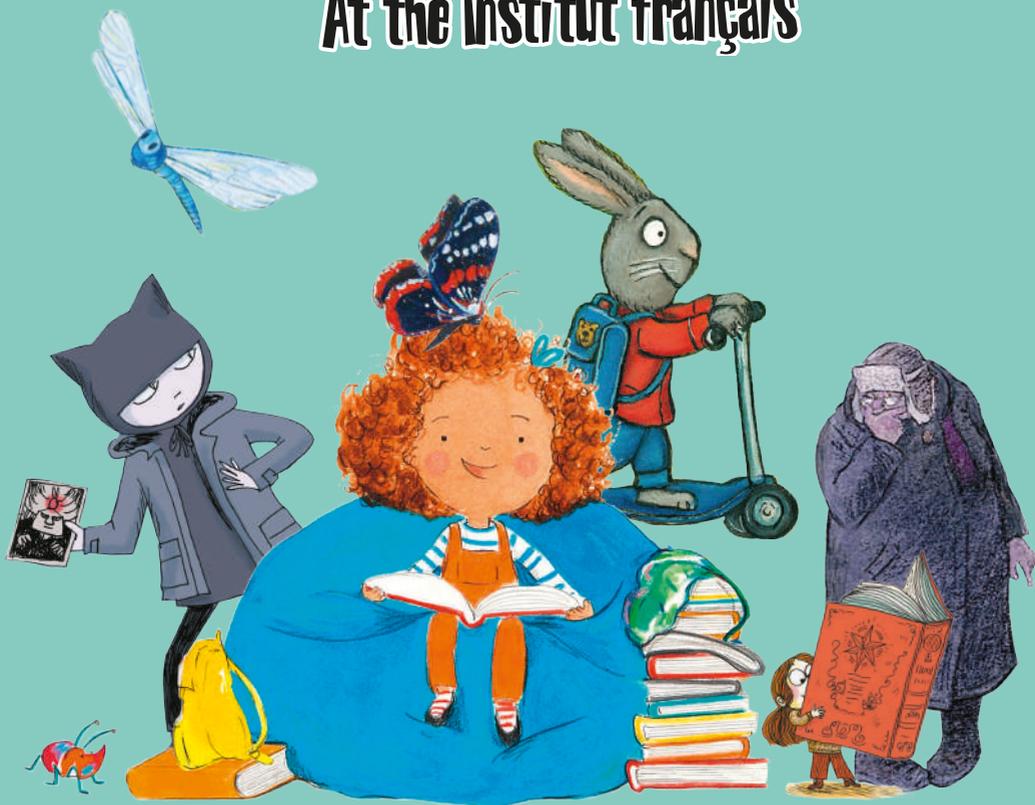


27th **South Ken** ★
Kids Festival
★ 18-24 Nov 2024 ★
At the Institut français



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Join the 27th edition of the South Ken Kids Festival!



Entirely bilingual, multilingual at times, this edition will be a treat for fans of literature and illustration of all ages with a tremendous line-up of authors and artists from both sides of the Channel and beyond: **Axel Scheffler**, **Posy Simmonds**, **Joseph Coelho**, **Joanne Harris**, **Marie-Aude Murail**, **Timothee de Fombelle**, **Jean-Luc Fromental**, **Patrice Lawrence**, **Bridget Marzo**, **Amandine Piu**, **Béatrice Rodriguez**, **Chloe Savage**, **Joséphine Seblon**, **Robert Hae-Seng**, **Joëlle Jolivet** and **Massimo Fenati** will join us, under the ever-generous patronage of our beloved **Quentin Blake**.



The French Institute will throw open its doors to all readers, young and old, to enjoy children's and young adult's literature, comic books, graphic novels, films and music. *Au programme* : **storytelling, live drawing, workshops, talks, screenings, concerts** and **book signings**.

All welcome!



With special thanks to The Bressler Foundation for its generous support to the festival.

Planning

Friday 22 November

18.00 - **Life in Comics** with Miss Cat & Posy Simmonds

Saturday 23 November

10.30 - **Nicholas' Fantastic Summer**

10.30 - **Stop Motion Animation**

11.00 - **Workshop with Joëlle Jolivet**

11.00 - **Workshop with Amandine Piu**

12.00 - **Young Adult Literature** with the Jury of the Entente Littéraire Prize

13.00 - **Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures + Q&A**

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13.30 - **Workshop with Jean-Luc Fromental**

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| ■ Screening | ■ Live event |





Life in Comics with Miss Cat & Posy Simmonds

Talk | Fri 22 Nov, 18.00 | 12+ | £7

Are you interested in the history of comic books and graphic novels? Learn more about this genre blending literature with art, with celebrated comic book authors and illustrators **Posy Simmonds**, **Jean-Luc Fromental** and **Joëlle Jolivet**. Together they will delve into the intriguing past and exciting future of the 9th art and talk about Fromental and Jolivet's *Miss Cat* series.



Nicholas' Fantastic Summer

Screening | Sat 23 Nov, 10.30

dir: Wilson Dos Santos | in English
3+ | £5

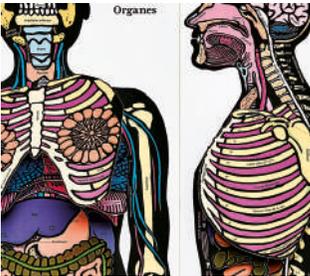
Enjoy this programme of 5 short animated films following the summer holidays of Nicholas and his joyful gang as they build sandcastles, explore new playgrounds and go treasure hunting! They will catapult you into a charming world filled with mischief and adventures.



Stop Motion Animation

Workshop | Sat 23 Nov, 10.30 | 8+
£25

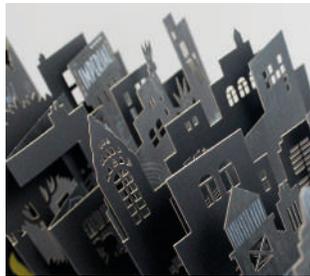
Step into the enchanting realm of animation and craft your very own mesmerizing film! Children will work in teams of two, under the direction of **Alix Guichard**, to write a scenario based on a scene of *The Colour Monster* by Ana Llenas. Each team's scenes will then be assembled to create a final film, bringing the book to life in stop motion form.



Workshop with Joëlle Jolivet

Sat 23 Nov, 11.00 | 6+ | £7

Ever wondered what lies within the human body? Join **Joëlle Jolivet**, illustrator of *Inside the Body*, to use arts and crafts and mix art with science. This exciting workshop will undoubtedly appeal to future graphic artists and biologists alike!



Workshop with Amandine Piu

Sat 23 Nov, 11.00 | 6+ | £7

Put on your listening caps, warm up your imagination, and find a flashlight to attend a live reading of *Tout noir* by **Amandine Piu** ... in the dark! Kids will then be able to create together one big accordion book with their own cut-outs and silhouettes to bring the Leporello to life.



Young Adult Literature with the Jury of the Entente Littéraire Prize

Talk | Sat 23 Nov, 12.00 | 11+ | £7

The stellar jury of the first-ever edition of the Entente littéraire Prize will present this year's shortlist, debate the challenges of judging a literary prize, and share their hopes for upcoming cross-Channel literature partnerships. Led by president **Joanne Harris**, Children's Laureate **Joseph Coelho** will converse with **Patrice Lawrence**, **Timothée de Fombelle** and **Marie-Aude Murail**. A fitting way to conclude a year of celebrating 120 years of the Entente Cordiale!



Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures + Q&A

Screening | Sat 23 Nov, 13.00 | in English | 5+ | £5

Quentin Blake's *Box of Treasures* is an exciting series of animated specials based on the books of the famous children's author and illustrator. After the screening of two episodes, *Zagazoo* and *Snuff*, director and producer **Massimo Fenati** and executive producer **Tess Cuming** will answer your questions about all the magic behind these animated adaptations of Quentin Blake and his box of treasures.



Workshop with Béatrice Rodriguez

Sat 23 Nov, 13.30 | 4+ | £7

Fearless artists! Grab your pencils, pen and even india ink to draw woodland animals of all kinds with **Béatrice Rodriguez**, the illustrator behind *Barnaby Is Not Afraid* and *The Chicken Thief*.



Workshop with Jean-Luc Fromental

Sat 23 Nov, 13.30 | 7+ | £7

Unlock your imagination in a one-of-a-kind creative writing workshop with the celebrated author **Jean-Luc Fromental**, featuring his charming character, Miss Cat! Dive deep into the whimsical adventures of *Miss Cat* as Jean-Luc reveals the art of crafting captivating stories and unforgettable characters.



Virtual Reality Journeys

Workshop | Sat 23 Nov, 14.00 | 8+ Free

Discover fascinating stories in an innovative way! Immerse yourself in 360° VR short films on wind, history, and art (depending on your age and your interest). Let the wind carry you, travel in search of the sound of the Arctic or walk through the history of Notre-Dame in an interactive, playful, and sensorial experience for children 8 and over.



Drawing Duo: Axel Scheffler and Joëlle Jolivet

Live event | Sat 23 Nov, 15.15
All ages | £7

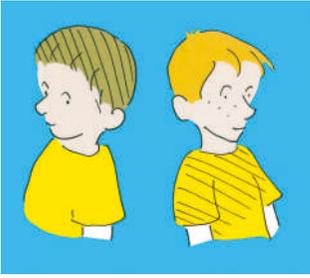
Father of the *Gruffalo* and *Pip and Posy*, **Axel Scheffler** will cross paintbrushes with French illustrator **Joëlle Jolivet** whose *Miss Cat: The Case of the Curious Canary* was just published in the UK. Both friends of the festival, they will mix their universes and characters on stage for a unique and fabulous drawing duo projected on the cinema screen.



Workshop with Chloe Savage

Sat 23 Nov, 16.15 | 4+ | £7

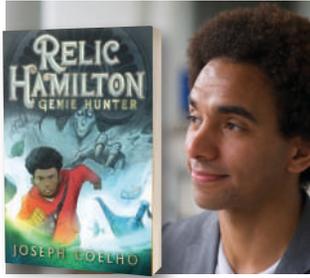
Let's all draw a jellyfish with illustrator **Chloe Savage**! After a special reading of her critically acclaimed illustrated book, *The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish*, she will present her creative process when drawing sea creatures and help the children draw their own jellyfish.



Meet the Author: Marie-Aude Murail

Workshop | Sat 23 Nov, 16.15 | in
French | 8+ | £7

Dive into the creative world of one of France's most beloved writers as she shares insights into her work and writing process. **Marie-Aude Murail** will discuss her journey as a writer, from her early inspirations to her latest works. She will reveal her unique approach to character development, plot construction, and the themes she explores in her stories.



Travel through London with Joseph Coelho and Relic Hamilton

Workshop | Sat 23 Nov, 16.15 | 7+ | £7

Join 2022-2024 Children's Laureate **Joseph Coelho** in this exciting story telling workshop based on *Relic Hamilton – Genie Hunter*. He will take you on a journey through London with Relic Hamilton, a young teen who discovers that not only are genies real, but the evil King of all genies is loose and causing havoc. With the help of some pirates, a high-tech jet, a talking bike and his own new superhero powers, Relic must save the day. Follow his adventures, and, why not, add to the plot!



Impro!

Live event | Sat 23 Nov, 17.30
Ages 3–103 | £7

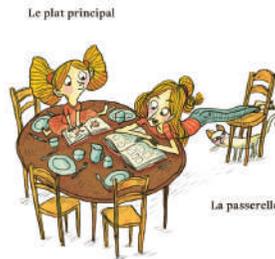
Voted best event of the South Ken Kids Festival for years, *Impro!* gathers guest illustrators **Axel Scheffler**, **Joëlle Jolivet**, **Posy Simmonds**, **Bridget Marzo**, **Amandine Piu**, **Beatrice Rodriguez**, **Chloe Savage** and awesome jazz musicians **John Edwards** (double bass) and **Caroline Kraabel** (saxophone) on stage for a wild and joyful evening of live creation. Enjoy this fabulous drawing jam!



Workshop with Patrice Lawrence

Sun 24 Nov, 11.30 | 7+ | £7

Let your creativity run wild with children's author **Patrice Lawrence**. After an insightful discussion on her motivations and inspirations to becoming a writer, join Lawrence in creating a recipe for fantasy beasts inspired by her action-packed best seller, *The Elemental Detectives*.



Meet the Author: Timothée de Fombelle

Workshop | Sun 24 Nov, 11.30 | 8+ | £7

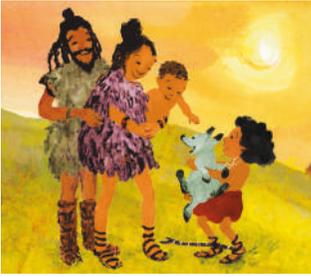
Learn how stories are born in this workshop with acclaimed children literature author **Timothée de Fombelle**! Get privileged insight into the creative process behind his captivating stories and discover how books are brought to life. Timothée will share pieces of his ongoing work and documents, providing a behind-the-scenes look at his creative journey.



Paddington Bear's First Concert

Live Event | Sun 24 Nov, 13.30 | 3+ | £7

Embark on a charming musical journey – based on Michael Bond's original story – with the world's most famous marmalade eating bear, **Paddington**. Follow Paddington's exciting adventure from Peru to London, meeting the Browns and Mr Gruber, and attend his first concert. Popular children's narrator **Alexander Campbell** will recount the story to the sound of a trio formed by a piano, cello and violin and invite children to experiment sound effects.



Workshop with Bridget Marzo

Sun 24 Nov, 14.30 | 4+ | £7

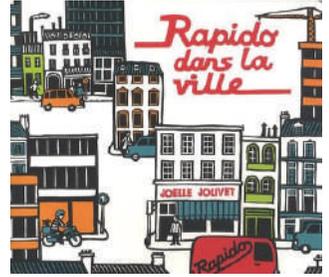
How do you feel when you meet a dog? What about the dog? **Bridget Marzo**, illustrator of *Mo's Best Friend*, *A Stone Age Story*, will show you how in a live reading session with interactive sound effects. Learn to better understand others' emotions and express your feelings in a healthy way.



Become a Mini Architect

Workshop | Sun 24 Nov, 14.30 | in English | 6+ | £7

Have you ever been caught in a labyrinth, like the mythical Theseus? Join author **Joséphine Seblon** and illustrator **Robert Hae-Seng** to learn how and why labyrinths are made, how to navigate them, and create your own marble run!



Workshop with the Club Petit Pierrot

Sun 24 Nov, 14.30 | 5+ | £7

The **Club Petit Pierrot** invites you to join this fun and creative workshop exploring the wonderful interactive book *Rapido's Next Stop* by Joëlle Jolivet and Jean-Luc Fromental. Curious young readers can develop their reading and speaking skills in French, using visual and reading clues to discover the vibrant and bustling everyday life in big cities.



Preview: Flow

Screening | Sun 24 Nov, 15.30

All ages | £7

dir. Gints Zilbalodis | 84 mins | Silent

Enjoy a preview of this year's winner of the Jury Award at the Annecy International Animation Festival, *Flow*. Cat is a solitary animal, but as his home is devastated by a great flood, he finds refuge on a boat populated by various species and will have to team up with them despite their differences. In the lonesome boat sailing through mystical overflowed landscapes, they navigate the challenges and dangers of adapting to this new world.

For Schools

The South Ken Kids Festival has at heart to reach out across London and beyond. During the week of the festival, we offer different workshops, talks with authors, film screenings, and an interactive concert at the French Institute or at your school.

To see or download the School Programme, visit:

www.southkenkidsfestival.co.uk



Info & Booking

Online: www.southkenkidsfestival.co.uk

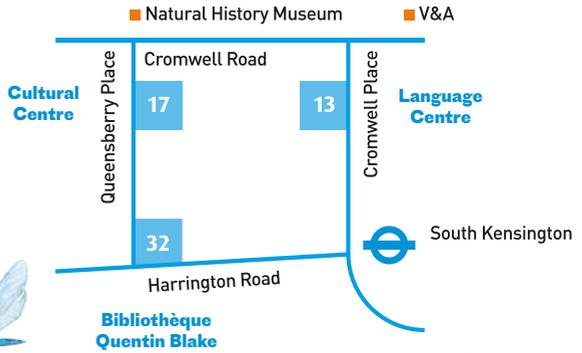
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Please note that all information is correct at the time of print but liable to change. Do check our website for updates and additional events. Tickets are neither exchangeable nor refundable. If not specified otherwise, all workshops are held in English and French, and for kids only. Other events welcome both parents and children.



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Come and browse through hundreds of books from our on-site booksellers: **Nomad** for the English editions and **La Page** for those who can read in French. Artists will be happy to sign their books. Please check our website for the book signing schedule.

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