

What's On

The Box JULY 2025

EXHIBITIONS (FREE)

All open from 10am-5pm Tuesday-Sunday

Forbidden Territories

On display now – until 7 September 2025

An array of British and international artists including the world-famous Salvador Dali and Lee Miller, take you on a journey through the imagined universes, dreamlike scenes and bizarre features of Surrealism over the last century.

Jyll Bradley: Running and Returning

On display now – until 2 November 2025

A major exhibition charting the career and pioneering talent of British artist Jyll Bradley over the last 30 years, including photography, film, sculpture and a major piece of public art.

FILM (FREE)

Tyler Mellins: The Witching Hour

On display now – until 7 September 2025

Collaged together using footage from the film archive at The Box, *The Witching Hour* positions the local landscape as a stage for strange dreams and fears to play out on. Drawing on regional folk customs and LGBT+ histories, this new work will encourage you to 'turn and face the strange' and embrace difference.

DISPLAYS (FREE)

Sonya Dyer: hybrida composita

On display now – until 7 September 2025

A new sculpture that imagines a creature found in Plymouth's waters many centuries from now. Which creatures will survive in the future and how they will adapt?

DISPLAYS (FREE) continued

Surreal Estates

On display now – until 7 September 2025

See children and young people's entries to The Box's annual regional art competition, all of which have been inspired by Surrealism and landscape. This display also includes a small selection of Surrealists in the South West on loan from Falmouth Art Gallery.

Jyll Bradley: Life and Influences

On display now – until 2 November 2025

How do family stories shape us, and how can archives help tell those stories? This unique display combines records from The Box's archives with personal items and memories from artist Jyll Bradley, exploring the influence of her childhood experiences and providing insights into some of her ancestors who had strong links with Plymouth and the South West.

HELLO SAILOR (FREE)

Saturday 5 July

4-7pm at Tinside Lido, The Hoe

This family-friendly celebration packed with live music, bold performances, and unexpected surprises will splash into Tinside Lido in early July! It's all part of *The Triumph of Art* by artist Jeremy Deller: a joyful nationwide performance that will bring the National Gallery's collection to life and which is being delivered in partnership with The Box plus partners in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. **This event is fully booked but there will be lots of free viewing points along the Hoe promenade where you can stand and watch the action unfold!**

Hello Sailor Afterparty

Saturday 5 July

7-11pm

Soak up the party atmosphere after our major event at Tinside Lido. Everyone is welcome! Enjoy live DJ sets by Leonie Prentice and Vivify and a performance by sea shanty group 'Seaweed in the Fruit Locker'. A delicious street food menu and drinks promotions will be on offer in The Box Kitchen & Bar. This is an 18+ event.

EVENTS

Tell Me a Story (FREE)

Friday 4, 11, 18 and 25 July

10.30-11am

Fun, free storytelling for under 5s.

I Wonder

Tuesday 8 July

10-10.50am and 11.15-12.05pm

Weekly term-time sensory art sessions for under 5s.

Bitesize: Insights into The Cottonian Collection

Wednesday 16 July

1-1.45pm

Enjoy an informal talk by art curator Terah Walkup that explores the collectors, significance and highlights of our historically important Cottonian Collection.

The Armada Cup Town Crier Competition (FREE)

Friday 25 July

11.30am-2.30pm

Listen, enjoy and soak up a unique bit of British culture as town criers from near and far battle it out in Tavistock Place.

Family Fun: Imagine That! (FREE)

Tuesday 29-Thursday 31 July

10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30-3.30pm

(last entries at 12.15pm and 3.15pm)

Creepy crawlies, circus performers, puppets and collage....Join us during the summer holidays to get creative at our family-friendly drop-ins with different fun and crazy activities each week. Continues on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout August.

Some events are bookable and have an admission charge. Please check the what's on section of theboxplymouth.com for full details. Although many of our events are free, donations are always welcome!