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# CREATIVE CONCIERGE

TOURISM - EXCLUSIVE EVENTS - VISITORS - WELCOME - CULTURE

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CREATIVE **CONCIERGE** was launched in 2018 by V&A Dundee in association with Dundee Tourism Action Group and is all about our key staff & volunteers within our organisations who work front of house in hotels, restaurants, visitor attractions, tour guides, bus & taxi drivers, getting the chance to come along and participate in exclusive events & exhibitions as well as regular previews in order for us to all cross-sell all the amazing things that are going on in the city. Visit [www.dundee.com](http://www.dundee.com) for all city information including What's On, 24 & 48 hour guides, and 99 things to see and do in Dundee.

## 2020

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm**

### ***SMILE* - The Jim McLean Story (event running: Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Feb to Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Mar)**

Dundee Rep Theatre

**Football visionary, tactical genius, greetin'-faced moan – who was the real Jim McLean?**

Jim McLean might never be called one of Scottish football's best-loved characters, but he will always be described as one of the most respected. While boss of Dundee United, McLean did something that no-one thought possible, and turned a provincial football club into a genuine, European force, though not without cost.

*Smile*, a new piece based on the life of this legendary football icon, reveals for the first time the complexities and contradictions, the highs and lows, and the triumphs and regrets of this totally unique individual.

Penned by theatre and television writer Philip Differ (*Only an Excuse?*) and directed by Sally Reid, this funny, moving and surprisingly honest new play will celebrate the memories of a difficult yet inspirational man, ultimately revealing a Jim McLean you never knew:

A Jim McLean that will make you smile.

**Book your space by emailing [boxoffice@dundeerep.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@dundeerep.co.uk)**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 6.30-8.30pm &  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30-8.30pm**

### **71 Brewing Co – Taproom Tour\***

The Ironworks, 36-40 Bellfield Street

Recently awarded Best Beer Experience in Scotland and currently ranked number 1 on TripAdvisor for Things to do in Dundee for Food & Drink Tours.

This is a unique insight into 71 Brewing Co, you will be taken on a walk through the history of the building and the process of brewing, from raw ingredients to packaging the final product.

Guests will be greeted with samples of beer on arrival then given a run down of what's to come. After samples, guests will be able to choose a pint of their choice from our house beers. For guests that prefer non alcohol we have a large choice of Craft Soft Drinks available too. You will then go on a guided private tour of 71 Brewing hosted by our awarding tour guides.

**Booking details:- Please use the link provided to acquire free tickets for your tour.**  
**<https://71brewingcc.eventbrite.co.uk>**

Any questions please contact [ian@71brewing.com](mailto:ian@71brewing.com)

**Wednesday 4th March, 6-8pm**

### **HMS Unicorn - Introduction / Tours / Refreshments\***

HMS Unicorn, City Quay

Come join staff and volunteers of #ScotlandsOldestShip as we enter our 196<sup>th</sup> year!

Launched in 1824 HMS Unicorn is the third oldest ship in the world still afloat, Scotland's only preserved warship and is the most completely original ship in the entire world to have survived from the golden age of sail.

Now a historic ship and visitor centre she provides the unique experience of life on board a 19th century Frigate.

Come and explore all 4 decks of history aboard this original, and nearly 200 year old, historic ship and museum. This authentic and interactive experience of life on board a 46-gun frigate is a fun day out for all the family.

A true must-see for your visit to Dundee come along and enjoy a tour of this remarkable vessel, hear more about Unicorn's unique secrets and learn about our plans for the future.

Refreshments provided. Free entry but **booking essential via eventbrite:-**  
**<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hms-unicorn-creative-concierge-event-tickets-90514133209?aff=ebdssbeac>**

For further details contact [lucy@hmsunicorn.org.uk](mailto:lucy@hmsunicorn.org.uk) or telephone 01382 200900

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**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March &  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Dundee Women's Festival**

Various Venues

Caird Hall Backstage Tour on 5<sup>th</sup> March and Behind the Scenes Tour – Dundee Archives on 14<sup>th</sup> March, lots of events at various venues, see link below:-

<http://www.dundeewomensfestival.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Dundee-Womens-Festival-Programme-2020.pdf>

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 3-5pm**

### **Dundee Science Centre - Show Preview: Liquid Nitrogen Bubble Monster**

Greenmarket

Tour our centre and have a go at open heart surgery in our Augmented Reality Operating Theatre in our Medical Marvels exhibition. Explore our different hands-on exhibits including Mindball and more and find out about developments taking place at the centre. Join us and our bubble monster for our brand new show which demonstrates how liquid nitrogen works and how it can create a bubbling giant!

Please email [staff@dundeesciencecentre.org.uk](mailto:staff@dundeesciencecentre.org.uk) for more information and to **book a space**  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creative-concierge-dundee-science-centre-bubble-monster-show-tickets-90937337023>

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 5.30pm**

### **Discovery Point and RRS Discovery\***

Discovery Point

Dundee Heritage Trust runs two five star attractions relating to preserving Dundee's past. These are Discovery Point and RRS Discovery and Verdant Works.

A visit to Discovery Point and RRS Discovery gives you the opportunity to learn about early polar exploration and step onboard the ship that took Scott and Shackleton on their first expedition to Antarctica.

We are offering an exclusive after hours guided tour of the museum and ship where you will also learn about RRS Discovery's role in Dundee's heritage story.

**Booking available via eventbrite:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/91623655821> Refreshments will be provided.

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**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 5.30-7.30pm**

### **See the new Mary Quant exhibition at V&A Dundee\***

#### **V&A Dundee**

A major new fashion exhibition about the iconic fashion designer Mary Quant opens at V&A Dundee this April.

Capturing the spirit of the sixties, Mary Quant challenged conventions and revolutionised the high street with her playful, youthful designs which helped create a new look for women.

Please come along to this free event to see the Mary Quant exhibition, chat with V&A Dundee staff and enjoy some refreshments from Tatha Bar & Kitchen.

**Booking essential via Eventbrite - (Eventbrite link will go live at the end of February)**

Enquiries please contact V&A Dundee Tourism Officer on 01382 411 613.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 5-7.15pm**

### **Claypotts Castle\***

**Claypotts Gardens, Broughty Ferry, DD5 3JY**

This late medieval castle in the suburban West Ferry area of Dundee is in the care of Historic Environment Scotland. It is currently opened on set days (mostly in the summer months) by a key keeper. Opening times/days are listed on our website, as and when they are released:

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/claypotts-castle/getting-here/>

Join us at what is perhaps the quirkiest castle in Scotland. Its most striking features are its elaborate elevations. Our tour will help you to fully appreciate the complex geometry of round towers, stair turrets and the crazy corbelling of the attic rooms. The tower house is something of a time capsule: it's barely altered and retains many original features, including, remarkably, its timber roof. It owes its state of preservation to consistent occupation for nearly 500 years of its life.

**Visits will be by pre-booked guided tour only at 5pm, 5.45pm and 6.30pm. Each tour will last around 40 minutes.**

**To book your visit to the property, please email: [joyce.kitching@hes.scot](mailto:joyce.kitching@hes.scot)**

Visitors should note that this is not suitable for people with limited mobility. Warm clothing is recommended as the Castle is not heated. Sturdy footwear is essential, as access is via a spiral staircase with uneven floors. There are some low lintels. Weather permitting, part of the tour will be outdoors.

There is no car park at Claypotts Castle. There is some on-street parking nearby, but please be considerate to local residents.

#### **Journey planners**

Search for National Cycle Network routes on the Sustrans website.

Plan your journey by public transport using Traveline Scotland.

**Refreshments will be provided at 5.45pm for group 1; 6.30pm for group 2 and 6pm for group 3.**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 11.30am**

### **DD Tours – A Dark Dundee Tour\***

**Meeting point: Outside the Visit Scotland office, City Square**

DD Tours is local history told by local guides in a quirky, offbeat style. Packed with facts as well as a few laughs along the way, there's something for everyone. If you've never been on a tour with Louise and Stewart before, join us for this taster version of our Dead Centre tour.

Disease, execution and illegal activities make up the body of this tour, which ends in the ancient Howff cemetery. Normally lasting for one hour, this is a shortened version of one of our most popular tours and will last for approximately 30 – 40 minutes.

Contact us if any accessibility information required, there are no stairs on this walk.

**Email us at [admin@ddtours.co.uk](mailto:admin@ddtours.co.uk)** to let us know you're coming along so we don't leave without you!

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 5.30pm**

### **Verdant Works\***

**West Henderson's Wynd, Dundee, DD1 5BT**

Dundee Heritage Trust runs two five star attractions relating to preserving Dundee's past. These are Discovery Point and RRS Discovery and Verdant Works.

A visit to Verdant Works gives you the opportunity to learn about Dundee's past as the Jute capital of the world. Back in the 19<sup>th</sup> century Dundee's population tripled from 45,000 to 161,000 and women workers outnumbered men by 3 to 1.

Our museum offers great insights into an age of incredible industrial advancements and the impact that had on the population's working and home life. A unique social history experience and a story that impacted many Dundonian families.

We are offering an exclusive after hours guided tour of the museum including demonstrations of the jute processing machinery and the 1802 Boulton Watt steam engine.

You will also be able to view The Scottish Diaspora Tapestry exhibition. More than 300 embroidered panels tell the story of Scottish people and their impact on the world, each one designed and stitched by the communities they represent. The Tapestry will be on display in two halves in the High Mill at Verdant Works – 12<sup>th</sup> June to 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**Booking available via eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/91651136015>** Refreshments will be provided.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 3-5pm**

## **Dundee Science Centre - Show Preview: Superhuman**

### **Greenmarket**

Discover different hands-on exhibits in this tour of our centre but also get an opportunity for some hands-on fun exploring our refurbished Medical Marvels exhibition which details medical discoveries and technologies, including an augmented reality operating theatre, digital anatomy table and much more! As we approach the Olympics 2020, our brand new theme in the centre this summer will explore Superhumans! Join us as we preview this show filled with biological know-how and testing our bodies against some of the worlds super humans. Are you the next Usain Bolt? Come along and find out?

Please email [staff@dundeesciencecentre.org.uk](mailto:staff@dundeesciencecentre.org.uk) for more information and to **book a space**  
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