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Look out for

Muybridge Revolutions

Exhibition: 18th September 2010 to 12th February 2011

This exhibition at Kingston Museum, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, is being staged to mark the occasion of a major UK retrospective of Muybridge's work at Tate Britain. Contemporary art commissions, inspired by material in Kingston's collection, are also being staged at Kingston University's Stanley Picker Gallery.



Opening exactly a century after the first Muybridge exhibition at Kingston Museum, Kingston's exhibition focuses on some of the rarest surviving objects within the museum's collection: Muybridge's beautiful hand-painted glass Zoopraxiscope discs. The museum owns 68 of the 71 known discs worldwide—a stunning collection, much of which will be displayed here for the first time since Muybridge produced them.

The exhibition will place Muybridge's unique discs within the context of both his career and the history of moving image projection. Displayed alongside the discs will be some of the original photographic sequences that informed them, represented as collotype prints and images on glass. The relationship between the original photographic sequences and the discs form an integral part of a new interpretation of his work, the result of recent research into the Kingston Museum collection.

Other items on display will include examples of Muybridge's intriguing and rare 'coded' lecture slides, some of his equipment and a unique scrapbook charting his phenomenal career. To accompany the original objects, a beautiful replica of the Zoopraxiscope, will form a central part of the exhibition, alongside a specially commissioned set of animations which will emulate what Muybridge's original audiences experienced. Supporting the exhibition will be a re-display of the permanent Muybridge gallery, providing an overview of the key moments within his extensive career.

See www.muybridgeinkingston.com for more information about the exciting collaborative research and development partnership between Kingston Museum and Kingston University.

'Muybridge Revolutions' at Kingston Museum: 18th Sept 2010 to 12th Feb 2011

Eadweard Muybridge at Tate Britain: 8th September 2010 to 16th January 2011

Contemporary Commissions at the Stanley Picker Gallery, 18th September 2010 to 5th February 2011

Muybridge Events Programme and shopping opportunities, see inside for details

Friends' lecture in the Museum art gallery: 16th November 2010 Tanning and Shoemaking in Kingston upon Thames by Dr David Kennedy

Remember the Friends' Photographic Competition in memory of Les Kirkin running through 2010 and sponsored by Kingston Rotary Club. For details of how to participate please see the separately published leaflet.

The Local History Room needs your photographs!



Muybridge Revolutions Museum Events Programme



Saturday 13th November 2010 at 2pm

Muybridge Revolutions, a talk by Peta Cook, Curator
Kingston Museum & Art Gallery. Free

A fascinating insight into the Muybridge collection, including an introduction to the new exhibition at Kingston Museum. The talk will also provide information about the Muybridge exhibition at Tate Britain during the same period.

Thursdays 14th October, 28th October & 11 November 2010 at 7pm

Muybridge & Moving Image History
Kingston Museum & Art Gallery

Evening lecture series offering unique insights into the relationship between Muybridge's work and the history of visuality, film and animation. Limited seating. To reserve a FREE place please ring 020 8547 6460.

Saturday 18th December 2010 at 2-5pm

Christmas Zoetrope-making Workshop
Free children's workshop at Kingston Museum & Art Gallery

Muybridge events elsewhere

Wednesday 6th October 2010 at 7pm at the Stanley Picker Gallery

In Conversation: Trevor Appleson: exploring Muybridge's influence on contemporary arts practitioners. Limited seating—to reserve a FREE place please call 020 8417 4074

Wednesday 24th November at 6-9pm at the Stanley Picker Gallery

8th May 1904: Launch of *Muybridge in Kingston Contemporary Commissions* exhibition. All welcome. No booking required.

Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 7pm in the Stanley Picker Gallery

In Conversation: Becky Beasley. Exploring Muybridge's influence on contemporary arts practitioners. Limited seating—to reserve a FREE place please call 020 8417 4074

Thursday 27th January 2011 at 7pm at Knights Park Campus, Kingston University

Round Table Discussion: *Paradigm Shifts in Vision*: discussion on how Muybridge's work formed part of a wider 19th century shift in vision as a way of understanding the world. Limited seating—to reserve a FREE place please call 020 8547 6460.

Muybridge in Translation

Muybridge in Translation is a community outreach project working with Kingston residents who speak English as a second language. Eleven participants are working with Museum staff and an ESOL tutor to produce a multi-lingual guide to *Muybridge Revolutions*. The guide will be made up of personal opinions and reactions to the objects in the exhibition. Over the course of five sessions, the participants will learn more about Muybridge and his innovative photographic work, have access to the collection and develop their English skills. The *Muybridge in Translation* guide will be available to visitors from 25th September at Kingston Museum.



Local History Room and Archives

Volunteer Forum

A successful volunteer forum was held at Kingston Museum for volunteers from both sites on 4th August. Volunteers were given updates on some of the exciting projects ahead particularly the new Muybridge exhibition.

Archives

Jill has recently collected more archives from the Rose Theatre and Jill, Emma and Nicola gave a fascinating and well-received talk at the Theatre 's Culture Cafe prior to the Community Play on 9th September.

High Street History

The BBC is running a High Street history series in the late autumn and has asked local archive offices to link up to promote their resources and encourage participation by the public. We have expressed our interest and willingness to participate in the project and will keep you informed of progress.

Interested in Football?

Members of Kingstonian Football Club have spent many hours researching the club's history from material deposited with us and recently deposited more items. As part of the Heritage Open Days weekend in September they displayed original material on the history of the club at New Malden Library. We have also booked them for the Community Showcase in the Museum for later in the year so watch this space!



Kingston at Leisure project

Since June this project to identify and preserve records of clubs and societies, has gained considerable momentum and over 200 clubs and societies have been identified within the Borough with the help of volunteers. Nicola will be giving a talk to the Friends in April next year.

To find out more contact Nicola Tetey, Project Leader at nicola.tetey@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

A Merchandising Opportunity!

The current Muybridge exhibition is expected to attract plenty of visitors and we are hoping that this will present the Museum shop with an opportunity to sell a wide range of merchandise varying from eye-catching fun to serious study. Stacks of lovely books will be a vital part of the Muybridge merchandising including the Tate's new book *Eadweard Muybridge* at £29.99 and Peta Cook's introductory article in the journal *Surrey History*.

The visitor who wants a small souvenir of the exhibition will find a range of individual postcards, plus a new, mesmerising collection of 'lenticular' cards, rulers, magnets and notebooks, which animate as they are moved. The Museum has produced a wallet of 12 postcards featuring Muybridge's stunning lantern slide images and a humorous cartoon satirising the photographer's studies of the horse has been put onto a greeting card. The Museum's Christmas card this year will be a colourful Andy Warhol inspired interpretation of Muybridge's motion photographs of a deer running. The cards will differ from previous years as they will not feature a seasonal greeting and will be left blank inside, in order to remain part of the Muybridge range all year round.

Children will not be forgotten as they are always fascinated by the possibilities of animation. The shop will feature praxinoscopes, zoetropes, pinhole cameras, fun 'gallop' greetings cards, flick books and eye-catching 'cine spinners': sun catchers which come to life and animate continuously as they gently rotate. A small collection of beautiful boxed replica 19th century optical illusion devices will appeal to the child within all our visitors!

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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

Friends' Talks

Please note that all the talks take place in the Museum Art Gallery and will now start at 7pm with tea and coffee being served from 6.30pm

Tuesday 16th November 2010

Tanning and Shoemaking in Kingston upon Thames by Dr David Kennedy

Tuesday 25th January 2011

Experiments in Moving-Image Projection, the extraordinary history of the Skladanowsky Brothers in Berlin by Professor Stephen Barber of Kingston University. This is a special Friends' Lecture to coincide with the Museum's major Muybridge exhibition. **NB Limited seating—please ring 020 8547 6460 to reserve a seat.**

Heritage Open Days September 2010

Anne McCormack would like to thank all those Friends who kindly helped man the undercroft and medieval bridge remains in the John Lewis Store on 11th & 12th September. Visitors, numbering nearly 700, were also able to participate in the celebrations to mark the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Store.

Would you like to be a volunteer at Kingston Museum?

The museum is currently looking for new volunteers to act as hosts in the Muybridge exhibition and to man the front reception desk. Front desk volunteer duties involve answering visitor enquiries and providing support for the staff, supervising the reception desk, answering the phone and handling the till. Muybridge host duties involve welcoming visitors to the exhibition, answering questions and invigilating the objects on show. If you are interested please apply online at www.kingston.gov.uk/museum or contact Tove Bellingham at the museum on 020 8547 6463.

Kingston Museum Loan Boxes

The Museum is currently having its loan boxes for schools improved. Jim Riseley, a Museum Studies student at Leicester University, is working with us on an eight week placement as part of his course. Loan boxes contain a handling collection of artefacts that can be used by teachers in conjunction with their curriculum work and are available to schools across the Borough. Jim will be organising and packing the boxes as well as providing teacher packs giving information about the objects—a combination of real and replica items. The themes of the boxes will be Prehistoric, Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Tudors, Stuarts, Victorians, Second World War and Toys through the Ages, encompassing objects as disparate as Palaeolithic flint tools and a World War II gas mask.

