For drinks at nightfall...and wonders that enthral
...join us for Museums at Night
Friday 16 May 2014

This year six of the University of Cambridge Museums will be taking part in Museums at Night, Culture 24’s annual national festival that sees hundreds of museums, galleries and heritage sites stay open late and offer special evening events. This year join the Fitzwilliam Museum, Kettle’s Yard, the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, The Polar Museum, the Museum of Classical Archaeology and the Whipple Museum of the History of Science, as they open their doors on Friday 16 May to welcome visitors for a unique evening experience.

There will be talks, trails and grown up fun! Musical highlights include a vintage skiffle band performing live at the Fitzwilliam Museum and University of Cambridge students will keep visitors tunefully entertained at Kettle’s Yard. There will be the opportunity to enjoy a glass of wine in the extraordinary cast gallery of the Museum of Classical Archaeology whilst listening to spotlight talks that give an insight into the collection. Top researchers will be on hand at the Whipple Museum to answer those burning questions about the museum’s intriguing scientific instruments. Stand-up-style entertainment is the order of the day at The Polar Museum – find out about current polar science, try out science experiments and be entertained by science buskers. The Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology welcomes three artists from Chile who will be displaying their contemporary and indigenous artwork, which includes jewellery made from silver, wheat straw and dyed horsehair.

All this is FREE and is a rare opportunity to see the museums in a new light as they take on a new life after dark. This evening will be an opportunity to socialise with friends in a unique setting, surrounded by the world class collections of the University of Cambridge Museums. This year more of our museums are involved, staying open later, and for longer.

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Notes to Editors:

Museums taking part:
The Fitzwilliam Museum, Friday 16 May, extended opening until 9pm
Kettle’s Yard, Friday 16 May, House open 5-8pm
Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Friday 16 May, 5-9pm
The Polar Museum, Friday 16 May, 6-8pm
Museum of Classical Archaeology, Friday 16 May, 6-9pm
Whipple Museum of the History of Science, Friday 16 May, 6-8pm

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 Thursday 15 to Saturday 17, 2014. [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)