

The South Ken Kids Festival is back for its 24th edition,

celebrating Mother Earth, Jean de la Fontaine's 400th birthday... and much more! This year, we welcome some of the most talented children's writers and illustrators from both sides of the Channel: **Momoko Abe, Clémentine Beauvais, Marc Boutavant, Iris de Moüy, William Grill, Sharon King-Chai, Pauline Martin, Chris Naylor-Ballesteros, Delphine Renon, Axel Scheffler, and Jo Weaver.** Our guests will be hosting workshops in more than 40 schools around London as well as joining us for exciting public events at the Institut français! Once again, **Quentin Blake** has honoured us by being the festival's patron, featuring an exhibition of his original works and the premiere of the BBC documentary: *Quentin Blake: The Drawing of My Life.*

Brilliantly bilingual throughout, the South Ken Kids Festival is an occasion to celebrate children's writing, illustration, translation: books in all their glory! We throw open our doors to all readers young and old, to listen to a dreamy musical retelling of *The Little Prince*, watch star illustrators draw, attend film screenings, take part in **workshops**, and learn more about **film-making**. Don't miss the festival **live drawing** performances, including some brilliant drawing duos and the amazing **Impro** and grab the opportunity to get your books signed!

Mathias Rambaud
festival director



Friends of the festival said

'I was lucky enough to be involved in this celebration of writing, reading and drawing from the start – it becomes more and more amazing!'

QUENTIN BLAKE

'It's a really marvellous example of international collaboration.'

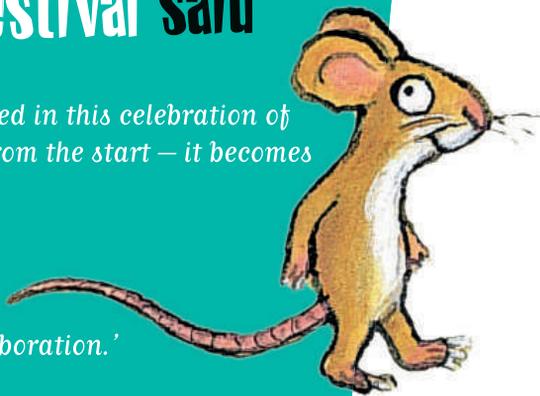
AXEL SCHEFFLER

'The South Ken Kids Festival week is THE most exciting place for drawings and stories.'

MARC BOUTAVANT



© Iris de Moüy



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FREE & THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

Exhibition: Quentin Blake

15 October – 25 November

Sir Quentin Blake, illustrator of Roald Dahl's famous books and so many classics, will share special illustrations with us. From his interpretation of La Fontaine's *Fables*, celebrating the author's 400th birthday, to some nature-inspired drawings highlighting the urgency to tackle climate change, embark upon this artful journey!



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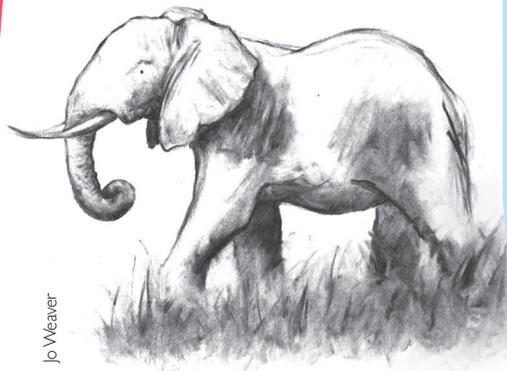
Workshop: Wild Immersion Virtual Reality

19 – 21 November: check out the planner for the best slot!

Immerse yourself in nature with 360° VR films, discovering hundreds of wild species in their natural habitat. This is an interactive, playful, and sensorial setting to raise awareness on nature conservation.



THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER



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Opening Event: Piano recital & Live Drawing with Louise Cournarie, Antoine Prétat and Jo Weaver

6pm-7pm | in English | all ages | \$7

For your ears and eyes' delight only, two talented pianists, Louise Cournarie and Antoine Prétat, will play magnificent pieces from the classical repertoire accompanied on stage by illustrator Jo Weaver, whose nature-inspired work will strike your imagination in a live drawing for the ages. Enjoy!

Workshop: Stop Motion Movie Production

10.30am-2pm | in French and English | 8+ | £25 (incl. lunch box)

From storyboarding to editing, promising filmmaker Alix Guichard will initiate you to the crafty method of stop motion animation to bring your favourite book characters to life.

Film: Little Vampire

10.30am-12pm | FR, BEL | 2020 | 85 mins | Animation | dir. Joann Sfar | Cert. TBC | in French with Eng subs | 7+ | £5

Little Vampire has been 10 years old for the last 300 years and he is bored to death... His dream? Going to school! Accompanied by Fantomate, his faithful bulldog, Little Vampire escapes from the manor in secret, determined to meet other children.



Workshop with Delphine Renon

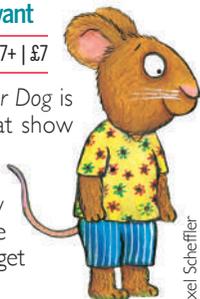
11am-12pm | in French and English | 7+ | £7

Delphine Renon invites you to a soft clay workshop. While Autumn leaves on its trail the smell of damp earth and moss, mushrooms, and snails on the grass, let your creativity speak and make your own characters.

Workshop with Marc Boutavant

11am-12pm | in French and English | 7+ | £7

Our favourite pet *Dumpster Dog* is back! Get ready for a great show as Marc Boutavant shares tricks to create a storybook step by step. Create a new adventure and take it home with you. On your MARCs, get set, go!



Drawing duo: Pauline Martin and Chris Naylor-Ballesteros

12.30pm-1.15pm | in English | 3+ | £5

Pauline Martin's hamster and Chris Naylor-Ballesteros' beetle, butterfly and other cute little bugs will meet up during this live drawing session. We bet they have a lot to share!

Workshop with Clémentine Beauvais

1.30pm-2.30pm | in French and English | 9+ | £7

Embark upon a journey to transform a bunch of words that make sense in one language into a bunch of words that make sense in another language. No knowledge of French is required, but a love for words in English desirable!

Workshop with Jo Weaver

1.30pm-2.30pm | in English | 5+ | £7

Dive into the ocean alongside the Earth's biggest mammal! Jo Weaver will tell you the amazing migratory journey of whales, and will give her secrets to capturing this magnificent animal with charcoal.

Film: Hello World!

2pm | FR | 2019 | 67 mins | Animation | dir. Anne-Lise Koelher & Eric Serre | Cert. TBC | in French with Eng subs | 3+ | £5

Hello World! is a whimsical examination of a fragile ecosystem, made with papier-mâché puppets and set in beautifully painted backgrounds. Discover the animal world through a new lens.

Drawing Duo: Axel Scheffler and Marc Boutavant

3pm-3.45pm | in English | 3+ | £5

Axel Scheffler's famous rabbit and mouse and Marc Boutavant's bear will gather for an afternoon tea with a delicious cake on the menu of this live drawing session. Will the bear finally find his stolen cake? And will Pip and Posy's birthday celebration be a success?



Workshop with Pauline Martin

4pm-5pm | in French and English | 6+ | £7

Pauline Martin shares how her big cat from *Mon Gros Chat* magically comes alive. With all her secrets and tricks, you will create your own pop-up card transforming this grumpy-cute-cat into anything you want.

Impro!

5.30pm-6.30pm | in English | 5 to 105 | £7

Voted best event of the weekend for years, Impro! gathers our guest illustrators on stage for a wild, joyful and musical live creation. They team up with two exceptional musicians: Sarah Brand on the trombone and Will Glaser on drums. Don't miss out!

Workshop with Chris Naylor-Ballesteros

4pm-5pm | in French and English | 5+ | £7

Come and discover Chris Naylor-Ballesteros' world. From the Stranger of *The Suitcase* to the Beetle from *Out of Nowhere*, let's embark on a fabulous drawing journey together: create characters and a story from everyday objects!

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Workshop with Momoko Abe

11am-12pm | in English | 4+ | £7

Have you ever wondered what would happen if the sun stopped smiling? Discover the answer with Momoko Abe and create your weather forecast using crafty materials to make your very own sun!

Workshop with Iris de Moüy

11am-12pm | in English | 5+ | £7

Come read, cut, draw and turn naptime into a game using animals' eyes: are they awake, asleep, or pretending? Children will create and bring home a fun-filled folder!

Workshop: Translation with the Stephen Spender Trust

11am-12.30pm | in English | 8+ | £7

Join a translation workshop run by two talented literary translators from the Stephen Spender Trust. Based on *La Valise* by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros, how would you translate friendship?

Performance: The Little Prince

12.30pm-1.30pm | in English | 8+ | £7

In a spellbinding show, storyteller Matthew Crampton and pianist Olga Jegunova tell their own version of the world's most-translated book by Saint-Exupéry, *The Little Prince*, improvising on classical themes to weave musical magic through the words.

Workshop with Sharon King-Chai

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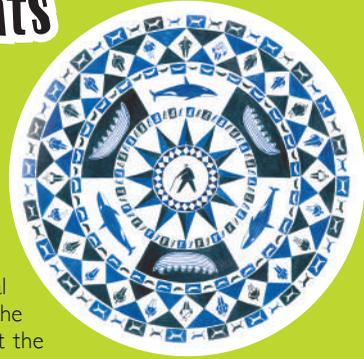
Let your imagination speak! Drawing their inspiration from Sharon King-Chai's book *Animalphabet*, everyone is encouraged to use unusual materials like onions, potatoes or feathers to draw and paint fantastic animals.

Workshop with William Grill

1.30pm-2.30pm | in English | 4+ | £7

From *Shackleton's journey* in Antarctica to the Wild Wild West, William Grill invites you to a magical illustration adventure using black Indian ink.

School Programme Highlights



© William Grill

Film: The Horn Quartet – Cow Trip to the Sea – Up the Mountains

1.30pm-2.30pm | FR | 2018-2020 | 52 mins | Animation
| dir. Benjamin Botella and Arnaud Demuyneck | Cert.
TBC | in French with Eng subs | 3+ | £5

After their first road trip to the sea, our four cows Clarisse, Marguerite, Aglaé & Rosine are now heading up to the mountain. Come along for two hilarious adventures inspired by Yves Cotton's books.

Workshop with OKIDO

2pm-3pm | in English | 4+ | £7

Become an 'Eco Hero' with Messy Monster! Let's make a Chatterbox, then play and discuss how to be friendly to our beautiful planet. Have fun, play, and learn with OKIDO.

Film: Quentin Blake: The Drawing of My Life

3pm-4.30pm | UK | 2021 | 60 mins | Doc | dir. Peter Sweasey | Cert. TBC | in English | 12+ | £5

Illustrator and author Sir Quentin Blake tells the story of his 70-year long career, in his own words – and with his own pictures! He is filmed as he creates an extraordinary new work: a huge canvas on which self-portraits and classic characters emerge in his instantly recognisable, energetic, and ebullient style. Showing by kind permission of the BBC and Wingspan Productions.

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The South Ken Kids Festival has at heart to reach out across London and beyond. Over 40 schools from nurseries to secondary schools are involved in the festival each year. Join us at the Institut français or let the festival come to you!

WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Performance: The Little Prince

11pm-12pm | in English | Year 1-Year 6 | CP-CM2 | £7 per child, teachers FREE

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THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER

The Children's Bookshow: Chris Naylor-Ballesteros

11pm-12pm | in English | Year 1-Year 6 | CP-CM2 | £6 per child, teachers FREE

Come and meet author and illustrator Chris Naylor-Ballesteros for a morning of stories and illustration. He will be telling us about his work, reading his books and drawing live too. This interactive event will inspire children to read, write and draw!

FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Performance: Multilingual Poetry Slam

3pm-4pm | Workshops all day | in English with bits of French and bobs of other languages | Y6-6th Form | 6e-Terminale | Free*

We are glad to bring back the event run by Michaël Vidon for the 5th year in a row! A Poetry Slam is a competitive event where poets are judged on their skills as writers as well as performers: always warm, rowdy and fun. This year the theme is: "Planet on Fire, don't look away!"

***To see or download the full School Programme visit our website at www.southkenkidsfestival.co.uk/schools/**

PLANNING



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3pm-4pm | £5



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INFO & BOOKING

Online: southkenkidsfestival.co.uk

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Please note that all information is correct at the time of print but liable to change. Do check our website for updates and additional events.

Tickets are neither exchangeable nor refundable. If not specified otherwise, all workshops are for kids only. Other events welcome both parents and children.

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