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How to: October Programme

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There are 3 places left for the upcoming *How To Make a Film in a Weekend* (28th--29th September) Last weekend's course was a great success, so do book now if you'd like to attend. And we have limited availability for *How To Read James Joyce* - also taking place this weekend.

Next week on Monday 30th we have a fascinating early evening event

focused on *Understanding Iran*; on Saturday 5th a *Midnight Film Masterclass* with inspirational lecturer Colin MacCabe -- actually it starts at 11pm -- and on 5th and 6th a weekend devoted to *How To Philosophize* (without a hammer) in which Professor Ken Gemes will now be making a guest appearance to talk about Wittgenstein and Freud.

There are a number of exciting new events in November for which booking is now open: on 7th November a *Ballet Masterclass* at the Royal Opera House taught by legendary prima ballerina Monica Mason. And on 9th--10th November a weekend devoted to *Opera*, led by Rupert Christiansen.

Looking further ahead as part of our collaboration with The Telegraph, in January 2014 we have a whole weekend devoted to reading *Marcel Proust* and in March a unique all-day seminar on *How to Read Samuel Beckett*; in between we'll be offering one-day and weekend seminars on Dante, Dickens, Dostoevsky and other pillars of the western canon.

Do join us at the How To Academy.

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BOOKING OPEN AND LAST PLACES REMAINING



Last places remaining...

28.09.2013 - 29.09.2013

Weekend Event, 10am - 5pm

how to: Read James Joyce
with Colin MacCabe

The Telegraph/How To Academy seminars celebrate the art of reading and the craft of criticism. In this unique series, we ask authors to stand before a page rather than a podium, to share a private passion rather than give a public performance - and we ask readers to roll up their sleeves and participate.

[Read more and book.](#)



Last 3 places remaining...

28.09.2013 - 29.09.2013

Weekend Event, 10am - 6pm on both days

how to: Make a Film in a Weekend
with Bartek Dziadosz

Impossible? Not if you attend one of these ingeniously thorough training courses. At 10am on Saturday you will learn how to switch on the camera, and by 6pm next day you will be in a cinema seat watching your own three-minute short on the big screen.

[Read more and book.](#)



30.09.2013

Evening Event, 7-8.30pm

how to: Understand Iran

with Michael Axworthy, James Buchan, Sir Richard Dalton, Dr. Ziba Mir-Hosseini

How the West should act vis-a-vis Iran dominates the media. But how much do we know about Iran to inform our judgements? How much of Iran's past are we aware of? In this major event four leading authorities will take a masterclass in Iranian history and discuss with the audience the past, present and possible futures for this great nation.

[Read more and book.](#)



05.10.2013

Evening Event, 11pm - 12:30am

how to: A Midnight Masterclass in Film
with Colin MacCabe

A midnight masterclass on some of the greatest moments in world cinema, explaining in close-up what makes each clip so perfect. The shot, the cut, the grammar of film: this unique take on the finest of all modern entertainments will be essential viewing.

[Read more and book.](#)



05.10.2013 - 06.10.2013

Weekend Event, 10am - 6:50pm

how to: Philosophize in a Weekend

with Jane O'Grady, Professor Ken Gemes

Who am I? How do I know what I know - or whether things are really as they seem? How should I live? Now is the chance to find out, in the space of a weekend. Some of the answers, by some of the greatest thinkers: Plato's Cave, Descartes' cogito, Kant's imperatives, Heidegger's hammer, Sartre's waiter. These riddles and many more...

[Read more and book.](#)



09.10.2013

Evening Event, 7pm-10pm

how to: Create a Vertical Garden
with Patrick Blanc

For the urban gardener short on space, one of the most exciting new developments is vertical gardening on the sides of buildings. The world's leading expert Patrick Blanc will reveal the possibilities for greening our walls, our courtyards, our cities, and will explain the art of soil-less planting.

[Read more and book.](#)



Last places remaining...

12.10.2013 - 13.10.2013

Weekend Event, 10am - 5pm

how to: Take Great Photographs with David Montgomery

We all take photographs but few of us can make one - mastering with a click the unrepeatable moment. We buy better cameras but find ourselves pressing the A button - for average. Photography is more than holding a camera or an iPhone: it is a way of seeing. This two day workshop with master-photographer David Montgomery will show you the rules of light and the basics of classic picture-taking.

[Read more and book.](#)



16.10.2013

Evening Event, 6:45pm

how to: Make Money from Investing in a Buy to Let
with Lindsay Cuthill from Savills, Carol Bennett from
Designed Interiors, Lucy Morton W. A. Ellis, Mike Boles
from SPF, Simon Connell from Property Vision

A workshop led by five property experts: how and where to find
the right property, finance its purchase, decorate for maximum
rental value - and all you need to know about the letting process.

[Read more and book.](#)



17.10.2013

Evening Event, 6.45-8.30pm

how to: Understand Turkey

with Philip Mansel, Andrew Finkel, Elif Shafak, Norman Stone

With the recent Turkish riots, the need to understand this most complex of countries has never been more pressing. In a unique event, four experts - historians Norman Stone and Philip Mansel, Turkish-based journalist Andrew Finkel, and novelist Elif Shafak - will explore the history of the country, the legacy of Ataturk, and the political situation today.

[Read more and book.](#)



22.10.2013 - 23.10.2013

Workshop, day 1: 10am - 5pm, day 2: 9am - 4pm

how to: Teenager Life Skills Jamboree

with Edie Lush, Anastasia Baker, Charity Charity, James Barton, James Uffindell, Robin Kennedy, Rachel Spedding, Steve Schwartz

A unique two-day half-term all-out event for teenagers. Individual sessions will include: how to interview well, how to write a great CV, how to gain work experience, how to break into the workplace, and how to get into Oxbridge or an American University.

[Read more and book.](#)



07.11.2013

Evening Event, 7.30pm - 9pm

how to: Ballet Masterclass at The Royal Opera House

with Dame Monica Mason

Whether you're a long time balletomane or new to the art, the next performance you see will be hugely enhanced by this informative and entertaining evening with Dame Monica Mason, former Director of The Royal Ballet Company. A step-by-step guide to the language of ballet will be illustrated by dancers from the Company.

[Read more and book.](#)



09.11.2013 - 10.11.2013

Weekend Event, 10am-5pm

how to: Deepen Your Love of Opera
with Rupert Christiansen

A weekend course for those who like to understand more fully this most challenging and yet viscerally enthralling of the performing arts - led by eminent critic Rupert Christiansen.

[Read more and book.](#)



13.11.2013

Evening Event, 7pm - 8:30pm

how to: Understand Your Dog
with Bruce Fogle

*Why does my dog treat me as staff?
How much of what I say does my dog really
understand?*

Every dog-lover must wonder what their hound is thinking. Why do they bark at trees? Why do they bite men in uniform? What are they up to when they roam about in gangs? In this event, author Dr Bruce Fogle explains all you need to know about your best friend.

[Read more and book.](#)



11.01.2014 - 12.01.2014
Weekend Event, 10am - 5pm, both days
how to: Read Proust
with Patrick McGuinness

Proust's great novel has been described as 'a conspiracy against readers'. The course is designed for all who are resolved (or merely tempted) to embark on this voyage for themselves, offering a variety of useful charts and soundings, and a checklist of what to bring along as essential kit.

[Read more and book.](#)



If there's a Course you'd like to take which isn't currently included in our programme, email us with the details of what you'd like us to organise and if there's sufficient demand, we will contact our extensive network of distinguished teachers, lecturers and writers to arrange a course tailored to your needs.



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