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Shadows and lights

Fitz opens for after-hours events on Friday 13 May

- Cambridge's Fitzwilliam part of national *Museums at Night*
- Events include digital spectacle with film and music
- Live samba, swing and song

The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, is joining in with national *Museums at Night* weekend, opening its doors for an evening of events, art and music on Friday 13 May 2011, 6.00 – 9.00 pm.

Now in its third year, *Museums at Night* promotes out-of-the-ordinary evening events of all types in museums across the country, from live re-enactments and special tours, to film screenings and even sleepovers in the galleries.

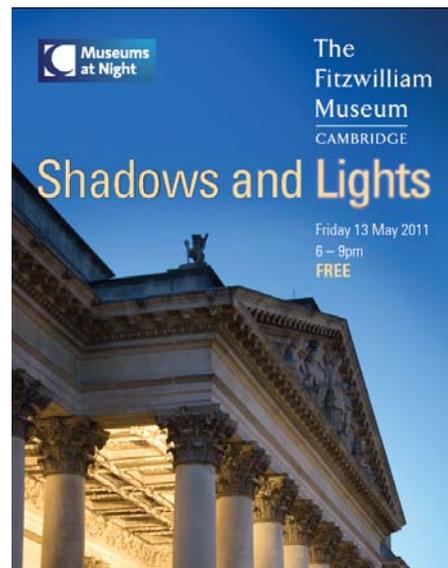
In Cambridge, the Fitz is holding a free evening of entertainment for all ages called *Shadows and Lights*, themed around light and dark.

Highlights include music by local samba band *Arco Iris*, jazz from *Swingball* and *Songs of Starlight and Shadow* from Rachel Godsill soprano and Marie-Noelle Kendall piano. The Museum is also presenting a **live VJ digital event** with film projections and sound, an evening opening of the major exhibitions *Italian Drawings* and *Italian Etchings*, family activities including lantern making workshops, demonstrations of how ancient Greek oil lamps were used, late opening of the shop, cocktails and refreshments in the Courtyard café.

There will also be a competition during the evening to win one of the replica ancient lamps, sourced directly from Greece.

This year's *Museums at Night* event at the Fitzwilliam follows on from the incredibly popular Cambridge Museums' evening opening *Twilight at the Museums* in February, which attracted over 2,600 visitors to the Fitz alone.

Shadows and Lights takes place at the **Fitzwilliam Museum** on **Friday 13 May 2011 from 6 – 9pm; entry is FREE**. For more information visit www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk.



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The Fitzwilliam Museum

The Fitzwilliam Museum houses the University of Cambridge's art collection and is a public museum and art gallery with an international reputation. More than half a million objects and works of art are held in five curatorial departments: Antiquities, Applied Arts, Coins and Medals, Manuscripts and Printed Books and Paintings, Drawings and Prints. The Fitzwilliam's treasures range from Ancient Egyptian, Greek and Roman antiquities to the arts of the 21st century and include masterpieces by Titian, Canaletto, Stubbs, Constable, Monet, Renoir and Picasso, one of the world's foremost Rembrandt print collections, Handel music manuscripts and the famous Fitzwilliam Virginal Book, one of the most significant collections of Korean ceramics outside South-East Asia, medieval illuminated manuscripts and outstanding collections of pottery, porcelain and medieval coins. The Fitzwilliam Museum welcomes over 300,000 visitors a year, offers a wide-ranging programme of temporary exhibitions and events, and has an award-winning Education Service. The Museum is open Tuesday – Saturday: 10.00 – 17.00, Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays: 12.00 – 17.00. Free admission. www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk

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