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Arts Flash Sale for Bristol extends to Bath

Bristol's biggest music, theatre and art venues will again unite to offer discounted tickets in a 24-hour flash sale this Thursday (19 January) from 10am.

For the first time, the initiative has extended into Bath offering residents and visitors the opportunity to discover new experiences and venues at a fraction of the price.

Venues and organisations participating in the January Flash Sale include St George's Bristol, Colston Hall, Bristol Museum & Art Gallery, M Shed, Bristol Old Vic, Tobacco Factory Theatres, Spike Island, The Bath Festival, Bristol Cathedral, Asian Arts Agency, In Between Time Bristol International Festival, Bristol Hippodrome, Watershed, A Handful of Singers at St John's Church, Bath Philharmonia at the Assembly Rooms, Bath Spa Live, Fashion Museum Bath and Bath Choral Society.

This is the sixth time Bristol's cultural venues have come together and joined the camaraderie of January sales, usually reserved for retail hot spots.

Visitors to both cities can also make their money go further and discover more cultural highlights in Bristol and Bath with a short break.

Flash sale offers will be promoted through various Twitter feeds, using the hashtag #flashtag as well as individual venue and organisation websites. Highlights include:

- St George's offering 25% off 21 events from the Soloists of the OAE, and percussionist Evelyn Glennie, to folk stars O'Hooley and Tidow, world music from Mor Kabasi, spoken word and family events, as well as a Prosecco offer
- 25% off on over 25 events at Colston Hall including King Creosote, There Will Be Blood Live, Slapstick Festival and Jazz Festival events, plus great comedy, jazz, and hip-hop
- 30% off best available seats for selected Bristol Old Vic Theatre shows from January to July
- Great discounts on tickets for shows from the Dec 2017 – May 2017 season at Tobacco Factory Theatres, including both productions in the Shakespeare and Classic Drama season – *Othello* and *Tartuffe*. Plus 40% off rehearsal space and room hire in February and March.
- Half-price tickets available for Not Dead Enough and Theatre Tours, plus 25% off tickets for Aida, at Bristol Hippodrome (use the password flashtag)
- Watershed cinema is offering 25% off films in January
- 50% off tickets booked online for 'Wildlife Photographer of the Year' at M Shed and 'Warrior Treasures: Saxon Gold from the Staffordshire Hoard' at Bristol Museum & Art Gallery
- 'The Anatomy of Antiques: In conversation with Marc Allum' – a talk by the BBC Antiques Roadshow expert on 28 January (tickets £10 each, saving £2)
- 10% off education workshops booked on January 19 at Bristol Museums

- 30% off Band A tickets for American Jazz singer Madeleine Peyroux, Herbert Blomstedt with Philharmonia Orchestra through The Bath Festival
- 30% off tickets for The Good Immigrant, £4.50 off tickets for Laudamus at St John’s Church and savings of up to £7.50 for tickets for Craig Ogden with Bath Philharmonia at the Assembly Rooms when bought through Bath Box Office (book online quoting FLASH2017)
- Bath Spa Live has 11 concerts with 30% tickets at the University Theatre, Michael Tippet Centre and St Swithin’s Church. Available through Bath Box Office website only, enter FLASH2017 at checkout.
- Fashion Museum Bath has 30% off the first 20 tickets sold to four of their fantastic Twilight Talks. “Lace in Fashion,” “The Batheaston Suffragettes,” “Luxury or Novelty?” and “Historical Gloves.” Discounted tickets are available through Bath Box Office website, enter JANUARYSALE at checkout.
- Bath Choral Society is offering 30% off tickets for ‘St John Passion,’ with tickets available from £7. Discount is available online through Bath Box Office only, enter discount code JOHN17 at checkout.
- Spike Island will be offering tickets to Novel Writers for just £2.50, a series in partnership with Bristol Festival of Ideas – featuring Cornish writer Wyl Menmuir and Scottish writer David Keenan and tickets for just £5 will be available for “Sounding in, sounding out”, an event led by artist Evan Ifekoya in collaboration with Network11, and inspired by the current exhibition of the artist Lubaina Himid.

Tania Smith, Ticketing and Sales Officer for St George’s Bristol, said: “This flash sale offers a great opportunity for people to explore the arts and culture scene in Bristol and Bath.”

Becky Molloy, Box Office Manager for Bath Box Office said: “As a bespoke ticketing agency located in the heart of Bath, we are fully supporting this flash sale.

“Every penny spent on ticket purchases through Bath Box Office supports arts activities, venues and theatre companies in the local area. Buy local and support the arts!”

Martin Pople, Manager of Bristol and Bath Cultural Destinations Project, said: “We want to encourage residents and visitors to explore more of both cities. When it comes to arts and events, Bristol and Bath are an unbeatable combination with so much to offer. From the Roman Baths to Banksy, from heritage to the hip and happening, there is something appealing for everyone.

“For the first time the flash sale now includes Bath and we are looking forward to other two city initiatives to boost culture and tourism in the future.”

For more information please check individual venue and organisation websites for full details, including booking information, plus terms and conditions, and also search #flashtag on Twitter.

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Images for shows included in the Flash Sale can be found in this Dropbox folder -
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zhxp4n6rv87ke6b/AAfHxgbR-uZ4Q-x0NQWcB9aa?dl=0>

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