Seven of the University of Cambridge Museums will open after hours for special evening events as part of Museums at Night on 14 and 15 May.

On Thursday 14 and Friday 15 May the University of Cambridge Museums will kick back, relax and invite you to join them after hours for drop-in evening entertainment. From live music or a chance to get a tour from the curator of Kettle’s Yard’s ‘New Rhythms’ exhibition, to drinking and drawing among classical sculptures or testing your wits against the Sedgwick team’s interactive live escape game – there will be lots of grown up fun on offer at seven of the University’s museums.

As part of Museums at Night, Culture 24’s annual national festival that sees hundreds of museums, galleries and heritage sites stay open late for special evening events, the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Museum of Classical Archaeology, The Fitzwilliam Museum, Kettle’s Yard, Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences, The Polar Museum, and Whipple Museum of the History of Science will open their doors and welcome visitors to socialise with friends and experience their nightlife.

On Friday some of the highlights will include The Fitzwilliam’s Imagination Museum, which will bring to life the artefacts and hidden nooks of the museum through words and movement – created in collaboration with writer Anna Selby, composer Max Perryment, and choreographer Katie Green. Pop up talks and a tour of the ‘New Rhythms’ exhibition, which recently received a rave review in The Telegraph, will be on offer at Kettle’s Yard from curator Dr Jennifer Powell. Young researchers who have worked with the Whipple Museum and Library’s fascinating collections will also return to help you uncover the many intriguing stories behind the objects.

For those wanting to get more hands on, you can pick up a glass of wine and a pencil and have a go at sketching a few of the 450 plaster casts of Roman and Greek sculpture on display at the Museum of Classical Archaeology. No experience is required and materials will be provided, all under the expert guidance of artist Susie Olczak.

The Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences will also put on a re-run of their popular interactive live escape game from last year – Escape the Crystal Room. With a group of up to eight friends, your mission will be to find hints and clues, solve puzzles, and crack codes as you race against time to escape from a locked room inside the museum after dark. There are only four slots available so booking is required and will cost £30 per group. If you don’t fancy taxing the little grey cells, the Sedgwick Museum will also be open for you to browse from 5-8pm and a bar will be available.

All other events are free to attend and most do not require booking. With so many of the special events within easy walking distance, why not drop by a few and see what different nightlife the museums have to offer?

You can find information about all the events taking place as part of Museums at Night here www.cam.ac.uk/museumsatnight

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Notes to Editors:

1. **Museums at Night** is the annual after-hours festival of arts, culture and heritage when hundreds of museums, galleries, libraries, archives and heritage sites open their doors for special evening events. It takes place over the weekend of Wednesday 13 to Saturday 16 May, 2015. [www.museumsatnight.org.uk](http://www.museumsatnight.org.uk)

2. **Culture24** is a non-profit cultural publishing organisation supporting arts and heritage venues to reach audiences across digital platforms. We collect and share cultural data, publish websites, run the national Museums at Night campaign and lead action research projects. [www.WeAreCulture24.org.uk](http://www.WeAreCulture24.org.uk)

3. **Arts Council England** champions, develops and invests in artistic and cultural experiences that enrich people’s lives. We support a range of activities across the arts, museums and libraries – from theatre to digital art, reading to dance, music to literature, and crafts to collections. Great art and culture inspires us, brings us together and teaches us about ourselves and the world around us. In short, it makes life better. Between 2011 and 2015, we will invest £1.4 billion of public money from government and an estimated £1 billion from the National Lottery to help create these experiences for as many people as possible across the country. [www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk)

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