

Pitt Rivers Museum

# Celebration Weekend

24 & 25 November 2007

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## Come and join us

We would like to invite you to a special weekend of free events organised to celebrate the opening of the Pitt Rivers Museum's magnificent new extension.

There will be something for everyone, from family activities or a taster session on the gamelan orchestra, to behind the scenes visits and curators' talks.

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Saturday 24 November, 1.00-4.00pm

## Wannabe Warriors

From Samurai helmets and stingray armour to two handed broadswords and boomerangs, this will be an afternoon of activities looking at weapons, armour and hunting from around the world and a chance to make something to take home.

This activity is suitable for children aged 5 and over. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Family Taster session on the Javanese Gamelan 2.00 – 3.00pm**

A family workshop open to all (minimum age 7), no previous musical experience is necessary – just a willingness to take off your shoes and sit on the floor!. Numbers will be limited. Booking from the Museum's information point on the day from 1pm.

Sunday 25th November, 1.00-4.00pm

## CONTEMPORARY CURIOSITY

### **Guided tours...**

Visitors will be able to take a guided tour around the new extension, with staff who can point out the variety of processes and skills, such as conservation, research and case-design, required to make an internationally acclaimed collection accessible to as many visitors as possible, all over the world.

### **First impressions...**

We will be asking visitors to write down their first impressions of the Museum, whether recent or from long ago. We are particularly interested in memories of the Museum before the 1960s when the exhibition area, at the foot of the entrance steps, was erected. So, this is a call to all those who perhaps first came to the Museum as post-war school children.

## CONTEMPORARY CURIOSITY continued...

### Talks...

A series of free 30 minute introductory talks, presented in the Museum's new lecture theatre. Find out more about the collections direct from the staff that study, teach and write about them.

- 1.30 Virtual Tibet: Opening up 6000 photographs online  
Dr Clare Harris
- 2.15 Beyond Warfare: The Multiple Meanings of Pacific Weapons  
Andrew Mills
- 3.00 Repatriating knowledge: Pitt River Museum and Canadian First Nations communities - Dr Laura Peers
- 3.45 20 objects, 2 million years. A whistle stop introduction to the Pitt Rivers archaeological collections - Dr Dan Hicks and Christopher Wingfield

Seats are on a first come first served basis Please ask a member of staff if you would like the induction loop system turned on. These activities are aimed at older children and adults.

## A Decade of Redevelopment

The Museum's redevelopment began with its re-roofing in 1999 and we have now finished our new extension. Our next project will restore the original view from the entrance through to the spectacular totem pole on the far wall. It will also improve access for all our visitors. Work will begin in July 2008, with generous funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

If you would like to help us complete this final phase of development please make a donation in the Museums' collecting box, or at its shop or contact the Director.

# Visitor Information

Admission free

Open: 10-4.30 Tuesday - Sunday; 12-4.30 Monday

Entry is via the Oxford University Museum of Natural History, Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PW.

Wheelchair access is via Robinson Close off of South Parks Road. Limited disabled parking is available and should be booked in advance by contacting the Museum Receptionist (see below).

For further information on this event or the Museum in general, please contact:

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Join us at our next free event on Friday 7 December, 7-11pm



## Winter Warmer

As part of the city-wide White Night festival, come and enjoy seasonal activities for young and old, explore the displays by torchlight and indulge in a warming drink before you leave. This is a joint event with the Museum of Natural History.

