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How to: Autumn Programme

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11.11.2015

Evening Event, 6:45pm - 8:00pm

how to: Simon Callow on Orson Welles (How to be a One-Man Band: Orson Welles's Declaration of Independence)

with Simon Callow

In this talk on Orson Welles, Simon Callow drawing from his new book *One-Man*

Band, the third volume in his epic survey of Orson Welles' life and work, will present one of the most complex artists of the twentieth century, looking closely at the triumphs and failures of an ambitious one-man assault on one medium after another – theatre, radio, film, television – even, at one point, ballet – in each of which his radical and original approach opened up new directions and hitherto unglimped possibilities.

The talk will start with Welles' self-exile from America, and his realisation that he could only function happily as an independent film-maker, a one-man band; by 1964,



he had filmed *Othello*, which took three years to complete, and his masterpiece *Chimes at Midnight*, as well as *Touch of Evil*, his sole return to Hollywood, like all too many of his films wrested from his grasp and re-edited.

Along the way he made inroads into the fledgling medium of television and a number of stage plays, including *Moby-Dick*, considered by theatre historians to be one of the

seminal productions of the century. His private life was as dramatic as his professional life.

The book shows what it was like to be around Welles, and what it was like to be him, in which lies the answer to the old riddle: whatever happened to Orson Welles?





FRENCH THOUGHT



10.11.2015

how to: How the French Think with Sudhir Hazareesingh
with Sudhir Hazareesingh

An incisive exploration of the French intellectual tradition.

In this talk for the How To Academy on *How The French Think*, Sudhir Hazareesingh will discuss the French intellectual tradition, exploring its long-term characteristics and evolutions over the past 400 years. Ranging from the philosophical ideas of Voltaire and Descartes, to the symbolic significance of Astérix, Sudhir Hazareesingh will show how bold, imaginative and sweeping French thought has been, tracing its tumultuous history from a confident and often brazen optimism to the current mood of increasing introspection....

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ART



06.10.2015

how to: An Evening with Edmund de Waal

with Edmund de Waal

The bestselling author of *The Hare With Amber Eyes* is back with a new book *The White Road*: an intimate journey in search of porcelain, a substance he has been obsessed with for most of his life. It is a journey across continents that begins in Jingdezhen, China, the birthplace of porcelain, and embraces Venice, Versailles, Dublin, Dresden, the Appalachian Mountains of South Carolina and the English southwest.

In this talk Edmund de Waal will explain why for centuries, porcelain has transfixed emperors and alchemists, philosophers, craftsmen and collectors, all eager to decode the secret of 'white gold'. The White Road is full of compelling encounters with those who were witness to its creation, those who were inspired, made rich or heartsick by it, and the many whose livelihoods, minds and bodies were broken by it in some of the darkest moments of our history.

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HISTORY



30.09.2015 *Last tickets remaining*
how to: Spies, Codes and Guerrillas 1939–1945
with Max Hastings

In this talk for the How To Academy based on his new book on *Spies, Codes and Guerrillas*, Max Hastings will talk about the espionage and intelligence machines of all sides in World War II, and the impact of spies, code-breakers and partisan operations on events.

He will examine key moments, such as the Soviet espionage operations which dwarfed those of every other belligerent in scale, as well as the code-breaking operation at Bletchley Park – the greatest intelligence achievement of the conflict.

The talk will also touch on other less well known tales of high courage ashore, at sea and in the air such as womanising Richard Sorge pretending to be a committed Nazi whilst spying for the Soviet Union from the German embassy in Tokyo, and Joseph Rochefort, the awkward, overlooked US naval intelligence officer who in a moment of inspiration became the man who won the battle of Midway.

For an evening full of high policy, human drama, treachery, guerrilla warfare, ciphers, clandestine meetings in cafes, and wireless operators tapping out messages across the airwaves, this is the talk to come to.

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08.10.2015

how to: English Monarchs. Victoria, William & Mary, Henry V

with Anne Curry, Helen Castor, Jane Ridley, Jonathan Keates

Following on from the huge success of the first series of talks to launch the Penguin Monarch series, the How To Academy is delighted to present another evening of talks and discussion. Join us to hear Jane Ridley on Victoria, Jonathan Keates on William & Mary and Anne Curry on Henry V.

Moderated by historian Helen Castor, this promises to be another fascinating exploration of the nature of Monarchy and its place at the heart of our history.

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EXPLORATION



13.10.2015

how to: An Evening with Ranulph Fiennes

with Ranulph Fiennes

In this talk for the How To Academy, the world's greatest living explorer who has travelled to some of the most remote, dangerous parts of the globe and is well-known for his experiences at the poles and climbing Everest, will talk about how he has also endured some of the hottest conditions on the planet, where temperatures regularly exceed 40 degrees and, without water and shelter, death is inevitable.

Ranulph Fiennes was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE). One of Britain's most famous explorers, he has raised over £14 million for charity and was named Best Sportsman in the 2007 ITV Great Britain Awards. In 2009 he became the oldest Briton to reach the summit of Everest and in 2015, the oldest Briton to complete the Marathon des Sables.

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NATURE



24.09.2015

how to: The Company of Trees. (A Personal Journey with Thomas Pakenham)

with Thomas Pakenham

In this talk acclaimed historian and bestselling author Thomas Pakenham , the original Man of the Trees, will share his profound love of trees.

Drawing on his new book *The Company of Trees* Thomas will recount his personal quest to establish a large arboretum at his family estate, Tullynally in Ireland, his forays to other tree-filled parks and plantations, his often hazardous seed-hunting expeditions, and his efforts to preserve magnificent old trees and historic woodlands.

We will also journey with him to the Tibetan border in search of a magnolia and to Eastern Patagonia to see the last remaining giants of the Monkey Puzzle tree, to Tibet's Tsango Gorge which yields more than 100 bags of seeds, including the Tibetan golden oak, the Tsango cypress and blue-stemmed maples.

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WINE



04.11.2015

how to: Jancis Robinson on Wine's New Directions

with Jancis Robinson

Described by the Washington Post as: '*the greatest wine book ever published*', the 4th Edition of *The Oxford Companion to Wine* comes out in September, nine years after the 3rd edition. New entries such as Hong Kong, indigenous varieties, minerality, natural wines and urban wineries hint at some of the many changes that have been sweeping through the world of wine. After a glass of wine that illustrates one or two of these changes, Jancis Robinson, described by Decanter magazine as '*the most respected wine critic and journalist in the world*', will bring us up to speed with the latest developments.

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LITERATURE



30.09.2015

**how to: Lewis Carroll,
Alice's Adventures in
Wonderland**

with Professor Robert
Douglas-Fairhurst



28.10.2015

**how to: F. Scott
Fitzgerald, The Great
Gatsby**

with Sarah Churchwell



25.11.2015

**how to: Henry James,
The Spoils of Poynton**

with Jonathan Keates



14.10.2015

**how to: Saul Bellow,
Herzog**

with Zachary Leader



11.11.2015

**how to: Thomas De
Quincey, Confessions
of an English Opium-
Eater**

with Frances Wilson



09.12.2015

**how to: Dostoevsky,
The Brothers
Karamazov**

with Paul Keegan



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