

ENHANCE YOUR EVENT

From season to season, our 2020 cultural programme is ever changing, offering myriad opportunities to enhance your event and provide guests with an unforgettable experience at Somerset House.

PRIVATE VIEWS

Combine your event with exclusive access to one of our exhibitions.

Available every morning before 10.00
Mon - Tue from 18.30 - 20.00
Wed - Fri from 20.30-22.00

EXHIBITION TOURS & TALKS

Offer your guests a unique insight into one of our exhibitions. Tours are available for up to 25 people and last approximately 60 minutes . Two tours can run simultaneously.

Alternatively, enlighten your guests with a curated talk on the themes of the exhibition before exploring the show.

Only available outside of opening hours.

GUEST TICKETS

Surprise your guests with tickets to an exhibition alongside your event. Available during exhibition opening hours.

BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS

Whether it's an historical or film location tour, you can enrich your guests' experience by taking them on a journey through Somerset House.

Our Historical Highlights tours are typically 60 minutes and introduce the history of our magnificent 18th century building - taking in everything from Tudor intrigue to Georgian enlightenment.

Your guide will lead the group from the intricate Lightwells to the atmospheric, subterranean Deadhouse, visiting graceful staircases and the iconic Edmond J .Safra Fountain Court.

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Spring/Summer 2020 Programme



**MUSHROOMS:
THE ART, DESIGN AND FUTURE OF FUNGI**
Terrace Rooms, 31 Jan – 26 Apr 2020

A new exhibition celebrating the remarkable mushroom, and all the progressive, poetic and psychedelic wonder it evokes.

Bringing together the work of over 40 leading artists, designers and musicians, Mushrooms looks at fungi's colourful cultural legacy, as well as the promise it offers to reimagine our relationship with the planet.

[Click here to find out more.](#)



PLANTING BY YIN XIUZHEN: PART OF EARTH DAY 2020
09 Apr – 01 May 2020

On display for the first time in the UK, **Planting** is a striking installation formed of 100 car mufflers erected in the centre of our courtyard. Visitors are invited to contribute to the work, either by lending a plant to be housed in the sculpture, or by tending to them in their new urban home.

Through these acts of collective cultivation, Xiuzhen invites audiences to escape from the city and dwell in the space to reflect on their relationship with the planet and consider how they may nurture it beyond the small acts committed in sustaining Planting.



**NO COMPLY:
SKATE CULTURE AND THE COMMUNITY**
Terrace Rooms, 11 Jun - 18 Aug 2020

Exploring the phenomena of skateboarding, and the impact of its culture and communities on the UK over the past 40 years.

Through the work of leading filmmakers, photographers and designers, No Comply celebrates the UK's vibrant and diverse skate scene, documenting the influence the subculture has played in reimagining the cities, spaces and culture which surrounds us.

[Click here to find out more.](#)



SONY WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS
17 Apr – 04 May 2020

A selection of the world's best photography from the past year returns to Somerset House for the internationally acclaimed Sony World Photography Awards 2020 exhibition.

Now in its 13th year, this major exhibition celebrates photography in all its diversity, from landscape to portraiture, wildlife to fine art, by established and emerging talents from around the globe. All artworks are selected from the winning and shortlisted entries from the Sony World Photography Awards.