

# What's on

## The Box SEPTEMBER 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 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 artist Jyll Bradley, including photography, film, sculpture and public art.

### FILM (FREE)

#### Tyler Mellins: The Witching Hour

**Last chance to see – 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.

### 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?

#### 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 her links with Plymouth and the South West.

### EVENTS

#### Family Bug Bonanza (FREE)

**Tuesday 2 September**

**10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30-3.30pm**

**(last entries at 12.15pm and 3.15pm)**

Back by popular demand! Come and meet the University of Plymouth's incredible bug handling team and get up close to some amazing insects.

#### Tell Me a Story (FREE)

**Friday 5, 12, 19 and 26 September**

**10.30-11am**

Fun, free storytelling for under 5s.

### SUPER CELEBRATION SATURDAY: THE BOX IS FIVE

**Saturday 6 September**

**10.30am-3.30pm**

The Box is five this month and we'll be celebrating in style on Saturday 6 September. Come and soak up the party atmosphere with a wonderful day of music, dance performances, creativity, family fun, party games and more!

#### Adults Late: Forbidden Territories

**Saturday 6 September | 6-10pm**

Join us for an adults-only chance to look around our major 'Forbidden Territories: 100 Years of Surreal Landscapes' exhibition, before it comes to an end! Experience the amazing works of art in the show after-hours before they leave the UK and head to the next destination on their international tour. Reserve a table in The Box Kitchen & Bar via [theboxkitchen@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:theboxkitchen@plymouth.gov.uk) if you'd like to really make an evening of it.

#### I Wonder

**Tuesday 9, 16, 23 and 30 September**

**10-10.50am and 11.15-12.05pm**

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

#### Life Drawing with Ralph Nel

**Friday 12 September**

**2-4pm**

Take part in a life drawing class that covers a range of techniques, tips, and tricks. Explore the Masters and their artistic philosophies, line drawing, tonal drawing, studying weight and breaking down the human form, as well as how to use a 'unit of measurement' to accurately draw models.

#### Bitesize: Jyll Bradley: Inspired by Nature (FREE)

**Wednesday 17 September**

**1-1.45pm**

Join us for a special tour of the 'Jyll Bradley: Running and Returning' exhibition, with a special focus on its connections with nature. There will also be a chance to view a selection of herbarium items from The Box, learn more about the natural history collections and how they have and continue to inspire artists. This event is part of the Art History Festival 2025 organised by the Association for Art History.

#### Behind The Scenes Tour

**Thursday 28 September**

**10.30-11.30am**

Join a member of the archives team for a fascinating glimpse behind the scenes in our basement, stores and Cottonian Research Room.

#### Plain Speaking Tours (FREE)

**Sunday 28 September**

**11am-12pm and 2-3pm**

Join a member of The Box's brilliant volunteer team to explore the 'Jyll Bradley: Running and Returning' exhibition and discover more about some of the key works that are on display.

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