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Glynn Vivian Talks and Events Programme, Autumn 2025

Free, everyone welcome. Booking is essential for all Artist Talks and Tours.

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Performance Art Land – Launch Event

Thursday 25 September 2025, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Performance Art Land 2025's Launch Event will present a series of Artist Talks and roundtable discussions. It will present four participating artists as well as collaborating art practitioners, including Angela Davies, Tsubasa Kato, Li Binyuan and Anushiye Yarnell. Attendees will also be encouraged to engage in discussions on Welsh local heritage and culture, site-specific performance art, and related broader themes.

Friends of the Glynn Vivian talk with Professor Helen Fulton

Friday 26 September 2025, 12:30 pm - 13:30 pm

Why does Wales have a red dragon on its flag? This talk explains the origins of the Welsh dragon in early British legend and why it is different from other dragons. Find out how it came to represent the Welsh nation within the British empire, and why it is still used today as a symbol of national pride.

Friends of the Glynn Vivian talk with Andrew Renton

Saturday 4 October 2025, 12:30 pm - 13:30pm

This talk explores how these encounters are reflected in public collections in Wales. These document Wales's active role in British colonialism and the lasting influence of this in Wales today.

Conference for Tigers & Dragons: India and Wales in Britain

Friday 10 October 2025, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

This programme explores the main thematic sections of the exhibition; unpicking the historical and contemporary threads that link the Indian subcontinent and Wales with the help of artists, curators, historians and cultural theorists.

Highlights include;

Welcome, from Karen MacKinnon (MBE), Curator of Swansea's Glynn Vivian Art Gallery and Dr Peter Dent, Head of History of Art, University of Bristol, UK.

Overview from the Curators of *Tigers & Dragons* exhibition, Katy Freer, Glynn Vivian Exhibitions Officer and Dr Zehra Jumabhoy.

Guest speakers include;

Romantic Landscapes: J.M.W. Turner's Visions of Wales and India

Dr Nicole Cochrane (Tate Britain, London)

Dragons & Mother-lands

Prof Martin Johnes (Swansea University)

Wales as Woman (how The Bard lost out to Blodwen)

Peter Lord (Wales' award-winning art historian)

Gardening the Archive: Anthotypes, Empire and Photographic Resistance

David Alesworth (Artist, Bristol)

From 4:30 pm, Drinks and Tigers & Dragons Book Launch

[Gallery Tour with Dr Zehra Jumabhoy](#)

Saturday 11 October 2025, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Join us for a special guided tour of **Tigers & Dragons: India and Wales in Britain** with exhibition Co-curator, Dr Zehra Jumabhoy.

[Glynn Vivian At Night](#)

Thursday 20 November 2025, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Celebrate the opening of our new exhibitions. Enjoy the Gallery after hours with performances by SGÔR, John Walter, Vivian Ross-Smith + Esyllt Lewis and Holly Slingsby, in conjunction with the exhibition ***Linder: Danger Came Smiling***, Café and bar available, free, no booking required. Drop in and join us at any time.

[Performance Weekend](#)

Thursday 20 November 2025 - Sunday 23 November 2025

In conjunction with the exhibition ***Linder: Danger Came Smiling***, Swansea-based artists Vivian Ross-Smith and Holly Slingsby are co-curating a weekend of live performance and video works in the gallery. The programme will include live works by SGÔR, John Walter, Vivian Ross-Smith + Esyllt Lewis and Holly Slingsby. Performative moving image works will also be shown throughout the weekend, comprising works from invited artists and an [open call](#). Free, no booking required.

[Artist Talk – Linder, in conversation with Gilly Fox](#)

Friday 21 November 2025, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Join artist Linder in conversation with Hayward Gallery Touring Curator, Gilly Fox, as they discuss the themes and works featured in ***Linder, Danger Came Smiling***, currently on display at Glynn Vivian Art Gallery.

Visit www.glynnvivian.co.uk for all Glynn Vivian information.

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