

Discovering ancient Assyria

Sat 26 October, 2–5pm. Ages 8–80+



What's On

Visit the Welcome Desk at the Courtyard Entrance to find out more!

Gallery quiz (Welcome Desk): Hunt down the Fitz's Assyrian kings and genies.

Colour your own Assyrian genie (Welcome Desk): Decorate the Fitz's Assyrian genies in bright colours.

Object discovery session – cuneiform tablets

(3:15–3:45pm in Gallery 21): See some of the Fitz's 3000-year-old cuneiform tablets up close.

Find out how Assyrian scribes wrote letters on clay.

Discover Assyria mini-talks

 (Seminar Room):

Who was the Assyrian king? Why were there winged genies decorating his palace?

Talk times are listed over the page.

Read your future, the Assyrian way

2–3pm, 3:30–4:30pm in the Studio (no. 36 on the Floor Plan):

Meet our resident diviner, who will read your future using oil and water.

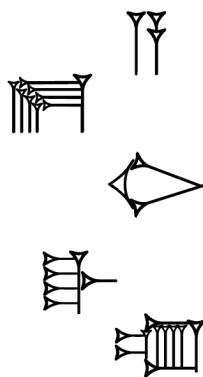
Pick up a timed ticket (10 minute slots) in the Studio.

Write like an Assyrian

Drop-in. 2–3pm, 3:30–4:30pm in the Studio:

Try writing your name in cuneiform script on clay.

Take your clay tablet home with you!



Discover Assyria mini-talks

Talks will be held in the Seminar Room (no. 35 on the Floor Plan)

Each lasts 10–15 minutes. Drop-in: no booking needed.

The Assyrian king

2.15pm, 4.00pm

Find out about the Assyrian king, the all-powerful ruler of a mighty ancient empire.

– Silvie Zamazalová (University of Cambridge)

Assyrian genies

3.00pm, 4.30pm

Who or what are the Fitz's Assyrian winged genies?

Find out about these 3000-year-old objects that once decorated the Assyrian king's palace.

– Dr Eleanor Robson (University College London)



This Festival of Ideas event is part of "Materialities of Assyrian Knowledge Production", a research project on Assyrian artefacts funded by the UK Arts & Humanities Research Council. Find out more at <<http://oracc.org/nimrud>>