammad will be in conversation with artist and publisher Abed AlKadiri.

FREE

FAMILY FUN

My garden! Where are you?
Saturday 25 May, 2.30-4pm

Find out how to tell a story with pictures with award winning illustrator Lena Merhej. Read her book together and play games to understand tricks of perspective.

FREE

TALK

Souffles: advocacy for a humanist project in Morocco
Thursday 30 May, 7pm

Souffles was one of the most influential cultural and political journals to emerge in postcolonial North Africa. Cultural journalist Kenza Sefrioui traces its history from its start in 1966 to being banned in 1972.

FREE

JUNE

LISTENING FORUM + ART CLASS

EAST x The Mosaic Rooms
Saturday 8 June, 2-6pm

Artist-led networking group EAST (Eating At The Same Table) invite guests to listen and respond to a curated playlist inspired by Mohamed Melehi's love of jazz music and his hard edge, abstract painting style.

FREE

DISCUSSION

The Casablanca Art School
Wednesday 12 June, 7pm

Discover the history of this innovative and influential art school which rejected Western academic styles in favour of abstraction and Moroccan visual culture. With Maud Houss, Fatima-Zahra Lakrissa and Salma Lahlou.

FREE

MUSIC

Taqasim Foundation: Music of the Maghreb
Thursday 20 June, 7pm

A night of traditional music from the Maghreb with Oud Master Ahmed Mukhtar. Discover emotional *maqams*, mystical rhythms and classical forms from Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria.

FREE

FAMILY FUN

Waves of Colour
Saturday 22 June, 2.30-4pm

Discover the brilliant colours of artist Mohamed Melehi and create artworks inspired by his paintings and graphic design, with artist Dia Batal.

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