



**LONDON: THE CITY AND ITS PEOPLE**  
**Open to Chelmsford U3A members only**  
**THE Royal Festival Hall**  
**Behind the Scenes tour 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Built on the site of the Festival of Britain in 1951 the Royal Festival Hall seats 2,900 people, the orchestra platform 100 musicians and the organ contains 7,700 pipes, a truly amazing concert hall. It also has a beehive on the roof, one of the many things we will learn about on this fascinating tour which offers a unique insight into the history of the Southbank Centre and the people who have shaped it. We follow in the footsteps of world-famous orchestras and artists, hear behind-the-scenes stories and gain access to areas usually reserved for performers and Southbank Centre staff.

The tour lasts one hour and then we have free time for exploration – the National Poetry Library is housed within the Festival hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> level and there is also the Hayward Gallery Art Library. After lunch which can either be taken in the large restaurant or cafe within the Festival Hall or in one of the many restaurants along the Southbank, there is lots to do. The BFI (British Film Institute) houses cinemas, a shop and library. The Oxo Tower has wonderful views of the river, The Globe theatre is a stroll away and the National Theatre sometimes hosts an exhibition. The Hayward Gallery currently has a photographic exhibition of Diane Arbus' work (cost £14) or visit the food markets which lay behind the buildings.

- 9.00am: Asda carpark**
- 9.10 am: Anne Knight bus stop opposite Chelmsford railway station.**
- 9.20 am: The Duck Pond, Writtle Green**
- 4.00pm: Leaving London. Please try to be at the coach approx. 10 mins. beforehand**

**Cost £27.00 pp** (includes entrance fee plus coach and drivers tip.). (Coach prices have risen due to new regulations introduced in the city plus cost of living expenses)  
Please note: We cannot offer a refund once you have paid. Any last-minute problems contact Berry 07811 091771/ 01277 355823

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Name(s).....Email address.....

Cheque + slip enclosed for £.... (made payable to Chelmsford U3A) and sent to:

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