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**NEWSLETTER**  
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# Arabic

## Exhibitions

**Subtitled: With Narratives From Lebanon.** Using five themes to interpret Lebanon's rich, complex history by artists living in and outside of Lebanon, the exhibition will delve into Lebanon's socio-political realities and the determinant parameters which have shaped and influenced a unique trend of post war art. Thu 3-6 Nov. The Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7 2EU.

phone **020 7471 9153**  
[www.apeal-lb.org](http://www.apeal-lb.org)

**The Bird Ghost at the Zaouia.** An 8 channel sound art installation by composer-performer Seth Ayyaz who, recorded many hours at zaouia (sufi shrines), mosques and religious spaces in Morocco, Egypt and Lebanon while attending various prayers and ceremonies (adhan, salat, tilawa, dhikr, zar and lilat) between 2002 and 2010. 'The Bird Ghost at the Zaouia' is a composed machine for listening, a shifting sonic body that references, comments upon and reconfigures a notional Islamic sonic-social world through the politicised materiality of sound. 31 Oct- 5 Nov. Leighton House Museum, 12 Holland Park Road, London W14 8LZ.

[www.nourfestival.co.uk](http://www.nourfestival.co.uk)

# Music

**Award-Winning Syrian Pianist In Concert.** The award-winning Syrian pianist Riyad Nicolas performs a repertoire by contemporary Arab and Western composers in this special evening concert in the exquisite surroundings of Leighton House Museum. Riyad Nicolas who was born in Aleppo, Syria in 1989 will perform pieces by renowned Arab composers including Jabri, Al Succari, Al Wadi and Al Hajjar. His repertoire will also include Western composers who works have been inspired by the Arab world such as Schumann and Albéniz. Sat 12 Nov, 7:30pm. Leighton House Museum, 12 Holland Park Road, London W14 8LZ.

[www.arabbritishcentre.org.uk](http://www.arabbritishcentre.org.uk)

## Talks

**Emerging Arab Voices: Peter Clark in Conversation.** In November 2009, the International Prize for Arabic Fiction organised a workshop for eight critically acclaimed writers from Egypt, Sudan, Tunisia, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen. The result was eight new pieces of writing, which have been brought together in Emerging Arab Voices. Wednesday 2 Nov, 7pm. Leighton House Museum, 12 Holland Park Road, London W14 8LZ.

phone **020 7471 9153**  
[www.nourfestival.co.uk](http://www.nourfestival.co.uk)

# Others

**14 PROPER NOUNS with Hassan Khan and Nida Ghouse.** A set of references, drawn from Hassan Khan's seminal work 17 and in AUC, will serve as a subject matter for a fortnight of discussion between the artist and curator-in-residence Nida Ghouse. The discussion will be rooted in 17 and in AUC - the transcriptions, which is a document of every audible word uttered by the artist during a 56-hour performative action that took place in a rented apartment in downtown Cairo. Over 14 consecutive nights in 2003, from 7 until 11pm, the artist sat in a sound proofed one-way mirrored glass room, drinking beer and smoking cigarettes, literally reflecting onto himself. In front of an audience he could neither see nor hear, his primary purpose was to speak of the years he spent from 1990 to 1995 as a teenager at the American University in Cairo (AUC). 21 Oct-3 Nov. Delfina Foundation, 26 Catherine Place, London SW1E 6DY.

[www.delfinafoundation.com](http://www.delfinafoundation.com)

# French

## Exhibitions

**Tatiana Trouvé at The South London Gallery .** Tatiana Trouvé's work spans drawing, painting and sculpture, often brought together in precisely-scaled architectural installations which suggest the possibility of underlying narratives. For the SLG she creates a new installation in the main gallery incorporating three interlinking spaces interspersed with drawings and sculptural objects. 1 Oct 2010- 28 Nov 2011. South London Gallery, 65 Peckham Rd, SE5 8UH.

[www.southlondongallery.org](http://www.southlondongallery.org)

### **Antoine de La Boulaye -**

**Recent works.** Today's most revered horse painter in France, Antoine de La Boulaye's career spans four decades, and saw recognition in a series of high profile exhibitions in various art fairs (FIAC - Foire Internationale d'Art Contemporain) and public venues and museums in France (museums of Nantes and Beziers, the French Institute in Seville, Chantilly Grand Stables), as well as entering prestigious public collections (Fond Regional d'Art Contemporain of the Loire region, Fond National d'Art Contemporain (French Embassies in Mexico and in Madrid), Bibliotheque Nationale - Paris, and in the La Roche sur Yon Museum (Arthothèque). From 9-25 Nov, 55 Hollywood Road, London SW10 9HX.

[www.chauchet.com](http://www.chauchet.com)

## **Films**

### **French Film Festival UK**

**2011.** The 19th French Film Festival presents an unparalleled selection of cinéma français, returning this year to Ciné Lumière, in association with several other leading cinemas around the country. There are a wealth of genres to suit all tastes and impressive performances from an array of stellar names and emerging talents. Ciné Lumière will welcome Daniel Auteuil for the UK Première of *The Well Digger's Daughter* ( *La fille du Puisatier*) on Friday 11 November, courtesy of Pathé. With this film, shot in perpetual sunshine and superbly scored by Alexandre Desplat (*The King's Speech*), Daniel Auteuil returns to the familiar and beloved territory of Marcel Pagnol's work, this time as director but also mastering beautifully the role of the peasant father on screen. Ciné Lumière - Institut Français, 17 Queensberry Place, SW7 2DT.

phone **020 7073 1350**

[www.institut-francais.org.uk](http://www.institut-francais.org.uk)

# **German**

## **Exhibitions**

### **Josephine Meckseper.**

Meckseper's vitrines function as time capsules or mausoleums to contemporary culture. Meckseper combines upscale consumer products frozen mysteriously within - a black stockinged foot, a sparkling crystal - with photographic references to high art or cinema, alongside faux modernist sculptures and abstract paintings. The viewer can't help but encounter these familiar objects as fragile relics of a vanishing world. Suddenly the significance of the lone silver mannequin hand reaching skywards seems obvious - we are looking at a culture that is not waving but drowning. From 12 Oct-12 Nov, Timothy Taylor, 15 Carlos Place London W1K 2EX.

phone **020 7409 3344**

[www.timothytaylorgallery.com](http://www.timothytaylorgallery.com)

### **Gerhard Richter Exhibition at Tate Modern.**

Spanning nearly five decades, and coinciding with the artist's 80th birthday, Gerhard Richter: Panorama is a major chronological retrospective that groups together significant moments of this remarkable painter's career. It includes portraits based on photographs such as the famous *Betty* 1988, abstractions, subtle landscapes, colour charts, works on paper, mirrors and three important glass constructions. 6 Oct 11- 8 Jan 12, Tate Modern, Bankside London SE1 9TG.

phone **020 7887 8888**

[www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk)

### **UK Jewish Film Festival**

**2011.** Now in its 15th year, UK Jewish Film Festival continues to be a much anticipated event and this year the festival can boast a programme of films from 16 countries which give us a fascinating insight into a multitude of histories and cultures. As in previous year, there is also a selection of films from Germany and a range of German co-productions, which range from the documentary *In Heaven Underground: The Weissensee Jewish Cemetery*, which won the Panorama audience award at this year's Berlinale, to the engaging feature film debut *Kaddish for a Friend*, a sympathetic portrait of the friendship between an 84-year old Jewish war veteran and a Palestinian teenager, set in Berlin.

phone **020 7633 0274**

[www.ukjewishfilm.org](http://www.ukjewishfilm.org)

# **Italian**

## **Literature**

**Luciana Castellina** in conversation with **Caterina Soffici** ci parlerà del suo libro finalista al PREMIO STREGA **La Scoperta Del Mondo.** Luciana Castellina, militante e parlamentare comunista, fra i quattordici e i diciotto anni ha tenuto un diario che racconta la sua iniziazione politica: dal giorno in cui, il 25 luglio 1943, a Riccione, la partita di tennis con la sua compagna di scuola Anna Maria Mussolini viene interrotta perché la figlia del Duce deve scappare (suo padre è stato appena arrestato a Roma), a quando si iscrive al PCI. Sat 12 Nov, 7pm. The Italian Bookshop, 5 Cecil Court, London WC2N 4EZ.

phone **020 7240 1634**

[www.italianbookshop.co.uk](http://www.italianbookshop.co.uk)

## Films

**Illuminations – The Films of Yervant Gianikian and Angela Ricci Lucchi.** The Italian Cultural Institute in London is collaborating with the UCL European Institute to screen three key films by Italian filmmakers Yervant Gianikian and Angela Ricci Lucchi – 'Lo Specchio di Diana' ('The Looking Glass of Diana'), 'Animali Criminali' ('Criminal Animals') and 'Mario Giacomelli: Contacts', unedited footage of Italy's foremost photographer by the 1950s, focusing on the themes of fate, old age and death. Mon 21 Nov, 6.30pm. Tate Modern Bankside, London SE1 9TG.

[www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk)

## Japanese

### Exhibitions

**Bite-Size: Miniature Textiles from Japan and the UK.** Lesley Millar MBE, Professor of Textile Culture at the University for the Creative Arts, will curate this exhibition of contemporary textile artists from Japan and the UK to celebrate fifteen years of collaborative activity. The exhibition exemplifies the positive outcomes that can be achieved when peer groups from the two countries come together in a spirit of cooperation and exchange. From 31 Oct-14 Dec. Daiwa Foundation Japan House, 13/14 Cornwall Terrace, London NW1 4QP UK.

phone **020 7486 2914**

[www.dajf.org.uk](http://www.dajf.org.uk)

### Insight Into Beauty-Contemporary Craft Inspired By Japan.

This is the second exhibition of its kind presenting various aspects of contemporary craft inspired by Japanese materials, techniques and design at the Embassy of Japan. Insight into Beauty are the words of YANAGI Soetsu (1889-1961), who led the Japanese mingei (folk crafts) movement fostering an interest in the aesthetic value of craftsmanship in Japan. From 17 Oct-early Dec. London. The Embassy of Japan in the UK, 101 - 104 Piccadilly, London W1J 7JT.

[www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp](http://www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp)

## Spanish

### Literature

**III ACALASP Festival of Ibero American Literatura at Foyles.** For the third consecutive year, the headquarters of Foyles bookshop in London is the venue for a highly representative cross-section of Iberoamerican literary creation, with a particular focus on women writers from both sides of the Atlantic. The format will be a mixture of round-table discussion, book launches, conversations and workshops. Mon14-Fri 18 Nov, 6.30pm. The Gallery at Foyles, 113-119 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0EB.

[www.londres.cervantes.es](http://www.londres.cervantes.es)

## Music

**IV Centenary of the Spanish composer, Tomás Luis de Victoria,** the Iberian and Latin American Music Society (ILAMS) invites you to take part in a performance of one of his most monumental works: the Requiem. Carlos Fernández Aransay, Director and Conductor of the Coro Cervantes, will spend the day coaching a group of enthusiast singers through the piece, culminating in a public evening performance in the St Peter's Church, Eaton Square. Participation in this event is open to all amateur singers with some prior experience in choral performance and a passion for classical music. Sat 26 Nov. 119 Eaton Square London SW1W 9AL.

[www.ilams.org.uk](http://www.ilams.org.uk)

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[www.europeanbookshop.com](http://www.europeanbookshop.com)

**The Italian Bookshop.** Everything you need to learn Italian. 5 Cecil Court, London WC2N 4EZ. Monday to Saturday, 10.30am-6.30pm.

[www.italianbookshop.co.uk](http://www.italianbookshop.co.uk)

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6.30-8.30pm

October-December 2011

Please, check for specific levels and availability.

phone **020 7611 2416**

e-mail [infoml@ihlondon.com](mailto:infoml@ihlondon.com)

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## French cuisine

### **Boulevard Brasserie**

20% discount of food portion of the bill. On a la carte menu only. When booked in advance, "International House London Student discount" max. 8 guests per booking. Offer valid until 30th of November. 40 Wellington Street, WC2E 7BD.

phone **020 7240 2992**

[www.boulevardbrasserie.co.uk](http://www.boulevardbrasserie.co.uk)

### **Palm Court Brasserie**

20% discount of food portion of the bill. On a la carte menu only. When booked in advance, "International House London Student discount" max. 8 guests per booking. Offer valid until 30th of November. 39 King Street, WC2E 8JS.

phone **020 7395 5803**

[www.palmcourtbrasserie.co.uk](http://www.palmcourtbrasserie.co.uk)

### **Denises Restaurant**

20% discount daytime /10% in the evening. On the a la carte menu. 79 Southampton Row, WC1B 4ET.

phone **020 7436 1562**

[www.denisesrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.denisesrestaurant.co.uk)

## Greek cuisine

### **Yialousa Restaurant**

20% off DAY TIME and 10% NIGHT TIME. 18 Woburn Place, WC1H 0UL.

phone **0207 837 4748**

## American cuisine

### **American-Burger and Grill**

20% discount of food portion of the bill. On a la carte menu only. When booked in advance, "International House London Student discount" max. 8 guests per booking. Offer valid until 30th of November. Maxwell's Covent Garden. 8 James Street, WC2E 8BH.

phone **020 7836 0303**

[www.maxwells.co.uk](http://www.maxwells.co.uk)

## Indian cuisine

### **Royals Indian Cuisine Restaurant**

20% off a la carte menu. (open 12-2.30 and 5-11.30PM). 3-7 Endell Street, WC2H 9RA.

phone **020 7379 1099**

[www.coventgardenlife.com](http://www.coventgardenlife.com)

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## Italian cuisine

### Trattoria Verdi

20% off DAY TIME and 10% NIGHT TIME. 110 Southampton Row, WC1B 4BL.

phone **020 7405 8001**

[www.trattoriaverdi.co.uk](http://www.trattoriaverdi.co.uk)

### Sapori

20% off the evening menu. Includes drinks and food +service charge will be added to the bill. (Not on the express lunch menu) Also add their standing lunch deal. 3 courses+ a soft drink for £9.95. 43 Drury Lane, WC2B 5RT.

phone **020 7836 8296**

### La Ballerina

20% off al a carte menu; except Friday evening/whole day Saturday and weekdays between 5-7.30PM. (renew offer before Christmas). 7-8 Bow Street, WC2E 7AH.

phone **020 7379 6659**

### Il Fornello

20% off DAY TIME and 10% NIGHT TIME. 150 Southampton Row, WC1B 5AN.

phone **0207 837 4584**

[www.ilfornello.co.uk](http://www.ilfornello.co.uk)

### Forum Café Bar

20% off DAY TIME and 10% NIGHT TIME. 62 Great Russell St, WC1B 3BG.

phone **020 7404 1878**

### Little Sicily

50% off total bill (inc drinks) until the end of 2011 Monday to Friday min. 2 courses. Only from the a la carte menu. 36-40 Rupert Street, W1D 6DW.

phone **020 7379 3444**

[www.littlesicilylondon.com](http://www.littlesicilylondon.com)

## Mediterranean cuisine

### Bistro1

Special lunch and dinner offer; Currently they are doing 2 course lunch for £6.90 and 2 course dinner for £9.90./ Price is subject to change (maximum 10-20%). 33 Southampton St, WC2E 7HE.

phone **020 7379 7585**

[www.bistro1.co.uk](http://www.bistro1.co.uk)

### Bistro1

Special lunch and dinner offer; Currently they are doing 2 course lunch for £6.90 and 2 course dinner for £9.90./ Price is subject to change (maximum 10-20%). 75 Beak Street, W1F 9SS.

phone **020 7287 1840**

[www.bistro1.co.uk](http://www.bistro1.co.uk)

### Bistro1

20% off al a carte menu; except Friday evening/whole day Saturday and weekdays between 5-7.30PM. (renew offer before Christmas). 27 Frith Streethone, W1D 5LE.

phone **020 7734 6204**

[www.bistro1.co.uk](http://www.bistro1.co.uk)

### Café Mode

Standing offer; 2-4-1 Pizzas and 50% off food when ordering 2 courses- with a valid student-card. 57 - 59 Endell Street, WC2H 9AJ.

phone **020 7240 8085**

[www.cafemode.co.uk](http://www.cafemode.co.uk)

## Mexican cuisine

### Navajo Joe

20% discount of food portion of the bill. On a la carte menu only. When booked in advance, "International House London Student discount" max. 8 guests per booking. Offer valid until 30th of November. 34 King Street Covent Garden, WC2E 8JD.

phone **020 7240 4008**

[www.navajojoe.co.uk](http://www.navajojoe.co.uk)

### Los Locos

2-4-1 Club entry/ 2-4-1 on all courses (1 Card per 4 guests, max 7) available tue-thur 5-9pm and Fri-Sat 5-8pm. 24-26 Russell Street, WC2B 5HF.

phone **020 7379 0220**

[www.los-locos.co.uk](http://www.los-locos.co.uk)

## Modern European cuisine

### Sway

50% off on the a la carte menu - Monday to Friday/Complimentary area with 2 food platters for groups of 10 or more - Mond-Sat. 61-65 Great Queen Street, WC2B 5BZ.

phone **020 7404 6114**

[www.swaybar.co.uk](http://www.swaybar.co.uk)

# Exclusive offers for IHL students

## Pizza & Pasta cuisine

### Fuel Bar

20% discount on food and drinks for students. Not in conjunction with any other offer. 21 The Market, WC2E 8RD.

phone **020 7836 2137**

[www.fuelbar.co.uk](http://www.fuelbar.co.uk)

### Fire & Stone

15% discount off total bill when dining from a la carte menu. Maximum group size 20 people. Not in conjunction with any other offer. Not valid in December. For bookings over 20 ppl contact Scarlett directly. 31-32 Maiden Lane, WC2E 7JS.

phone **0845 330 0139**

[www.fireandstone.com](http://www.fireandstone.com)

## Spanish/ Moroccan cuisine

### El Cantera

25% off total bill discount. The offer will be available Sunday – Thursday, anytime, maximum 10 people. 45 Frith Street, W1D 4SD.

phone **020 7494 9008**

[www.elcantara.co.uk](http://www.elcantara.co.uk)

## Thai cuisine

### East Thai

10% discount on the evening menu (not on takeaways) when presenting a student card. Max 6 people. WC2B 5QF.

phone **020 7405 5551**