

## BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

### PRIMARY BOX OFFICE HOURS:

Regular box office timings are:

Saturday to Thursday, 9:00am – 6:00pm

On days of performances box office timings are:

Saturday to Thursday, 9:00am – 11:00pm

and Friday, 4:00pm – 11:00pm

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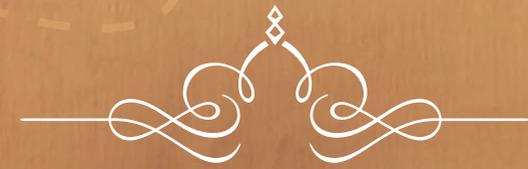


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# OPEN HOUSE ANIMAL WORLD

FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM



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There is a special connection between animals and music that remains mysterious. Ancient Greek philosophers thought that animals and birds in particular, invented music and that human beings simply learned and imitated their musical sounds. Many composers were inspired by techniques in the vocal communication of animals and used them to create their own music. Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* is one of the best examples of 'animal music' ever composed. Certain instruments were used to imitate Peter's duck, the bird, the cat and the wolf.

You will explore the world of animal sounds, discover Arabic tales about animals, learn how to improvise and compose your own music, invent your own tales and create animal puppets. Creative workshops and music activities specially tailored for children will be led by educators, storytellers, musicians and puppeteers.

See below the full programme and book a workshop for your children. Whether you are taking part in the workshop or bringing family members, why not spend time at the Opera Galleria? There will be a selection of associated events and exhibitions in place. See below for more details.

**Open Houses are FREE-TICKETED EVENTS.**

Further information and registration at:

[education@rohmuscat.org.om](mailto:education@rohmuscat.org.om)



# PROGRAMME

FEB 17 Saturday	Foyer	East Porch	South Porch	Multipurpose Room	Maidan	Opera Galleria
10:00-11:15	Puppet Building Group A	Sound Workshop Group A	Storytelling Group A	Music Composing Group A	Drum Circle Group A (children)	Insect World: exhibitions, videos and activities all day
11:30-12:45	Puppet Building Group B	Sound Workshop Group B	Storytelling Group B	Music Composing Group B		
12:30-1:30						Lunch Music
2:00-3:15	Puppet Building Group C	Sound Workshop Group C	Storytelling Group C	Music Composing Group C	Drum Circle Group B (teens/adults)	exhibitions, videos and activities all day
3:30-5:00	Final Showcase					

Come along and enjoy a day at the ROHM, in preparation for *Peter and the Wolf*, our family concert, on February 24th 4:00 pm  
**PETER AND THE WOLF** by Sergej Prokofiev  
 Orchestra of Opéra de Rouen, conductor Frédéric Rouillon  
 Peter & the Wolf LIVE Film by Suzie Templeton (Oscar 2008)  
 The concert will begin with arias about animals by Rossini and Ravel, enriched by a shadow puppet brought to life by the Arab Puppet Theatre Foundation.



## TELL A TALE COMPETITION

Write an original tale about animals!  
 The children with the best 3 tales will be rewarded with two free tickets for any family concert of the season as well as a special gift.

Age: Under 14  
 Deadline: 15th January, 2018

## MUSIC COMPOSING WORKSHOP

with Cathy Milliken

Group A: 10:00-11:15      15 children / age 8-11  
 Group B: 11:30-12:45      15 children / age 8-11  
 Group C: 2:00-3:15      15 children / age 11-14

Come and enjoy music making!



Cathy Milliken offers an intensive composition workshop aimed at engaging young musicians (INSTRUMENTALISTS and SINGERS) in improvisation and composition. The workshops will be adjusted to the experience of the participants and will provide insightful ways for all to tap into their own creativity and expression. The workshops will include musical games to support improvisation as well as creative sessions. The participants should bring their instruments (acoustics, no electric guitars), each group limited to maximum 15 children. The workshop will finish with a small performance for participants and their families and friends.

Participants must have played an instrument or sung for at least 2 years and be interested in creating their own music.

## PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP

with Mahmoud Hourani

Group A: 10:00-11:15      20 children / age 9+  
 Group B: 11:30-12:45      20 children / age 9+  
 Group C: 2:00-3:15      20 children / age 9+

Arab Puppet Theatre Foundation offers an introduction to the skills and techniques of shadow puppet theatre. Participants will learn how to make basic shadow puppets and also explore how to manipulate them. The workshop will include a storytelling presentation about the past and present of shadow theatre in the Arab world. Each group is limited to maximum 20 children.

No specific competence required

## STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

with Jamal Al Mahrooqi

Group A: 10:00-11:15	20 children / age 6-9
Group B: 11:30-12:45	20 children / age 9-12
Group C: 2:00-3:15	20 children / age 6-9

For centuries the Arabian Peninsula and the Middle East region have been the source of amazing legends, fables and tales. For generations, the storyteller – the *hakawati* – would breathe life into those legends and myths so that avid listeners could enjoy and learn from. Let's dive into the past and listen to traditional stories about animals from the distant desert to the high mountains and deep oceans. Learn how to invent and tell a story using your imagination.

No specific competence required

## SOUND WORKSHOP

with Clare Hibberd and ROHM Sound and Broadcast Dept.

Group A: 10:00-11:15	20 children / age 8+
Group B: 11:30-12:45	20 children / age 8+
Group C: 2:00-3:15	20 children / age 8+

This workshop, facilitated by the ROHM sound and broadcast department, will draw on themes from the work of 'eco-acoustician' Bernie Krause.

Renowned for his natural recording techniques Krause has meticulously archived an abundance of natural environments from singing trees to grunting sea anemones. His recordings span a 45 year period.

In this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to experience a variety of different soundscapes, discovering sounds that are familiar and those that are a little more unusual. Working in groups, original soundscapes will be designed to reflect unique aural interpretations of the natural world.

No specific competence required

## DRUM CIRCLE

with Ernesto Raymat

Group A: 10:00-11:00	30 children / age 8+
Group B: 2:00-3:15	60 teens/adults

Sharing rhythm and getting in tune with others is what drives a drum circle. It is a celebration of life and community. Participants sit in a circle and play drums or hand percussion instruments to create a swelling of group rhythm, with the facilitator guiding them in rhythm based activities. Music is improvised, jointly created by the participants and evolves as group expression.

Drumming helps to reduce tension, anxiety and stress. It has been proven to be effective in controlling chronic pain, whilst boosting the immune system and releasing negative feelings. The key word is 'together'. So while stress relief has been medically proven, it is the joy of creating rhythm together that has been shown to conjure a deep connection between likeminded people.

No specific competence required. Bring your own drums or we will provide with one for you!



The word *rhythm* in Greek means 'to flow'. Drumming is a path of healing that guides us into experiencing the flow of our mind and emotions.

## OPERA GALLERIA

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Opera Galleria acts as an extension to the exhibition space of the ROHM. We have put together a programme of exhibitions and events to compliment the performances and workshops being enjoyed at the opera house. The galleria is an easy hop across the courtyard; pop in and see the displays, enjoy a drink or a bite to eat with your family while you wait. A number of the food outlets and stores will be offering discounts to workshop attendees and their families. You could easily while away the time in these serene surroundings.

### What to expect:

- Exhibition of the drawing competition THE GREAT INSECT HUNT
- Insect exhibition in collaboration with Department of Crop Sciences - College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences, Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat
- 12:30 pm Lunch Music concert with Opéra de Rouen artists
- Films, documentaries on insects, puppet making, natural soundscapes
- Face Painting and Animal Masks



'A great silence is spreading over the natural world even as the sound of man is becoming deafening'

Bernie Krause





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## OPEN HOUSE - ANIMAL WORLD

February 17, 2018

### APPLICATION FORM

Name ..... Surname .....

Date and Place of Birth.....

Nationality.....

School.....

Grade.....

Parents/Teachers' Phone..... E-mail.....

For music composing workshop:

Instrument ..... Do you have a teacher at the moment? YES  NO

How long have you been playing your instrument? .....

Why do you wish to take part in this workshop?.....

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Sign in for your workshop (max 2 choices):

FEB 17	Foyer	VIP Porch	South Porch	MPR	Maidan (outdoors)
10:00-11:15	Puppet Building Group A <input type="checkbox"/>	Sound Workshop Group A <input type="checkbox"/>	Storytelling Group A <input type="checkbox"/>	Music Composing Group A <input type="checkbox"/>	Drum Circle Group A <input type="checkbox"/>
11:30-12:45	Puppet Building Group B <input type="checkbox"/>	Sound Workshop Group B <input type="checkbox"/>	Storytelling Group B <input type="checkbox"/>	Music Composing Group B <input type="checkbox"/>	
2:00-3:15	Puppet Building Group C <input type="checkbox"/>	Sound Workshop Group C <input type="checkbox"/>	Storytelling Group C <input type="checkbox"/>	Music Composing Group C <input type="checkbox"/>	Drum Circle Group B <input type="checkbox"/>

Date .....

Signature.....

Tick here if you wish to receive information by email from the ROHM about education and outreach activities.

The enrollment form must be completed legibly and in full and sent to:

education@rohmuscat.org.om