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Friday 11 March

12.30pm-1.30pm
WOW Speed Mentoring

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Friday at WOW

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10.30am, 1.30pm, 3pm & 4.30pm
WOW Under 10's Feminist Corners

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Saturday at WOW

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Marian Keyes at WOW: Again, Rachel

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The Urgent Conversation

7.30pm-9pm
Bridget Christie at WOW: Who Am I?

8.30pm-10pm
Warsan Shire at WOW: Bless the Daughter

9pm-10.30pm
Deborah Frances-White Stands Up at WOW

Sunday 13 March

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Sunday at WOW – Women & Power

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Maryland at WOW

2pm-3pm
WOW Sounds Hour

4pm-5.30pm
Sunday Afternoon with Elizabeth Day at WOW

4pm-5.30pm
Bernardine Evaristo – Black Britain: Writing Back

7pm-8.45pm
Angela Davis: A Lifetime of Resistance

7pm-8.30pm
Natalie Haynes in conversation: Women in Greek Myth

7pm-9pm
Little Wimmin

Tickets are available to buy for events taking place over the weekend. Visit the Ticket Office, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall. You can also call 020 3879 9555 or book online at southbankcentre.co.uk*

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WELCOME FROM JUDE KELLY

Founder and CEO of The WOW Foundation

It's poignant writing this welcome message to thousands of you joining us whilst knowing there are so many thousands of people, mainly women, fleeing Ukraine or sheltering underground waiting to know their fate. When you read this message, history may have moved towards a more peaceful or savage outcome. Each of us is thinking about the heartache and fear of the Ukrainian people, but my challenge to myself is not to minimise what's happening in other conflict zones and to other refugees just because they've receded from the headlines.

Identification is a key component for compassion and respect. We are often brought up to support 'our own', but we need to develop a moral imagination that encompasses all of us equally. I hope the global nature of WOW helps us to think of everyone as 'our own'.

Ways to find joy, fun, laughter and happiness are especially necessary when faced with the range of challenges that WOW communities face across the world. We really want everyone to have a good time at WOW, meet new people, think

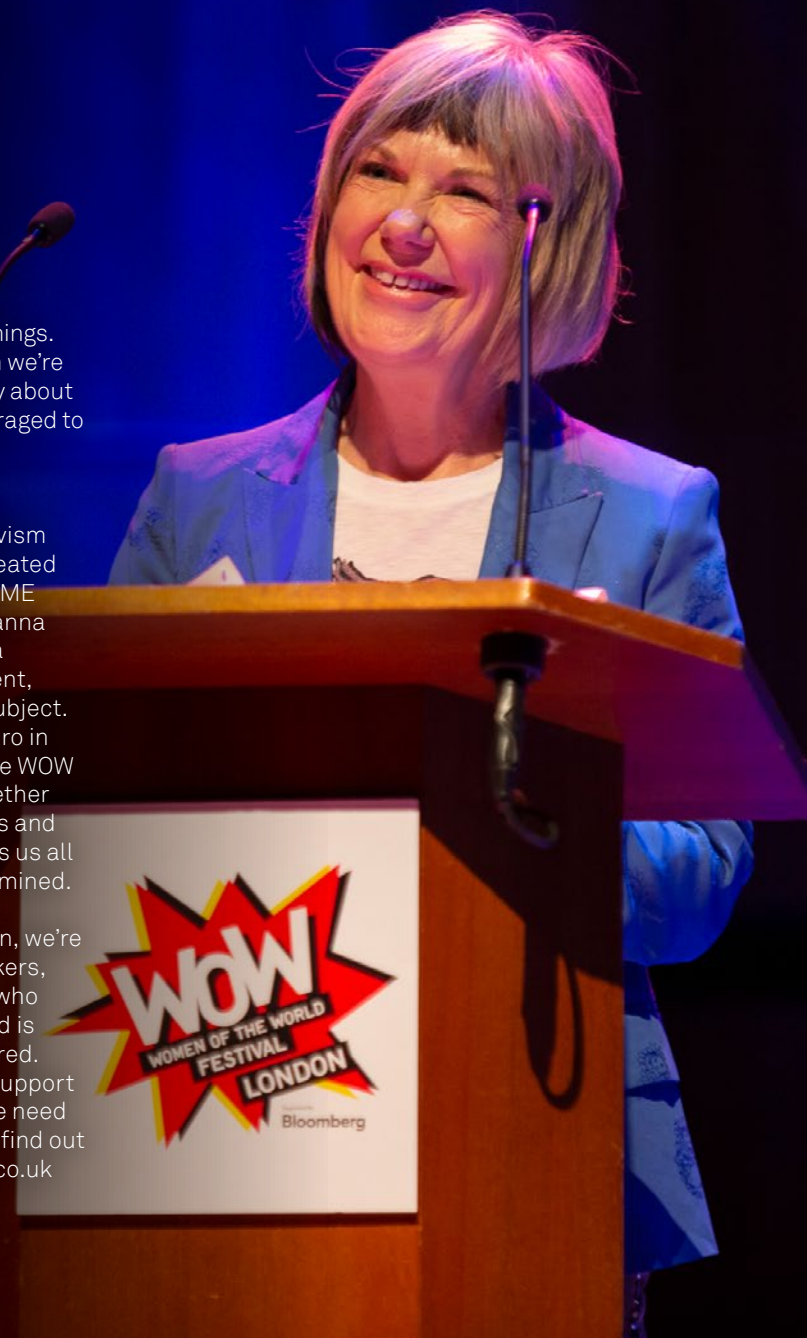
new thoughts and try new things. It makes us feel happy when we're bold enough to speak openly about everything that we're encouraged to be silent about.

Last year we held the first Shameless! Festival of Activism Against Sexual Violence, created in partnership with the SHaME project led by Professor Joanna Bourke at Birkbeck. It was a powerful and emotional event, despite the tough central subject. We do it next in Rio de Janeiro in September (created with the WOW team in Brazil). Coming together to share and support stories and strategies for change makes us all less fearful and more determined.

To spread this determination, we're launching WOW Changemakers, a global network of people who believe a gender equal world is possible and urgently required. Please add your voice and support so we can shout louder – we need you! Head to our website to find out more – thewowfoundation.co.uk

Have a great WOW.

Jude Kelly CBE



ABOUT THE WOW FOUNDATION

WOW - Women of the World is a global movement launched by Jude Kelly CBE at the Southbank Centre more than a decade ago; celebrating women and girls and looking at the obstacles that stop them from achieving their potential.

Since 2010, WOW has reached more than three million people worldwide and entered a new exciting stage of its journey. In 2018 Jude stepped down as Artistic Director of the Southbank Centre to focus on WOW and set up The WOW Foundation.

Based in London, the charity's small team works with amazing organisations and individuals across the globe to deliver festivals worldwide, programme events, workshops and more across the UK all year-round. In 2020 WOW went online with a series of digital festivals, and we continued this work for WOW London 2022 with digital events taking place in the run up to the in person weekend.

WOW is the biggest, most comprehensive and significant festival dedicated to women, girls and non-binary people. WOW is for EVERYONE and this year we're calling on everyone to join the global movement and become a WOW Changemakers. Head to thewowfoundation.com to find out more.

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 EQUAL WORLD
 IS DESIRABLE,
 POSSIBLE AND
 URGENTLY
 REQUIRED.**

**LET'S MAKE
 IT HAPPEN.**



MARKETPLACE

Friday & Saturday 12pm-7pm, Sunday 11am-7pm

The WOW Marketplace is the heart of every WOW Festival across the globe. Head to the Royal Festival Hall to explore stalls and take part in workshops on everything from mixing music to repotting plants!



Completely free to the public, you can explore diverse women and non-binary-led businesses and activist organisations, check out a feminist library, meet some of the WOW team or learn to manage your money. There's interactive stalls, games, things to learn about, plus homeware, clothing, jewellery and more to shop.



This year's Marketplace line-up...

2022 WOW Marketplace stallholders include **Janet's List**, **Tatty Devine**, **Path Financial**, **University of London** and **The WOW Foundation** (come say hi!).

Throughout the weekend, visitors can learn to mix music on **Omni Collective's** decks, listen to vinyl records with **Shrubs and Dubs**, learn to manage money with **Women's Budget Group**, practice plant repotting with **L'Appartement**, experience indigenous healing arts with **Black Mind**; write a thank you card with **Pushing Envelopes**; and get books signed at **Foyles**. Check out the Workshop & Activities posters in the Marketplace – they'll feature an up to date daily list of what's on.



Charities including **Level Up LDN**, **Global Girl Project**, **Women's Environmental Network** and **Migrant's Organise** will be engaging visitors on a range of feminist issues that affect us all, such as the climate crisis, mental health, global education for girls, and, of course, gender equality.

Samaritans will also be on hand to offer in-person support and mental health services.



FRIDAY AT WOW

2-5pm

Friday 11 March

Royal Festival Hall 📍💬

In a time of so much uncertainty, what we need now more than ever is community and a space to reflect and be together. Join us on the first day of the WOW Festival to take a frank look at the world we find ourselves in and celebrate all the joy, resilience and creativity to be found in a world in flux.

Led by WOW Founder **Jude Kelly**, across the afternoon you will hear from the brilliant women helping us imagine an equal world – from those on the front lines of global movements transforming the future to girls and young women changing our world for the better.



Running order

PART ONE

- A performance from WOW 2022 Artist In Residence, singer-songwriter **Miss Baby Sol**
- WOW London – an introduction from **Jude Kelly**
- Writer and broadcaster **Yassmin Abdel-Magied** in conversation with **Jude Kelly**
- **WOW Big Ideas** (see the WOW Big Ideas section for details)
- Performance from **Maslaha Muslim Girls Fence** and award-winning spoken word artist **Rakaya Fetuga**

Interval



PART TWO

- **Jude Kelly** celebrates new beginnings with people who've been beacons of hope for others during the last year and is joined on stage by **Adwoa Aboah** for a frank conversation about the turning points in their lives and their hopes for the future
- **Money and me: financial choice, power and freedom** – a panel with **Rowan Harding**, Financial Planner from Path Financial, best selling author of *Black Girl Finance* **Selina Flavius** and **Jennifer Rademaker**, Executive Vice President of Global Customer Delivery for Mastercard

This session is supported by Path Financial

- **Protest and why we resist!** – From Resisting the Protest and Borders bill to the #SaveBrickLane campaign, our panel of activists discuss some of the global issues we should all be aware of, what protest can achieve and why resistance will always be important for women and girls. Speakers include: SaveBrickLane campaigner and academic **Fatima Rajina**; political activist and UK Black Pride founder **Lady Phyll**, and **Maymuna Osman** from Migrants Organise.
- Closing summary from **Jude Kelly**

WOW Big Ideas

WOW Big Ideas features a line-up of short talks from the following speakers:

- Artist and writer **Selina Thompson** gets her freak on and talks about how the Missy Elliott project – a project looking at Black liberation and Teenage Girlhood through the lens of Missy Elliott – is helping her redefine her life and her art on her own terms.
- Author and Journalist **Sophia Smith Galer** on why we're living in a sex misinformation crisis – and how to stop it.
- Theatre Director and Access Consultant **Sarah Howard** on how disabled women are having to fight for dignity, adequate access provision and empathy when attending essential cervical screenings.
- Author and journalist **Juno Dawson** on writing Young Adult fiction and what her fictional characters have taught her.
- Burnt Roti founder **Sharan Dhaliwal** on being queer, brown and hairy and how her queer identity allowed her to break out of cis hetero normative ideals on beauty and begin to accept her body.

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POWER AND FREEDOM**
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MARKETPLACE**
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ONLINE

Lisa Taddeo & Pandora Sykes in Conversation

In this exclusive event, we welcome author **Lisa Taddeo**, author of internationally renowned *Three Women to WOW*. Lisa's latest book, *Animal* is a visceral exploration of the fallout from a male-dominated society, and deals with the pervasive and deeply entrenched legacy of trauma.

To celebrate its paperback release in March 2022, Lisa will be in conversation with **Pandora Sykes**,

journalist and broadcaster and the author of the Sunday Times bestseller, *How Do We Know We're Doing It Right?*, holding space together and exploring the animal that dwells within us all, threatening to emerge when pushed to the edges of endurance.

6.30pm
Friday 11 March
Queen Elizabeth Hall



Patrisse Cullors: An Abolitionist Journey



WOW presents this very special evening with **Patrisse Cullors**, co-Founder of the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation, bestselling author, educator, artist and abolitionist, to launch her new book, *An Abolitionist's Handbook, 12 Steps to Changing Yourself and the World* (published by OWN IT!).

Patrisse will be in conversation with **Afua Hirsch**, broadcaster, film-maker, former barrister and award-winning author of *Brit(ish): On Race, Identity and Belonging*. The duo will discuss Patrisse's groundbreaking book as they imagine a world where communities are treated with dignity, care and respect.

Join us to learn the history of abolition, reimagine what reparations might look like for Black lives and get the tools to envision change and healing.

7pm
Friday 11 March
Royal Festival Hall



Suhaiymah Manzoor-Khan: Tangled In Terror

Writer, poet and activist, **Suhaiymah Manzoor-Khan** launches her new book, *Tangled in Terror: Uprooting Islamophobia*, part of the Outspoken Series published by Pluto. Suhaiymah will bring this groundbreaking book to life for the first time, in conversation with poet and cultural producer **Muneera Pilgrim**. If you care about equality and intersectionality – this event is for you.



8.30pm
Friday 11 March
Purcell Room at Queen Elizabeth Hall



Grace Victory & Candice Brathwaite at WOW

Join **Grace Victory** and **Candice Brathwaite** in conversation at WOW to hear about their careers and the causes close to their hearts, including mental health and maternal mortality rates for Black women in Britain. In this exclusive event, they'll talk to **Tobi Oredein**, award-winning women's lifestyle journalist, media entrepreneur and Founder of Black Ballad, about the ways in which they use their words and platforms to create supportive and thriving communities.



9pm
Friday 11 March
Queen Elizabeth Hall



WOW Sounds Presents Miss Baby Sol

WOW welcomes UK based artist **Miss Baby Sol**, our first WOW Sounds Artist in Residence, to our stage to perform an exclusive gig with her full live band in the beautiful Clore Ballroom. Come celebrate, sing and dance as we watch her perform critically acclaimed tracks alongside new songs written specially for WOW, inspired by the themes of the festival.



8.30pm
Friday 11 March
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall



WOW Under-10s Feminist Corners



Feminism isn't just for teenagers and grown-ups – WOW Under-10s Feminist Corners are an important part of WOW festivals across the globe. In these fun, interactive workshops, young people explore what equality means, discover what life is like for girls and non-binary young people across the world and get tips on how to start their very own campaign.

**10.30am, 1.30pm,
3pm & 4.30pm**
Saturday 12 March
Foyle Pavilion, Level 3,
Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall

SATURDAY AT WOW

2-5pm

Saturday 12 March

Royal Festival Hall 📍💬

Join WOW as we congregate to strengthen connections, form new friendships and hear from mind blowing speakers in an event that brings gender equality back to the fore featuring **Reni Eddo Lodge, Nova Reid, Sandi Toksvig, Rasha Nahas** and more.

In this afternoon of compassion, laughter and urgency led by WOW Founder **Jude Kelly**, we ask how we can all be bolder in our activism, whilst finding space to celebrate our joys and accomplishments.



Running order

PART ONE

- Environmental Magic with the first woman and youngest ever President of The Magic Circle, magician **Megan Swann**
- WOW hears from some of the women who have been most impacted by political upheaval with a conversation on Afghanistan. Speakers include **Mariana Katarova**, Founder of RAW in WAR (Reach All Women in WAR); **Baroness Helena Kennedy QC**; former member of the Afghan Parliament and 2021's Anna Politkovskaya Award Winner **Fawzia Koofi**; and former Afghanistan judge **Fawzia Amini**
- **WOW Big Ideas** (see the WOW Big Ideas section for details)
- **Sophie Duker** performs a hilarious set – Sophie won the Funny Women Best Comedy Writer Award as nominated by her industry peers in the 2021 Funny Women Awards

Interval

PLUS – look out for WOW Pop Ups from **The Majorettes** at 1.20pm (a Guinness World Record Holding hula hoop troupe) and the sensational **London Youth Choir** at 5pm.

PART TWO

- Palestinian singer-songwriter, instrumentalist and WOW Sounds artist **Rasha Nahas** performs during WOW's annual obituary presentation to honour the lives of those around the globe who have passed away in the past year
- **All about love – Remembering bell hooks** – A special in memoriam event honouring the life and legacy of pioneering feminist thinker bell hooks, featuring author and activist **Nova Reid** and award-winning journalist and writer **Reni Eddo Lodge**
- Much loved broadcaster **Sandi Toksvig** joins Jude Kelly on stage for a conversation on joy, happiness and why, despite everything, we must keep laughing
- Closing summary from **Jude Kelly**



WOW Big Ideas

WOW Big Ideas features a line-up of short talks from the following speakers:

- Mother, teacher, priest, Archdeacon and activist **Mina Smallman** on her family's story and being let down. Mina examines why women of colour don't matter in the media, the police's mentality towards women and what we must do to reform Police forces nationally in order to protect ourselves
- Scientist and author **Camilla Pang** discusses being weird in this talk on what science can teach us about love and relationships
- Writer and artist **Khairani Barokka** talks eco-ableism – what it is, why it's important to stamp out and why disability justice is inextricable from environmental and climate justice
- **Rhiane Fatinikun** talks about why and how she founded Black Girls Hike, an organisation which provides a safe space for Black women to explore the outdoors
- **Mariyah Kayat**, Co Founder of Speakers Corner, talks about the collective of women and young girls from Bradford who campaign about issues that affect the young people and women in Bradford and around the world




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WOW IN THE UK



WOW was launched in 2010, and since then it has become a global movement, celebrating women and girls across the world, and exploring the obstacles that stop them from achieving their potential. Festivals have taken place in more than 10 cities in the UK alone with more in the pipeline.

 **Where else should we be?**

Get in touch if you're interested in bringing WOW to your local area
hello@thewowfoundation.com

Marian Keyes at WOW: Again, Rachel

Join **Marian Keyes** in conversation with **Kit de Waal** as they discuss her much anticipated novel *Again, Rachel* – the sequel we didn't know would happen – but millions of us hoped would! Marian's 15th novel is the sequel to the iconic *Rachel's Holiday*, 25 years after the 1.5 million copy bestseller was published.

Marian Keyes, is the internationally bestselling author of some of the most widely loved, genre-defying novels of the past 30 years. She has used her platform to raise some of the most challenging issues of our time, including addiction, immigration, depression, domestic violence and the Repeal the Eighth campaign.



6pm
Saturday 12 March
Queen Elizabeth Hall



The Urgent Conversation

Every day it feels like we wake up to something new to respond to, a new urgent conversation to have, a new set of injustices to carry and solutions to come up with together.

With the news agenda and world events changing at such rapid speed, WOW reserved this evening to respond to the most up to date and recent happenings that affect us, gender equality and societies around the world. Topics discussed will include the crisis in Ukraine and misogyny.

Chaired by WOW's Founder Jude Kelly, expect debate and new perspectives from leading contributors with a whole range of life experience, plus laughter, joy and solidarity too.

6.15pm
Saturday 12th March
Purcell Room at Queen Elizabeth Hall



Bridget Christie at WOW: Who Am I?

Bridget Christie is hot, but not in a good way. Laugh along as she brings her new stand-up show about the menopause to WOW. Join the Edinburgh Comedy Award, Rose d'Or and South Bank Sky Arts Award winner for her brand new stand-up show at WOW Festival. Featured in *The Guardian's* Best Comedy of 2021 and one of *The Times'* top five picks of 2021.

7.30pm
Saturday 12 March
Royal Festival Hall



Deborah Frances-White Stands Up at WOW



Join stand up comedian **Deborah Frances-White** at the WOW Festival, as she cuts edges and rouses rabbles with her new hour of takes that are just the right temperature. She'll reveal some of her most personal "I'm a feminist but..." confessions and share stories too intimate for the podcast with the caveat that you'll take them to your grave.

9pm
Saturday 12 March
Purcell Room at Queen Elizabeth Hall



Warsan Shire at WOW: Bless the Daughter

Join award-winning Somali British poet and activist **Warsan Shire** as she launches her long-awaited first full-length poetry collection *Bless the Daughter* Raised by a Voice in Her Head at WOW Festival.

'The beautifully crafted poems in this collection are fiercely tender gifts'
Roxane Gay

Shire is the celebrated collaborator on Beyoncé's *Lemonade* and *Black Is King*, and London's first ever Young Poet Laureate, and will be in conversation with Booker Prize winning author **Bernardine Evaristo**. This electrifying collection features poems of migration, womanhood, trauma and resilience; drawing on her own life, pop culture and news headlines.

8.30pm
Saturday 12 March
Queen Elizabeth Hall



WOW – WOMEN OF THE WORLD

A GLOBAL MOVEMENT



3 million people involved in over **100 festivals** and events in over **30 locations** on **6 continents** since 2010 and growing...

Sign up to join the movement at thewowfoundation.com

WOW SOUNDS AT THE FESTIVAL

Across the WOW weekend, enjoy live music from a variety of incredible musicians as part of our WOW Sounds programme – crossing continents, genres and drumsticks!

Founded in 2020, WOW Sounds is WOW's dedicated music programme, platforming revolutionary women, girls and non-binary musicians who are using their music as a form of activism to create change in their local communities. Over the past two years we've worked with more than 100 amazing artists from 27 countries including Anoushka Shankar, Nubya Garcia, Emel Mathlouthi, Fatoumata Diawara and Muthoni Drummer Queen.

At this year's festival you can catch loads of WOW Sounds performances, both as part of ticketed events and free gigs, including WOW London 2022's Artist-in-Residence Miss Baby Sol (supported by PRS Foundation's The Open Fund). Plus WOW's international artists in residence Voice of Baceprot (VOB) will be joining digitally – watch out for their brand new music video (*Not*) *Public Property*, written especially for WOW (with thanks to support from British Council Indonesia).



Full line-up

Friday

2pm **Miss Baby Sol** at **Friday at WOW** – Royal Festival Hall

3.10pm **Rakaya Fetuga** spoken word performance for **Friday at WOW** – Royal Festival Hall

8pm WOW Sounds presents **Rasha Nahas** – Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer (free and unticketed)

8.30pm WOW Sounds presents **Miss Baby Sol** – The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall (free and unticketed)

Plus, from 8pm-2am, head to Spiritland Royal Festival Hall for a special WOW celebration featuring **DJ Paulette, Hilit Kolet & Norsicaa**

Saturday

3.55pm **Rasha Nahas** performs during the obituaries for **Saturday at WOW** – Royal Festival Hall

5.15pm **WOW Sounds presents Miss Baby Sol Unplugged** – Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer (free and unticketed)

Plus, from 8pm-2am, head to Spiritland Royal Festival Hall for a special WOW celebration featuring **Lakuti, Zakia & Frederika**

Sunday

2pm **WOW Sounds Hour** – hosted by **Miss Baby Sol** featuring **Nadia Javed** and **Breakup Haircut** – Clore Ballroom (free and unticketed)

7pm WOW Sounds presents **Cassie Kinoshi** and **Laura Mvula**, both performing short sets as part of **Angela Davis: A Lifetime of Resistance**

Check out more WOW Sounds performances on WOW's YouTube channel @WOWGlobal

SUNDAY AT WOW WOMEN & POWER



11am-2pm

Sunday 13 March

Royal Festival Hall 📍💬

In this one-off special at WOW Festival, join WOW Founder **Jude Kelly** and guests to explore women, power and leadership today.

From major keynotes from leaders we trust, to lightning fast workshops on understanding your own values, the Royal Festival Hall will be filled with talks, workshops and ideas from global speakers.



Running order

PART ONE

- **Jude Kelly** opens the day with a reflection on how we can strengthen and develop women's leadership in our ever changing world.
- **Panel discussion: Innovative styles of Leadership** Jude is joined on stage by some of the leaders who are innovating for real change and holding the door open for the people coming up behind them. Speakers include MP and founder of VoteMama UK **Stella Creasy**, author and First lady of Iceland **Eliza Reid**, and Senior UX Researcher at Google and co-founder of the Inspire Dialogue Foundation **Dr Cameron Taylor**
- Mother Pukka founder **Anna Whitehouse** and Amaliah Founder and CEO **Nafisa Bakkar** join us to discuss all things flexonomics, what it is, who it benefits and why we should all get to know about flex appeal
- **Mary Portas Keynote – Leadership in the New Kindness Economy** The kindness economy is a new value system that is growing as businesses are realising the role they play in the fabrics of our lives. We must all ask ourselves how am I doing this? How do I lead? How can I play my part?

Interval

PART TWO

- **Panel discussion with Women Leaders South West** Women Leaders South West join us to discuss their pioneering arts leadership programme. We'll be joined on stage by three of the trailblazing associates of the scheme: **Daisy Higman**, **Abby Young** and **Vandna Mehta**. Plus spoken word poetry by **Anjali Mavi** & **Vrushali Harihar**
- **WOW Big Ideas** (see the WOW Big Ideas section for details)
- **Jude Kelly Workshop – How to Be a Better communicator**



WOW Big Ideas

WOW Big Ideas features a line-up of short talks from the following speakers:

- **Laura Bates**, author and founder of the Everyday Sexism project on why we continue to police the behaviour and dress of individual women instead of focusing on institutional prejudice and the systems that fail us
- **Joanna Bourke**, Professor of History at Birkbeck, University of London, and Director of SHaME on The Power of Women in the Past
- Art curator and historian **Aindrea Emelife** presents musings on women, art and power
- **Shevaun Haviland**, Director General of BCC and WOW Board member on whether subconscious bias in language is to blame for a lack of women in senior roles
- **Tahmima Anam** – In Praise of Resting Bitch Face, and why I am no longer laughing at your jokes, a talk on the radical power of silence in combating workplace sexism.



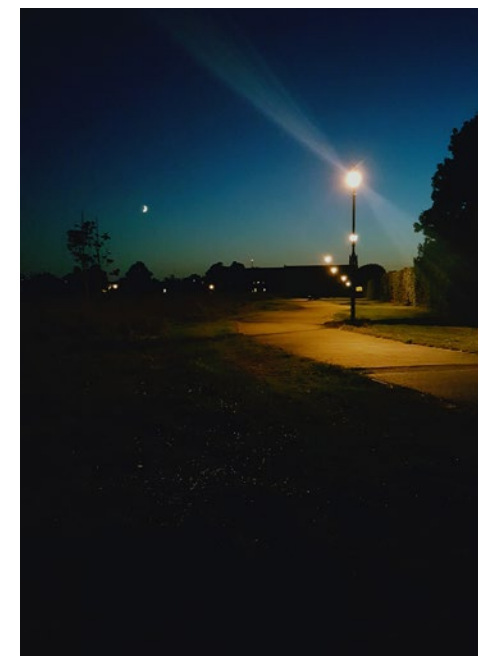
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Maryland at WOW

Watch this script-in-hand performance of **Lucy Kirkwood's** Maryland, an immediate, extraordinary, communal rallying cry in response to the normalising of horrific actions being committed against all women and victims of gendered violence.

This performance is presented by the Royal Court Theatre, and is co-directed by **Milli Bhatia**, **Vicky Featherstone** and **Lucy Morrison**. It will be followed by a panel discussion.

2pm
Sunday 13 March
Queen Elizabeth Hall

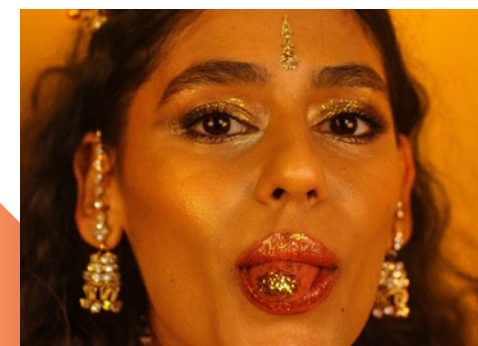


WOW Sounds Hour

Join us at WOW Festival for this special gig featuring an exclusive line up of WOW Sounds acts including **Nadia Javed** and **Breakup Haircut**, hosted by WOW Sounds Artist in Residence **Miss Baby Sol**.

We invite you to throw some shapes and embrace your inner punk rocker.

2pm
Sunday 13 March
The Clore Ballroom,
Level 2, Royal Festival Hall



Bernardine Evaristo – Black Britain: Writing Back



Join Booker Prize winning author **Bernardine Evaristo** and special guests **Judith Bryan, Barbara Blake Hannah, Hannah-Azieb Pool, Jacqueline Roy** and **Nicola Williams** in a journey through time to discover lost and hard-to-find works about Black Britain and the diaspora, all by Black women writers.

In this intimate event, the writers will explore the stories these extraordinary books tell through conversation and readings.

“Black Britain: Writing Back is a body of work that illustrates a variety of preoccupations and genres that offer important and diverse Black British perspectives. I am very excited to introduce these books to new readers who will discover their riches.”
Bernardine Evaristo

4pm
Sunday 13 March
Purcell Room at Queen Elizabeth Hall



Sunday Afternoon with Elizabeth Day at WOW

Join **Elizabeth Day** – award-winning journalist, bestselling novelist and presenter of the hit podcast, How to Fail – for Sunday afternoon at WOW.

Elizabeth will be joined by special guests, including award-winning TV chef and broadcaster **Andi Oliver**, and writer, actor, presenter and performer best known for being one half of pop duo Rizzle Kicks, **Jordan Stephens**.



Together they'll discuss and celebrate their highs and lows, loves, challenges and, of course, failures. Expect a Royal Festival Hall full of joy, laughter, and inspiration.

Presented in partnership with Fane.

4pm
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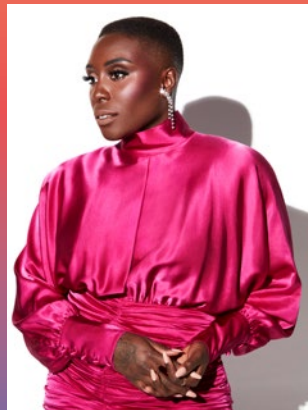
Angela Davis: A Lifetime of Resistance

World renowned scholar and friend of WOW, Professor Angela Y. Davis joins us live from San Francisco in this one-off, special event featuring musicians **Cassie Kinoshi** and **Laura Mvula** to celebrate the much anticipated re-publication of her blazing autobiography – nearly 50 years since it was first published.

From a childhood in Birmingham, Alabama, to a fugitive running from the FBI, Angela shares the toll – and the joy – of living a life as a radical thinker and abolitionist as well as the triumphs, humour and lifelong bonds forged along the way.

In an evening with Black feminist writer and researcher **Lola Olufemi**, Angela will reflect on the power of sisterhood and political self-organising, and what a lifetime of resistance has taught her about the struggles we face today. **Cassie Kinoshi** and **Laura Mvula** will join live on stage to perform short sets in homage to Professor Davis.

Angela will join us on live link up from San Francisco, as we gather together on this special evening to celebrate the re-publication of her autobiography here in London. After the interview, there'll be time for live audience questions with Angela.



7pm
Sunday 13 March
Royal Festival Hall



Figs in Wigs: Little Wimmin

Figs in Wigs bring Little Wimmin, their live art feminist 'adaptation' of Louisa May Alcott's classic novel Little Women, to WOW Festival. Wild, irreverent and cosmically comical, the cast of five women transform the novel into a darkly funny, thought-provoking and surreal show with their distinctive punky and clunky perspective.

7pm
Sunday 13 March
Queen Elizabeth Hall



Natalie Haynes in conversation: Women in Greek Myth

Come and join **Natalie Haynes** in conversation with poet and writer **Nikita Gill** to refocus our gaze on the remarkable women at the centre of Ancient Greek myths. From Pandora to Helen of Troy, Medusa to Medea and of course the Amazons, this will be an evening of amazing stories and life-changing new perspectives!

7pm
Sunday 13 March
Purcell Room at Queen Elizabeth Hall



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THE WOW PODCAST WITH JUDE KELLY – HOW TO CHANGE THE CONVERSATION

In Series two of our podcast, we plumbed the hidden depths of the three behemoths of the business world – finance, technology and media. This series was created with The WOW Foundation's Global Founding Partner Bloomberg.

“Things were not necessarily designed with inclusion in mind, so to now be trying to insert inclusion in places that were designed to be exclusive is not easy but the wonderful thing is to have leaders around me who really understand why this matters”

June Sarpong,
Director of Creative
Diversity at the BBC

We've seen massive expansions of these most powerful businesses at the very time when there has been a greater understanding and sympathy for women's issues and women's advancements and rights in general.

We were told to expect that technology would connect all of us to help build a completely equal world. That finance would suddenly become supportive and inclusive of women and non-binary people and our ideas. That the media would no longer be controlled by a small minority of men in newsrooms and would be published online for free and accessed by everyone – giving us a wealth of different voices and different perspectives.

And you'd think that with the speed, agility, innovation and youth that characterise these industries, plus their claim to be newly revolutionary, they would indeed have been a beacon of opportunity, equality and power for women and other minoritized voices. But exactly the opposite is the case.

This is a series about thwarted expectations, but also about hope, and ideas, real revolution and resolve. This podcast series examines what

happened in those industries, what it means for us, and finally – what we're going to do about it.

Alongside Bloomberg Television's **Francine Lacqua**, Jude speaks to entrepreneurs, executives, founders, pioneers, trailblazers and changemakers to discover untold stories of progress made by women.

Over the six episodes she wrestles with the question of who is really in charge, and explores ideas as to how we could do things differently. Catch up with the series now to hear from speakers including *Invisible Women* author **Caroline Criado Perez**; Black Girls Finance Founder **Selina Flavius**; **Sarah Sands**, journalist and former editor of the Evening Standard and the Today Programme; **Pat Mitchell**, Media executive, producer and curator of TEDWomen; and **June Sarpong**, Director of Creative Diversity at the BBC.



Prepare to be shocked, dismayed, enraged and galvanised by what Jude discovers.

This podcast series was created with the support of Bloomberg who have a long history of supporting causes that advance gender equality. And as Global Founding partner, Bloomberg have partnered with The WOW Foundation since its inception to help amplify the creativity and successes of women and girls, and to identify ways to work together for a more equitable future.

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Thank you to her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall for her support as The WOW Foundation's President.

WOW FESTIVAL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognise, accept and celebrate those differences"

Audre Lorde

WOW exists to build, convene and sustain a global movement that believes a gender equal world is desirable, possible and urgently required. We want to create safe, inclusive, intersectional and respectful spaces for debate and dialogue. We believe that everyone deserves to have a voice, to be heard, respected and listened to. We ask everyone who attends a WOW event, as a speaker or attendee, to follow our code of conduct. Here's a short extract, you can read it in full on our website.

Help to create a safe space for everyone. Here's how:

- Be an active bystander – if you see abuse happening, report it to a WOW member of staff or front of house staff immediately and show kindness to the person who is experiencing the abuse
- Have an open mind – be prepared to unlearn patterns of behaviour or ideologies

- Recognise and value diversity
- Be aware of language diversity
- Handle disagreement constructively
- Be mindful that people can be triggered by lots of different factors, some which may not be clear or obvious
- We believe that people can be vulnerable and treated with dignity and respect

We also want people to come to events as they are, whatever their circumstances or responsibilities. Don't worry about any of the following:

- Taking a comfort break
- Your children being present
- Not understanding something
- Being emotional or crying – WOW celebrates vulnerability as a strength
- Breastfeeding
- Asking for help
- Leaving for any reason – no explanation needed

Read the Code of Conduct in full at thewowfoundation.com/code-of-conduct

WOW LONDON 2022 READING LIST

Want more WOW inspiration at home? Here's a list of some of the books written by speakers at the festival. All are available to buy in the WOW Marketplace by Foyles. Visit our website for more!

Sista!: An Anthology of Writings by Same Gender Loving Women of African/Caribbean Descent with a UK Connection Phyll Opoku-Gyimah

Stay Another Day Juno Dawson

Losing It: Sex Education for the 21st Century Sophia Smith Galer

Burning My Roti: Breaking Barriers as a Queer Indian
Woman Sharan Dhaliwal

Listen, Layla Yassmin Abdel Magied

Animal Lisa Taddeo

How Do We Know We're Doing It Right?
Pandora Sykes

An Abolitionist's Handbook: 12 Steps to Changing Yourself and the World
Patrisse Cullors

Look Again: Empire Afua Hirsch

Tangled in Terror: Uprooting Islamophobia Suhaimyah Manzoor-Khan

That Day She'll Proclaim Her Chronicles Muneera Pilgrim

How To Calm It: Relax Your Mind
Grace Victory

Sista Sister Candice Brathwaite

My Pen Is the Wing of a Bird: New Fiction by Afghan Women
Lyse Doucet & Lucy Hannah

The Good Ally: A Guided Anti-Racism Journey Nova Reid

Why I'm No Longer Talking To White People About Race Reni Eddo Lodge

Explaining Humans: What Science Can Teach Us about Life, Love and Relationships Camilla Pang

Favoured Daughter: One Woman's Fight to Lead Afghanistan into the Future
Fawzia Koofi

Misjustice: How British Law Is Failing Women Helena Kennedy

Ultimatum Orangutan
Khairani Barokka

The Girl Guide Marawa Ibrahim

Again, Rachel Marian Keyes

Supporting Cast Kit de Waal

A Book for Her Bridget Christie

Bless the Daughter Raised by a Voice in Her Head Warsan Shire

Manifesto Bernardine Evaristo

Secrets of the Sprakkar: Iceland's Extraordinary Women and How They Are Changing the World Eliza Reid

Participation Nation: Reconnecting Citizens to the Public Realm
Stella Creasy

The Trial Laura Bates

Art Can Change the World: A Manifesto
Aindrea Emelife

The Startup Wife Tahmima Anam

Without Prejudice Nicola Williams

Growing Out: Black Hair and Black Pride in the Swinging 60s
Barbara Blake Hannah

The Fat Lady Sings Jacqueline Roy

Bernard and the Cloth Monkey
Judith Bryan

My Fathers' Daughter
Hannah-Azieb Pool

Magpie Elizabeth Day

Pandora's Jar: Women in the Greek Myths Natalie Haynes

Where Hope Comes From: Poems of Resilience, Healing, and Light
Nikita Gill

Angela Davis: An Autobiography
Angela Davis

Feminism, Interrupted: Disrupting Power Lola Olufemi

Visit the Foyles stand in the WOW Marketplace to buy any of the books above and explore more WOW favourites.

WOW FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Events

All WOW Festival events are ticketed separately. Take a look inside the brochure for a list of everything taking place across the three days.

Free

While you're at the festival, make sure to explore the free events and experiences on offer. There will be WOW Pop Up performances taking place all weekend, including free live gigs from WOW Sounds artists.

WOW Marketplace

The WOW Marketplace is completely free to explore. You'll find more than 40 stalls from women and non-binary owned businesses and social enterprises in the Royal Festival Hall. It's open 12pm-7pm on Friday and Saturday, and 11am-7pm on Sunday.

Please note that all information in the brochure is correct at the time of going to print and may be subject to change.

Access

The Southbank Centre is accessible to all. For more information, please visit southbankcentre.co.uk/access or visit the Welcome Desk, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall.

Assisted Performances

Many of the events taking place this weekend are BSL Interpreted and/or Captioned. We've included details in the brochure or ask at the Ticket Office, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall for details.





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Please note, the Samaritans will be on site during the festival.
You can find them in the WOW Marketplace.