# WHAT'S ON

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**L-Ghera u l-Ohrajn**

Concert by folk-pop band Plato's Dream Machine at Spazju Kreattiv – St James Cavalier, Valletta at 18:00. Featuring support from Mario Vella (Brikkuni), Justin Galea (Kazin Ska), Leona Farrugia (Cryptic Street) and Kim Pepe. There will also be interventions from poet Adrian Grima and philosophy student Kurt Borg. The event is free, and entrance will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Bethlehem f'Ghajnsielem**

Bethlehem f'Ghajnsielem is an animated nativity village spread on 20,000sqm of land at Ghajnsielem, Gozo. Bethlehem f'Ghajnsielem will also include re-enactments of the 'trip' from Nazareth to Bethlehem of Joseph and Mary as well as the Adoration of the Magi on the Epiphany (first Sunday after New Year's day) when the three Wise Men will depart on horseback from Malta to Cirkewwa terminal where they will board a ferry in mid-afternoon before making the triumphal entrance to the nativity village. For more information and a detailed schedule, log on to: http://tinyurl.com/nlu7mzc.

**Treasure Island**

Annual Christmas panto by MADC at the MFCC, Ta' Qali at 14:00 and 19:00. Featuring: Jean Pierre Busuttil, Alan Montanaro, Alexander Gatesy Lewis, Tina Rizzo, Catherine Brown, Joe Zammit, Steffi Thake, Joe Depasquale, Michael Mangion, Rebecca Camilleri and Chantelle Micallef Grimaud. Bookings: 7777 6232.

The Comedy Knights are back with two extra shows on January 8 and 9

## MUSIC & DANCE

**JANUARY 6**
**Relent[less]**

Concert by pianist Tricia Dawn Williams at the Manoel Theatre, Valletta at 20:00. Programme includes: John Cage (Soliloquy), Mariella Cassar Cordina (Oriental Prints), Makiko Kinoshita (Preludes Nos 7 & 9), John Cage (A Room), Konstantia Gourzi (Aiolos Wind), John Adams (China Gates), Veronika Krausas (UN-intermezzi) and Graham Fitkin (Relent). Tickets: €20 - Discounted €15 (Full-time Student Discount applies). Bookings: bookings@teatrumanoel.com.mt, 2124 6389.

**JANUARY 9**
**Ballet de l'Opera-Theatre de Metz Metropole: Chancel & Spirali**

Dance performance at the Manoel Theatre, Valletta at 20:00. Featuring works by Max Richter, Gleb Lyamenkoff, Tommy Laszlo, Ruben Zahra, Gleb Lyamenkoff and Baptiste Leydecker. Organised by the Malta Association for Contemporary Music and the Manoel Theatre. Tickets are at €12 and €10. Bookings: bookings@teatrumanoel.com.mt, 2124 6389.

**JANUARY 9**
**Fuzzhoneys CD launch**

Launch concert by indie rock band Fuzzhoneys at Beachaven, Xemxija at 21:00. Supporting act for the night is Krishna, and resident DJ will be Mike Bugeja, along with Chris Radium. Entrance is at €5, €8 with CD.

**JANUARY 16-30**
**Valletta International Baroque Festival**

Annual festival of baroque music around various venues in Valletta, featuring local and international performers. The Valletta International Baroque Festival has been conceived purposely as a celebration of this baroque identity of Valletta. For two weeks, Valletta will resound with music from the period when it was built. For more details, visit: www.vallettabaroquefestival.com.mt.

**JANUARY 17**
**Trackage Scheme presents 'Sacred Noise'**

Following the huge success of our Rooftop Live Sessions last Summer, Trackage Scheme is back with its winter edition. TS, together with Ir-Razzett L-Ahmar, proudly presents 'Sacred Noise' – a series of alternative, indie and rock live music events from 16:00.

**JANUARY 29**
**Noir Live @ Django**

Jazz concert at Django Jazz Bar, Republic Street, Valletta at 22:00. Noir Jazz Project is made up of Kris Spiteri on the piano, Edward Ellul on bass and Alex Debono on drums.

**JANUARY 9, 16**
**Beyond Words – Who am I?**

Through the pairing up of an art installation and live performance, artist and globe-trotter, Sandra Gea, explores and questions her own identity from the insights gained from experiencing the cultures and languages that form part of her journey - physical, personal and spiritual. As an extension of her installation, Sandra Gea will be providing two-hour workshops in which the participants will be encouraged to explore the many facets of their own identity in order to unravel the fundamental question of 'Who Am I?' Both installation and workshop will be taking place at St James Cavalier, Valletta. More information: http://kreattivita.org/.

**JANUARY 10**
**The Great Russian Nutcracker**

Performance of the classic ballet at the Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta at 16:00. Featuring artists from 'The Crown of Russian Ballet' of Moscow with soloists from Bolshoi Theatre. The Great Russian Nutcracker Ballet is a part of the Festival 'Russian Christmas', which will be held in Malta between January 6-17 January. The festival is organised by Russian-Maltese Cultural Association in collaboration with other Russian diaspora organizations and dedicated to the celebration of the Russian Orthodox Christmas. Bookings: https://booking.mcc.com.mt/.

## THEATRE

**UNTIL JANUARY 4**
**Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood**

Join Robin Hood and his Merry Men on their adventures in the Enchanted Forest, battling evil, falling in love and saving the damsels in distress, in FM Theatre Productions' take on the Christmas panto at the Manoel Theatre. Tickets available from teatromanoel.com.mt.

**UNTIL JANUARY 9**
**The Comedy Knights: Three Times Funnier**

Satirical comedy show at The Salesians Theatre, Sliema at 20:00. Featuring Chris Dingli, Marc Cabourdin, Jo Caruana, Pia Zammit, Colin Fitz, Thomas Camilleri, Chris Dingli and Larissa Bonaci. Tickets, which also include free parking, can be purchased from www.ticketline.com.mt and start from €10. Tickets: www.ticketline.com.mt.

## EXHIBITIONS

**UNTIL JANUARY 7**
**Mdina Biennale – 'Christianity, Spirituality and the Other'**

The Mdina Cathedral Contemporary Art Biennale will establish a spiritual space celebrating creativity. The theme for 2015 is 'Christianity, Spirituality and the Other', 'The Other' standing for faith and non-faith, belief and non-belief, theist and atheist, agnostic and polytheist. The Mdina Biennale traces its roots back to the previous Christian and Sacred Art Biennale of the 1990s, and the forthcoming 2015 event will radically widen its creative spectrum. Taking place across various venues in Mdina. For more information, log on to mdinabiennale.org.

**UNTIL JANUARY 10**
**Watches**

Palazzo Falson Historic House Museum in collaboration with Fondazzjoni Patrimonju Malti is continuing with its series of temporary exhibitions with an exhibition dedicated to antique watches. Over 50 watches specially loaned from private and museum collections, highlight the technological and artistic qualities of antique watches. This exhibition is guest-curated by David Thompson, who occupied the role of senior curator of Horology at the British Museum until his recent retirement. The exhibition considers their variations and functions, and takes an in-depth look at particularly important watches belonging to notable personalities. More information: http://www.palazzofalson.com/.

**JANUARY 15-FEBRUARY 14**
**Jesmond Vassallo: Recent figurative works**

Exhibition of paintings by Jesmond Vassallo at St James Cavalier, Valletta. Jesmond Vassallo's recent corpus of works explores the human body through the mediums of drawing, printing and painting. The theme is explored in diverse techniques and styles, however it tackles the importance of the human figure in the contemporary practice of painting.

Fuzz honeys will be launching their latest release on January 9

Last chance to see: MADC's Treasure Island