



IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW FOR 2024 - THE BRAVE AND THE WAVES: A THEATRICAL JOURNEY OF COURAGE AND KINDNESS



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This May bank holiday and half term, The Historic Dockyard Chatham will host an unforgettable family-fun experience, 'The Brave and The Waves', a theatrical journey of courage and kindness.

Visitors will be able to embark on a voyage across time, from 1779 to the present day, guided by three young adventurers: Frank, Billy, and Lola. Witness tales of bravery and compassion as live actors transport audiences from the shores to the ever-changing sea.

Working in partnership with the award-winning 'Complete Works', this interactive multi-sensory production will enchant and engage visitors with heartwarming tales that will be remembered long after the show ends.

This unique storytelling experience is included with annual admission and takes place at The Historic Dockyard Chatham from 25 May to 2 June 2024.

Event information: <https://thedockyard.co.uk/events/the-brave-and-the-waves>

ABOUT COMPLETE WORKS

The Historic Dockyard Chatham is pleased to partner with the award-winning Complete Works for 'The Brave and the Waves' event.

Complete Works are passionate storytellers who find the element of performance in all aspects of their work. When it comes to writing and developing new theatrical experiences they always start with a good story and find the most entertaining way of telling it. They understand that when visitors make a choice to spend on a day out, they are investing in an experience. A shared adventure with friends and family that will engage and entertain.

Find out more: <https://www.complete-works.co.uk/>

RNLI 200: THE EXHIBITION

Alongside 'The Brave and the Waves' event visitors will also be able to experience the exhilarating story of the RNLI as the lifesaving charity celebrates its 200th anniversary in the brand-new exhibition for 2024.

In partnership with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, this must-visit exhibition showcases the heroic tales of the men and women who have risked their lives to save others, in times of calm and amidst the most treacherous storms.

Only available for a limited time from 23 March to 1 September 2024, this extraordinary showcase is a truly unmissable experience for visitors of all ages.

Exhibition Information: <https://thedockyard.co.uk/events/rnli-200-the-exhibition/>

Both 'The Brave and The Waves' and RNLI 200: The Exhibition are included in your Dockyard entry ticket. Visit thedockyard.co.uk for more information.

IMAGES & VIDEOS

Images are available to download here: <https://we.tl/t-SM6n507Mey>

Preview video links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkZJ24hKpjk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dg-l1bVgcg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmjaYEH6U>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpqKrNMAeXg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ww-Tf1gJEP4>

NOTES FOR EDITORS

Event Information

Both the event and exhibition are included in a Dockyard entry ticket. No additional booking is required.

Dates:

- The Brave and The Waves – 25 May to 2 June 2024
- RNLI 200: The Exhibition – 23 March to 1 September 2024

About Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust

The Historic Dockyard Chatham has over 100 buildings and structures, including 47 Scheduled Ancient Monuments. The site is in the stewardship of the independent charity, Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust (No. 292101).

The Trust's dual objectives of education and preservation are achieved by a strategy of preservation through reuse. Some of the buildings are open to visitors; others are occupied by residential tenants, businesses, and faculties of the University of Kent.

As a fully accredited museum, the Trust collects, preserves, researches and exhibits objects and materials connected with the history of the dockyard and its people. It studies the development of Royal Navy warship design, construction and the use of the River Medway by the Royal Navy. The Historic Dockyard Chatham presents unrivalled status as the most complete and best-preserved dockyard of the Age of Sail anywhere in the world. It immerses audiences in a mighty feat of preservation, innovation, education and heritage. It offers access to the ships that shaped the world, from a Victorian antislavery sailing ship, to a Second World War Destroyer and a Cold War submarine as well as the stories of the people who made them. From historic buildings, including the Commissioner's House and officers' quarters to the remarkable Victorian ropery, where the rigging for HMS *Victory* was made, to its collection of maritime archaeology, the Dockyard forms an indispensable part of Britain's naval history and its national heritage.

Visitors to and users of The Historic Dockyard Chatham are fundamental to its purpose and the economic reuse of the site and its buildings. Its staff and volunteers play a vital role in providing a high level of service and customer care. The Trust is also involved in the ongoing regeneration of Medway and The Thames Gateway, with Culture and Heritage at its heart.

As part of the Trust's strategy of "Preservation through re-use" recent projects have secured the long-term financial sustainability (on a revenue basis) of the wider Historic Dockyard site.

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