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EQUALITY. IF NOT NOW, WHY?

I founded WOW – Women of the World festival eight years ago out of my belief in celebration. Women have made extraordinary progress in the 20th and 21st centuries, often suffering hardship, hostility and violence to do so. There is nothing we haven't been able to achieve if the right circumstances exist.

History has largely failed to capture the achievements and contributions of girls and women, and the absence of our story perpetuates the problem of endlessly needing to prove our capabilities. But we believe, don't we, that the need to build a strong future for women is compelling and urgent and can be achieved if we work together to combat the injustices of inequality and recognise the intersections that need tackling in order to achieve female potential.

WOW festivals are now held in major cities across the world, and increasingly, we're launching in smaller communities too. Our most intimate WOW is held in Katherine, in Australia's Northern Territory, and our largest, in Karachi, Pakistan. Over one and a half million women are part of the WOW movement, which grows daily. Men and boys are part of WOW too – we all benefit from a gender-equal world. If you'd like to join in, make sure you give your details at the WOW desk.

WOW is a festival – not a conference or a symposium – because we want to attract and celebrate women and girls from all walks of life. Despite the gravity and seriousness of the issues that hold us back, we aim to build a place of warmth, shared respect and fun.

Jude Kelly CBE
Artistic Director, Southbank Centre
Founder, WOW – Women of the World festival

Welcome

Thank you

Thank you to our President, Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall, for her continued support.

Southbank Centre is grateful to its *WOW* Gamechangers for their support: Richard and Rosamund Bernays; Michelle Chuang; Mary Anne Cordeiro; Caroline, Mary and Paul Cronson and the Evelyn Sharp Foundation; Ms Miel de Botton; Katie and Mark Denning; Catherine Petitgas; Joana and Henrik Schliemann; India and Robert Wardrop; and The Rothschild Foundation.

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Festival information

WOW passes

Buy a *WOW* pass to gain access to all these events as you pick and mix your own timetable of talks, debates and performances, be it for one day, the whole weekend (Three Day Pass) or Saturday and Sunday (Two Day Pass).

Ticketed events

Want to attend an event ticketed separately from your pass, or are you visiting *WOW* for a specific ticketed event? Buy tickets online or on site from our Ticket Office.

Free but ticketed events

There are a number of free events that require you to reserve a ticket due to limited capacity. This applies whether you are a *WOW* pass holder or just exploring the free events of the festival.

Free events

While you're here, we encourage you to explore all the free events. Whether you are a ticket or pass holder or not, you can enjoy free exhibitions and pop-up performances all weekend.

Access

We are delighted to offer BSL Interpretation and Speech-to-Text Transcription at events across the festival. Please look out for the access symbols in this brochure for details. There are also roaming BSL interpreters available, so if there is a talk that you would like to have interpreted that's not featured within the BSL programme, please go to the Information Desk on Level 2 to make your request.

Please note that we do our best to accommodate your requests depending on interpreter availability.

Events at Rambert

For help finding Marie Rambert Studio at Rambert, follow signage, ask a Host or go to the Information Desk.

Get involved with WOW

To find out other ways you can get involved, please contact 020 7921 0995 or email supportus@southbankcentre.co.uk.

Keep up to date

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Wednesday 7

Women in the Creative Industries Day

Why does gender equality in our sector matter so much and what can we do to level the playing field? Join women and men from the creative industries to discuss the vital role women play, and investigate how to bring about change. The day begins with our annual Women in the Creative Industries Awards. Join discussions on everything from straight-up sexism to creative confidence and intersectionality 101, and get the chance to meet the people leading the charge.

11.30am – 5.30pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

TICKETS £25



Yap Yap Yap

Get ready for an evening of both hilariously irreverent and teary recreations of women's speeches throughout history. Written and directed by **Deborah Coughlin**, *Yap Yap Yap* is a Gaggle Production with No Ordinary Experience. It debuted at London's ICA and was created as part of WOW 2016. This special performance includes **Jamie Rose Monk**, joined by a host of talent from the great and good of WOW.

7pm – 8pm
Auditorium, Royal Festival Hall

TICKETS £15



Joan

Watch Joan of Arc's story of courage, conviction and hope, performed by drag king champion **Lucy Jane Parkinson**. In this hit show, history's greatest gender warrior takes to the stage, dragging up as the men she defies. Packed with guts, heart (and some well-placed couscous), *Joan* is a fusion of lyrical new writing and cabaret. Ages 12+.

8pm – 9pm
Blue Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall

TICKETS £15

The Butch Monologues

Hear powerful and often humorous secret stories exploring sexuality, vulnerability and desire taken from interviews with butches, masculine women, gender rebels and transmen living worldwide. The performance is followed by a Q&A with **Laura Bridgeman**, **Julie McNamara** and the cast. Ages 16+.

9pm – 10.45pm
Auditorium, Royal Festival Hall

TICKETS £15



WOW Schools Day: How to Change the World

A day for secondary school girls aged 11 – 18 to explore gender equality and celebrate activists and campaigners who have changed the world. Led by an array of artists and speakers, students can make their voices heard through creative workshops, interactive talks, dance and music, leaving them inspired and empowered.

9.30am – 2.30pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

TICKETS £4



International Women's Day at WOW

Join our celebration of women worldwide and hear from organisations and individuals that are making positive change.

6.30pm – 7.30pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Mouthpiece

Take a seat for *Mouthpiece*, a heart-wrenching and humorous journey into the female psyche. It follows a woman in the wake of her mother's death, as she tries to find her voice. Interweaving a cappella harmony, dissonance, text, and physicality, two performers express the conflict that exists within one modern woman's head. Ranging from tender to merciless, *Mouthpiece* magnifies a daughter's contemplation of her mother, and becomes a rigorous investigation of womanhood itself. Ages 14+.

8pm – 9pm
Blue Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall

TICKETS £15

(A second performance takes place on Friday 9 March at 8pm, see page 19.)

Thursday 8

Friday 9

Power, Purpose and Progress: Opening Talk

Hear from six women changing the system. Founder **Jude Kelly** kicks off WOW with a keynote on WOW Global and one of WOW Friday's themes – securing the financial future of the next generation. This is followed by keynotes from: **Helena Morrissey** on why there's no point 'leaning in' when the patriarchal system is no longer fit for purpose. **Marième Jamme** on the Global Goals – what they are, why they matter for gender, and how she is working tirelessly to meet them. **Vivian Hunt**, Managing Partner UK and Ireland at McKinsey & Company, on a new report: 'Delivering Through Diversity'. **Halla Tómasdóttir** on transforming the world with women's leadership. **Sughra Ahmed**, Associate Dean at the Office for Religious Life at Stanford University, on developing a broader understanding of the Islamic faith on campus.

9.30am – 11am
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

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Body of Women

Body of Women works with women who feel disconnected from their bodies after sexual assault, eating disorders and other traumas, helping them to take back what is theirs using naked photoshoots and the power of talking. **Jo Corral** and **Naomi Wood** invite women in, one at a time, to their cosy private photography studio to start real conversations about our bodies and the healing process. There is an option to take your own photo in a private room as part of this session. Sessions last 30 minutes. Sign up on the day.

11am – 5pm
Hong Kong Room,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

Diversify

Companies that reflect our diverse world make better decisions, keep staff longer and do better financially than those that don't. So why isn't everybody at it? Opens with a keynote by **June Sarpong** on *Diversify*, her fierce guide to navigating a new way. Speakers include: **Melanie Eusebe**, Black British Business Awards; **Deborah Williams**, Executive Director of the Creative Diversity Network; and **Shona Bajjal**, Managing Director, UBS Wealth Management (UK Domestic).

11.30am – 12.30pm
St Paul's Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Power, Purpose and Progress: Opening Talk
Helena Morrissey



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The Wonder Down Under: A User's Guide to the Vagina
Nina Brochmann & Ellen Støkken Dahl



In the Line of Fire: Women Politicians and Online Abuse

Online abuse cuts across party lines, affecting women from across the political spectrum. Why have threats of violence become a daily occurrence for many women in politics, and how do you cope if you're in the line of fire? Speakers include: **Jo Swinson MP**, **Anna Soubry MP** and **Sophie Walker**.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Auditorium, Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS



Violence Against Women and Girls: Everyone's Problem

Every year, on average, half a million women are sexually assaulted or raped and two women in Britain die at the hands of a former or current partner each week. Why does this abuse persist and what needs to be done to end it? Hear about the extreme difficulties faced by refugees and helplines, with speakers who run these services. In partnership with the End Violence Against Women Coalition (EVAW).

11.30am – 12.30pm
Green Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

A Matter of Life and Debt

You've heard about the gender pay gap, but what about the gender financial security gap? Why do women have more personal debt than men, own fewer homes and face more financial risk over the course of their lives? Presented by the Fawcett Society.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Level 5 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

One Planet, Double Standards

Hear from women at the forefront of sustainability and environmental policy. Climate change is one of our most urgent challenges. From natural disasters to food shortages, women are at greater risk. As the world heats up, we speak to the women on the front lines to learn what part gender equality plays in climate change. Speakers include **Alison Tickell**, Founder and CEO of Julie's Bicycle; **Nicola Baird**, editor of *Why Women Will Save the Planet*; and **Liz Hutchins**, Director of Campaigning Impacts at Friends of the Earth. Chaired by **Maria Adebawale-Schwarte**, Founding Director of Living Space Project.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Level 3 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

The Wonder Down Under: A User's Guide to the Vagina

In 2017, *Stylist* ran a cover on the vagina and Bodyform showed menstrual blood with realistic red in their adverts. In 2018, prepare for *The Wonder Down Under: A User's Guide to the Vagina*. **Nina Brochmann** and **Ellen Støkken Dahl**, Oslo-based medical students, sexual health educators and founders of *The Genital Area* blog, explore everything from female erections (yes, it's a thing), to cultural examinations of the hymen, supported by solid medical knowledge.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Weston Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

Stand-Up Stand Out: Comedy Workshop

In this workshop, learn how the techniques of stand-up can improve your confidence and communication skills. Led by **Lynne Parker**, founder of Funny Women, the female comedy community helping women to perform, write and do business with humour.

11.30am – 12.30pm
3pm – 4pm
White Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

WOW Bites

Come to *WOW Bites* for short talks, performances, readings and soapbox moments. Speakers include: **Mandu Reid** and **Gabby Edlin** on creating CupAware Party and why menstrual cups are the greatest unsung inventions of the 20th century. **Zainab Ibrahim** on 'Revolutionary Songs: Women, Music and Change'. **Holly Tarquini** on *The F-Rating* and redressing the imbalance in the film industry. **Lê Thị Thúy Hoàn** on striving for gender equality at the Vietnamese Women's Museum.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Sunley Pavilion, Level 3,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

International Activism

Hear leading international changemakers speak about how to turn local activism into global solidarity. We open with a keynote by women's rights and LGBTQIA+ advocate **Li Maizi**, one of China's 'Feminist Five', and hear from North Korean defector and author **Hyeonseo Lee** and activist **Yassmin Abdel-Magied**.

11.30am – 12.30pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



Women, War and Peace-building in Syria

Six years into the Syrian Civil War, we look at the core issues affecting women's lives there, as well as the refugee community and diaspora, and ask: what is women's role in revolution, war and peace-building? Activists, policymakers and campaigners share the story on the ground, where the optimism is and what the challenges are in fighting and peace-building. Chaired by Egyptian novelist and political and cultural commentator **Ahdaf Soueif**. Speakers include **Itab Azzam**, producer of the documentary *Exodus: Our Journey To Europe* and co-author of *Syria: Recipes from Home*; student **Maryam Alhameed**; **Laila Alodaat**, human rights lawyer and the MENA Director at the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; and writer and editor **Malu Halasa**.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Blue Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

Momtaza Mehri

Watch performance poet and essayist **Momtaza Mehri**, whose work has appeared in *DAZED*, *Buzzfeed*, *Vogue*, *BBC Radio 4*, and *Poetry International*. Mehri is a Complete Works Fellow, the 2017 Out-Spoken Prize for Poetry Page Winner, and co-editor of the digital platform *Diaspora Drama*.

12.40pm – 1pm
Riverside Terrace Cafe, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall
4pm – 4.20pm
Central Bar Foyer, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall
FREE

Good Girl

Naomi Sheldon performs extracts of her debut play following a critically acclaimed run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Bold and provocative, *Good Girl* tells a darkly comic coming-of-age tale about learning to live unapologetically, and adds a distinctive perspective to current dialogue about the female experience.

12.40pm – 1pm
2.30pm – 2.50pm
4pm – 4.20pm
Blue Side Foyers, Level 5,
Royal Festival Hall
FREE

Friday Lunch

Join us for a WOW edition of Friday Lunch, with **Lady Sanity**.

1pm – 2pm
Riverside Terrace Cafe, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall
FREE

Who's Afraid of Feminist Economics?

Has economics cemented gender inequality rather than helping solve it? 'Feminist Economics' says it has – by habitually ignoring women. So what is it and what does it offer, or does traditional economics already have the answers? Speakers include **Hannah Peaker**, Women's Equality Party and **Ania Plomien**, lecturer in gender studies at LSE and member of the Women's Budget Group. Chaired by journalist and writer **Bee Rowlett**.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Blue Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Moments That Matter: Pivotal Points, Perils, Pitfalls and Progress

What are the six pivotal points in your life when you're most at risk of the perils and pitfalls that leave women less financially secure? Contribute ideas on what interventions we need to improve the next generation of women's financial independence and security – they'll be fed into a Market Task Force to improve women's financial resilience. Led by **Jude Kelly**. In partnership with The Chartered Insurance Institute.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Level 5 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

Let Your Light Shine Bright: Media Training Workshop

Women are typically outnumbered by men on news and current affairs programmes by four to one, and broadcasters say they struggle to book women on their programmes. This workshop takes you on a tour of the skills you need to step into the spotlight, communicate ideas, and let your light shine bright. Led by broadcaster, journalist and media trainer **Gill Pyrah**.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Level 3 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

We Don't Need No Sexist Education

From the books children read to role models in the classroom, does our education system reinforce the idea that boys and girls are fundamentally different? We ask teachers, parents and students how to challenge sexism in class from those crucial early years through to higher education. Speakers include **Susie Burrows**, teacher and past President of Hackney NUT; advisory teacher **Mike Vance**; **Dr Javid Abdelmoneim**, presenter of BBC programme *No More Boys and Girls: Can Our Kids Go Gender Free?*; and **Kat Banyard**, Director of UK Feminista.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Green Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

Women in Business: Leading from the Front

If real equality is going to happen, then the corporate world must be on board. Whether it's boardroom quotas or sexual harassment in the City, how can we be more effective at dismantling the old boys' network? Speakers include: **Eva Lindholm**, CEO, UBS Wealth Management, UK & Jersey; **Erika Irish Brown**, Global Head of Diversity & Inclusion, Bloomberg; **Hilary Browne**, Head of Liabilities UK, AIG; and **Yomi Adegoke** and **Elizabeth Uviebinené**, authors of *Slay in Your Lane*. Chaired by **India Martin**, financial services veteran, leadership expert and coach.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Auditorium, Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS



Workplace Harassment & No More.
Laura Bates



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*Women on Top: LGBTQI Women in the Workplace
& LGBTQI+ Resilience with Black Pride UK*
Phyll Opoku-Gyimah



Women Behind Bars: Gender Equality and The Criminal Justice System

What does a prison system that works for women look like? A new report suggests that the number of incarcerated women and girls has doubled since 2000, making up 6.9% of the world's prison population. However, women are far less likely than men to commit violent crimes, and more likely to break the law to support their families. We investigate the economic and human costs of imprisoning women on a mass scale. Speakers include: **Naima Sakande**, Manager of the Women's Justice Initiative at the Centre for Criminal Appeals; **Caitlin Davies**, novelist, journalist and author of *Bad Girls: A History of Rebels and Renegades*; and **Deborah Coles**, Director of INQUEST. Chaired by **Kate Paradine**, Chief Executive of Women in Prison.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
St Paul's Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

WOW Bites

Come to *WOW Bites* for short talks, performances, readings and soapbox moments. Speakers include: **Muna Jama** on changing the rules in beauty pageants forever. **Sarifa Patel** on valuing disabled people's rights and creating a more inclusive education and support system. **Johanna Vehkoo** and **Rosa Meriläinen** on developing Finland's The Swearing Soiree and why every community should have one. **Jenny Landreth** on radical swimming Suffragettes. **Jayanthi Kuru-Utumpala** on climbing Mount Everest and shattering gender stereotypes.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Blue Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Women in Media

Join **Katharine Viner**, editor-in-chief of Guardian News & Media, in conversation as she discusses the importance of progressive and diverse media in a rapidly changing world. Speakers include: **Jacqueline Simmons**, Executive Editor of Global Business at Bloomberg, and **Catherine Mayer**, Women's Equality Party.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



Workplace Harassment

Globally, between 40%-50% of women experience unwanted sexual advances, physical contact or other forms of sexual harassment at work. The revelations in Hollywood unveil what has happened for years to working women all over the world who do not have a voice. Hear from activists and policymakers on the action being taken to eradicate workplace harassment. Speakers include **Helen Pankhurst**, CARE International UK's Special Adviser on Gender Equality; **Laura Bates**, author and founder of The Everyday Sexism Project; and **Nazma Akter**, one of Bangladesh's foremost labour leaders. Chaired by writer and activist **Natasha Walter**.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Weston Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Women for Refugee Women

Watch Women for Refugee Women perform original songs from their 2017 collaboration with Hayward Gallery, artist **Charwei Tsai** and Music in Detention. The group empowers refugee women to speak about their experiences to increase understanding between communities.

2.30pm – 3pm
Riverside Terrace Cafe, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

A Brave New Age of Business

Who are the women turning business on its head? We introduce some of the women designing businesses to be sustainable in a world with huge challenges from poverty, food security, conflict and climate change. Speakers include: **Sophi Tranchell**, Managing Director at Divine Chocolate, and **Ayesha Mustafa**, Founder and Director of Fashion ComPassion. Chaired by **India Martin**.

3pm – 4pm
Weston Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Shame

Shame is an emotion that has been used to control women for centuries. Come and hear personal stories of overcoming shame, and discuss whether women are disproportionately affected. Speakers include: **Hana Assafiri**, founder of Speed Date a Muslim, and **Helen Walmsley-Johnson**, author and domestic abuse survivor. Chaired by **Rosie Boycott**, journalist and food adviser to the Mayor of London.

3pm – 4pm
Auditorium, Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



Pensions & Power

Get answers on everything you wanted to know about pensions but were too afraid to ask. A lifetime of being paid less than men, the recent increase in women's state pension age and other gender-based inequalities mean many older women are left financially vulnerable. Learn the truth about women, pensions and what you can do to protect your future. Presented by the Fawcett Society.

3pm – 4pm
Green Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

WOW Mass Speed Mentoring

Join our mass speed-mentoring session to share your challenges, exchange ideas and stories and potentially identify a new mentor. This is an opportunity for you to be mentored by experts with roles across many fields, including theatre directors, journalists, scientists, campaigners, artists, *WOW* speakers and more. The session lasts for one hour. During this time, you have three individual 15-minute speed mentoring sessions. There are free tickets available on the day.

3pm – 4pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE BUT TICKETED

Women on Top: LGBTQI Women in the Workplace

What are the biggest challenges facing queer women at work, and how can you overcome them? Speakers include: **Reeta Loi**, Co-Founder of Gaysians, and **Phyll Opoku-Gyimah**, Director of UK Black Pride. Chaired by **Carrie Lyell**, editor of *DIVA* magazine. Presented by *DIVA* magazine.

3pm – 4pm
Sunley Pavilion, Level 3,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Being Well

Women often struggle to get support for medical issues, due to lack of knowledge, shame, or barriers to medical care. But how can women access the care they need? Speakers include: **Monica Karpinski**, Founder and Editor of *The Femedic*; **Marion Wadibia**, CEO of NAZ, an organisation offering sexual health services; **Eleanor Lisney**, campaigner and Founder of Sisters of Frida, a disabled women's collective; **Neelam Heera** of Cysters, which provides gynaecological and sexual health; and **Philippa Hobson**, Senior Cardiac Nurse for the British Heart Foundation.

3pm – 4pm
Blue Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



Jude Kelly, WOW Founder and
Southbank Centre Artistic Director



@ Mike Massaro

We Need to Talk About Alcohol: Discussion Group

Why have British women become some of the heaviest drinkers in the West? Is it liberation or addiction? Whether you just want to know how much is too much, or how the industry deliberately targets young women, this open discussion group unveils some of the myths around women and alcohol. Speakers include **Bunmi Aboaba** and **Jude Mahon**.

3pm – 4.30pm
St Paul's Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Code Switching: Survival Strategies for Black Women at Work

What compromises do black women have to make to fit in, and at what cost? This session joins the dots about the impact of gender, race and class in the workplace. Speakers include: **Dr Nicola Rollock**; **Lola Olufemi**, Cambridge University Student Union Women's Officer; **Deborah Williams**; and **Yassmin Abdel-Magied**. Chaired by **Hannah Azieb Pool**, journalist and Senior Programmer of Contemporary Culture, Southbank Centre.

3pm – 4pm
Level 5 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Gamelan Ibu Ibu Workshop

Unwind at WOW with a relaxing workshop on how to play the Javanese percussion orchestra, or gamelan. In Java, there is a strong tradition of 'ibu ibu' (women-only) gamelan groups with an extensive competition circuit arising from a strong social scene. Women from communities and villages meet to play the gamelan, eat and chat together. Come to meet other women from the WOW community and be soothed by the meditative chimes of the gamelan. This workshop is first-come, first-served. Ages 16+.

3pm – 4.30pm
Gamelan Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

The Real Lives of Business Sheros

Our esteemed panel explores the good, the bad, and the ugly of being senior women in highly visible jobs. From how race and gender play at out work, to personal struggles and what they thought might be career-limiting failures, these women at the top of their game share the joys and challenges of leadership. Led by **Jude Kelly** and **India Martin**.

4.30pm – 5.30pm
Auditorium, Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



Friday Tonic

Experience the engaging sound of singer-songwriter **Ailbhe Reddy**.

5pm – 6pm
Riverside Terrace Cafe, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Women on the Move Awards

Celebrate inspirational leadership from migrant and refugee women who help others integrate into UK society. The Women on the Move Awards support these women and tell their stories of survival and the positive contributions they make in their UK communities. Featuring a performance by composer, singer and songwriter **Laura Mvula**. Presented in association with Migrants Organise Ltd and delivered in partnership with UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency.

6.30pm – 7.45pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE BUT TICKETED



Mouthpiece

See page 7 for more details. Ages 14+.

8pm – 9pm
Blue Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall

TICKETS £15

MANWATCHING

The show begins with a male comedian being given a script he has never seen before. He reads the script out loud, sight unseen, in front of an audience. This is a show about what one woman thinks about when she thinks about sex with men. Directed by **Lucy Morrison** and presented by Royal Court Theatre. **Andy Zaltzman** performs as the unprepared man. Ages 16+.

8pm – 9.20pm
Level 5 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall

TICKETS £15

(A British Sign Language-interpreted performance takes place on Saturday 10 March at 8pm. See page 36.)

No More.

WOW London brings together women on the front lines of global movements who are transforming the future by demanding 'No More'. No more violence. No more harassment. No more silence. In the centenary of women's suffrage, come hear what's next for these campaigns. Special guests include: **Patrisse Khan-Cullors**, Co-Founder of #BlackLivesMatter; **Laura Bates**, Founder of The Everyday Sexism Project; **Dr Shola Mos-Shogbamimu**, Co-Organiser of Women's March London; and **Nidhi Goyal**, comedian and activist working on disability rights and gender justice. Chaired by **Jude Kelly**.

8pm – 9.30pm
Auditorium, Royal Festival Hall
TICKETS £15 – £25*



Wickedly Wild Cabaret

Celebrate the taboo boundaries of the abject woman in this cabaret. A line-up of women perform slovenly and bedraggled pieces on gender, the body and disability. Watch renowned and emerging feminist, queer, and crip performance artists in this evening hosted by **Doris La Trine**. Ages 18+.

9.30pm – 10.45pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE



No More.
Patrisse Khan-Cullors



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Wickedly Wild Cabaret
Katherine Araniello



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Saturday 10

Dawn Chorus: Views on the News

Start your WOW day by getting the low-down on the weekend headlines with Southbank Centre Artistic Director **Jude Kelly** and Senior Programmer for Contemporary Culture, **Hannah Azieb Pool**.

9am – 9.15am
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



Sweep Through the Year

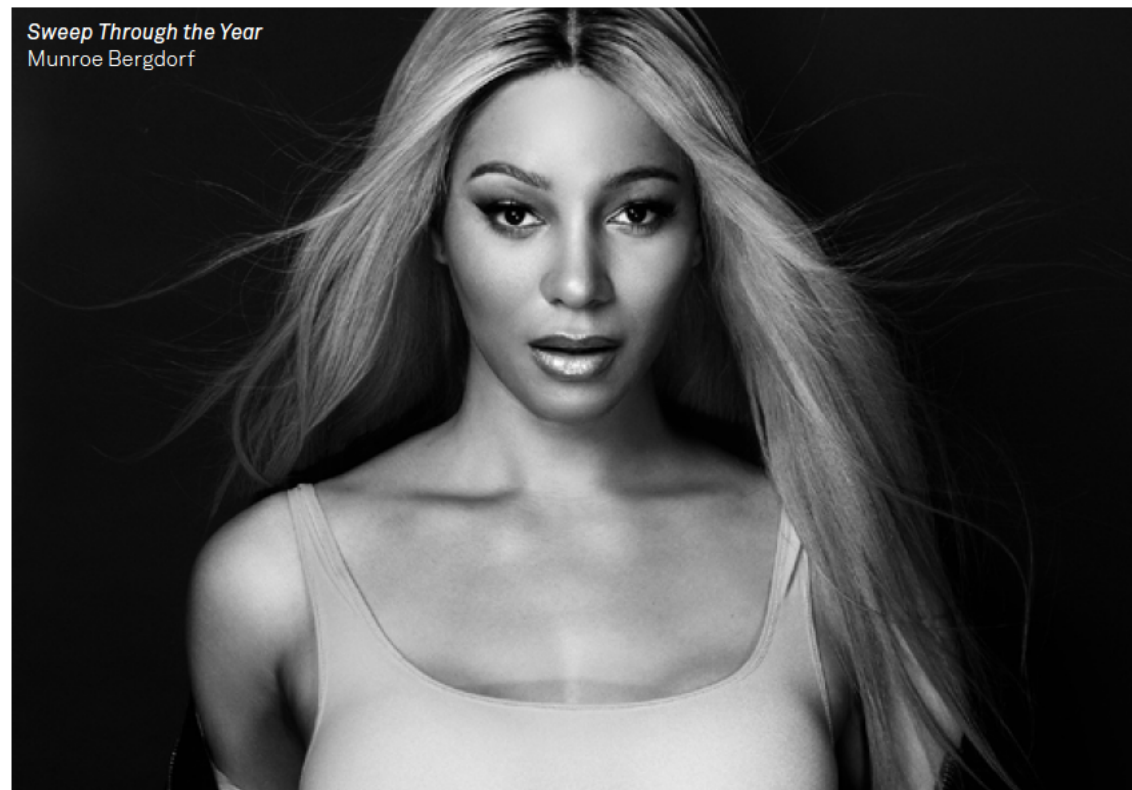
Navigate the ups and downs of the last 12 months, followed by in-depth explorations on the big stories, from those who were involved. Speakers include: **Munroe Bergdorf**, model and activist, on her year of activism – and what's next. **Carrie Gracie** on pay discrimination, the BBC, and speaking out. **Ayan Mahamoud** on Somaliland's new bill outlawing rape and other violent sexual crimes for the first time in its history. **Mandu Reid** and **Gabby Edlin** on CupAware parties. **Jenny Waldman** on 14-18 NOW and a year in artistic responses to the anniversary of partial suffrage. With a special appearance from **Louise Marshall**, piper to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

9.30am – 11am
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

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Sweep Through the Year
Munroe Bergdorf



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Sweep Through the Year
Louise Marshall



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Under-10s' Feminist Corner: Girls Only, Ages 6 – 7

Are you a budding young feminist? Feminism isn't just for grown-ups and teenagers. If you think girls should have the same opportunities in life as boys, we've got the perfect session for you. In an interactive workshop with other young feminists, you can explore what being a girl means and get tips on how to start a campaign from your bedroom. For girls aged 6 – 7.

10am – 11am
Level 3 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall
TICKETS £5

(Sessions for girls ages 8 – 10 take place on Sunday 11 March at 10am and 4.30pm. See page 38.)

PROCESSIONS: Banner-making Workshop

Make a banner inspired by the Suffragettes at this drop-in workshop for all ages. Learn the skills and designs the Suffragettes used 100 years ago in the campaign for women's suffrage. There are free tickets available on the day.

11.30am – 12.30pm
1.15pm – 2.15pm
3pm – 4pm
Blue Side Foyers, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE BUT TICKETED

Calling All Grandmothers!

Are you a grandmother or do you know one? Would you like to have a song written for you? If yes, then sign up to be part of a beautiful musical project celebrating grandmothers from around the globe. Award-winning composer **Esmeralda Conde Ruiz** is interviewing grandmothers at WOW for this special project. Please apply via email to southbankcentre.co.uk to schedule a time slot.

11am – 6pm
Royal Retiring Room, Level 5,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Pop-Up Dance

Enjoy a free dance performance as part of your Saturday at WOW.

11.10am – 11.20am
Central Bar Foyer, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Women Crossing Borders

Find out who the real women are behind the headlines about refugees and migrants. In this talk, we connect their stories with the wider struggles for gender equality. Speakers include **Hana Assafiri** and **Hyeonseo Lee**.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Auditorium, Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



Teens Talk Back

Join a panel of teenage girls discussing feminism: is it cool, do they like the word and what do boys think? Whatever your age, this is your chance to hear from teens about their lives, thoughts and expectations – from the tough realities to straightforward optimism. Curated by WOW Bradford.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Green Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

The Value of Girls

The widespread grooming and sexual assault of girls in Rochdale was a case that shocked the nation. Councillor **Sara Rowbotham** (portrayed by Maxine Peake in BBC's *Three Girls*) exposed the scandal, and former public prosecutor **Nazir Afsal** helped convict the groomers. Here, they tell their stories and talk about the circumstances surrounding the case, and so many others like it. Chaired by **Rosie Boycott**.

11.30am – 12.30pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



Mother Tongues

Watch films where poetry is translated between mother and daughter in *Mother Tongues*, an innovative poetry, translation and film project by **Victoria Adukwei Bulley** that captures acclaimed poets alongside the women and languages that have nurtured them most. Join Bulley, alongside **Theresa Lola**, **Tania Nwachukwu** and **Clare Awonuga**, for this screening and an intimate discussion about womanhood, heritage, and culture led by Nigerian British writer **Irenosen Okojie**.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Blue Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

Women in Creative Industries: Speed Mentoring

Share your challenges, exchange ideas and explore different perspectives at a WOW speed-mentoring session. This session is specifically targeted at women currently working or interested in a career in the creative industries. Mentors in this session come from across the spectrum of careers and at all levels in the creative industries.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Blue Side Foyers, Level 3,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Dead Bedroom: Stance Podcast at WOW

Many people are in sexless relationships or in relationships heading that way. Why is that? Join *Stance Podcast*, hosted by **Chrystal Genesis** and **Heta Fell**, for a live recording exploring this issue's social history and current questions. Examine potential answers with the expert panel, which includes **Anjula Mutanda**, relationship psychologist, broadcaster and author, and **Professor Jacqui Gabb**, Chair of Sociology and Intimacy at The Open University.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Weston Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

Creating Heroines

Create your own heroine of the future in comic-strip form, with artist **Dr Nicola Streeten**. What would she be like? What would her advice be? No experience is needed to join. Creating Heroines is an international collaborative project conceived by the British Council. These workshops have taken place at WOW Karachi, WOW Colombo and WOW Kathmandu.

11.30am – 12.30pm
White Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Women for Grenfell

More than six months have passed since the devastating fire at Grenfell Tower block took the lives of at least 71 people and rendered hundreds of families homeless and traumatised. But for many of the survivors the tragedy feels like it was yesterday. In this talk, Justice4Grenfell tells us where their campaign stands now, and looks at the women campaigning for justice and how the tragedy affected women. Speakers include: **Yvette Williams**, Co-Founder of Justice4Grenfell; **Eileen Short**, leading member of Defend Council Housing; London firefighter **Lucy Masoud**; and **Clarrie Mendy**, relative of Mary Mendy and Khadija Saye, who died in the fire.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Level 5 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

Desi Lesbians, Where Are You?

What are the reasons behind the lack of visible, out, lesbian, and bi South Asian women? Co-hosted by Gaysians, an alliance of South Asian LGBT+ organisations, charities, and activists in the UK. Speakers include **DJ Ritu**. Chaired by **Reeta Loi**, Co-Founder of Gaysians.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Level 3 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS



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Ahdaf Soueif and Jacqueline Rose in Conversation

Listen to two legendary thinkers, activists, feminists and friends catch up and discuss their latest thoughts and ideas. **Ahdaf Soueif** is an Egyptian novelist and political and cultural commentator; **Jacqueline Rose** is an academic internationally known for her writing on feminism, psychoanalysis, literature and politics.

11.30am – 12.30pm
St Paul's Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

LIPS

Check out LIPS, a trans-inclusive all-woman choir based in London. For this performance, they celebrate the music of Amy Winehouse – in their own inimitable style.

12.40pm – 1.10pm
2.15pm – 2.45pm
Riverside Terrace Cafe,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Muslim Girls Fence

Watch a fencing demonstration by rising stars before picking up a foil to take part yourself. Muslim Girls Fence is a collaboration between Maslaha and British Fencing, aiming to challenge misperceptions of young Muslim women by tapping into the confidence and resilience-building associated with fencing.

12.40pm – 1.10pm
4pm – 4.30pm
Central Bar Foyer, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

NOMAD

A performance of poetry and music from NOMAD, a community organisation working with young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

12.40pm – 1.10pm
Blue Side Foyers, Level 5,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Let's Be Clear About Consent

No means no. There should be no room for debate over whether a drink, a short skirt or a long-term relationship leaves space for it to mean 'yes'. Our panel of experts discuss what consent is, what it isn't and how we make sure that we are aware of the rules.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
White Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Do Women Dream of a Different Future? Women and Science Fiction

From the *The Handmaid's Tale* to *Noughts & Crosses*, women's writing has always drawn on history to imagine different futures. We hear from the women who rule sci-fi and fantasy right now to help us imagine a gender-equal world. Speakers include: **Fiona Sampson**, poet and author of *In Search of Mary Shelley: The Girl Who Wrote Frankenstein*; writer **G X Todd**; **Leila El Hawa**, Organiser of the Post-Apocalyptic Book Club and Dark Societies; and author **Stephanie Saulter**. Chaired by **Una McCormack**, author and academic.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Blue Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Privilege 101

Most people have enjoyed some kind of unearned leg up in their lives, whether it's being white, straight, non-disabled, cis-gendered, or speaking the national language of the country we live in. What does it mean to have 'privilege', why is it so hard to acknowledge, and what responsibilities come with it? Speakers include: **Catherine Mayer**, Co-Founder of the Women's Equality Party; academic **Dr Nicola Rollock**; and disability activist **Michelle Daley**.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
St Paul's Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

WOW Bites

Come to *WOW Bites* for short talks, performances, readings and soapbox moments. Speakers include: **Nicole Crentsil** and **Paula Akpan** on creating the UK's first Black Girl Festival. **Kate O'Donnell** performing *I never wanted to be a woman I wanted to be a supermodel*. **Lyanne Nicholl** on the post-natal body and why your vagina is not a priority. **Adriana Barbosa** on creating Feira Preta, Brazil's Black Expo, and the power of 'black money'.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Green Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Around the World in 42 WOWs

Learn about the *WOW* festivals across the world. Since it began in 2010, *WOW* has taken place in over 25 locations across five continents. Hear from *WOW*s in Bangladesh, Finland, Bradford and Brazil. Chaired by **Claudia Merhej**, *WOW* Global Programmer at Southbank Centre.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Level 3 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Mothers Of Colour

When is the right time to tell your black daughter about the double whammy of racism and sexism, or your son about police brutality? How do you parent against Islamophobia or avoid becoming the black 'supermum'? This panel discusses the challenges, and joys, of mothering while black. Speakers include: **Afua Hirsch**, journalist and author of *Brit(ish)*; **Selma Nicholls**, Founder of the talent agency Looks Like Me; and **Leyla Hussein**, therapist and anti-FGM campaigner. Chaired by **Chrystal Genesis** of *Stance Podcast*.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Level 5 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Ruby Wax – How to Be Human: The Manual

Hear **Ruby Wax** in conversation with her friend, **Helena Kennedy QC**, as they discuss her new book, *How to Be Human: The Manual*, with readings, frankness and laughter. You may leave knowing more about your own mind and determined to get on 'the yellow brick road to happiness'.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Auditorium, Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



Agents for Change: WOW Young Women's Rally 2018

Do you want to make change? Are you trying to start your own campaign? How do girls and young women become activists and campaign for the things they believe in? Join us for the *WOW Young Women's Rally*, an outdoor call to action with performances, music and singing. Hear about incredible campaigns for and by young women, and imagine what an activist future could look like. Ages 8+.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Riverside Terrace Cafe, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Deafness and Self-Care

Deaf women are twice as likely to experience mental health issues as hearing women, yet most 'talking therapies' such as CBT aren't Deaf-aware, and self-help remedies such as mindfulness apps or meditation classes only cater to the hearing community. With higher risks of depression, suicide and self-harm, how do Deaf women practice self-care? Speakers include: **Lenka Novakova**; **Herbert Klein**; and twin lifestyle bloggers **Heroda and Hermon Berhane**. Chaired by **Rubbena Aurangzeb-Tariq**.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Weston Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

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Ruby Wax – *How to Be Human: The Manual*
Ruby Wax



Deafness and Self-Care
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Rocket Women: Women in the Space Industry
Libby Jackson

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Women in STEM: Speed Mentoring

Share your challenges, exchange ideas and explore different perspectives at a WOW speed-mentoring session. This session is aimed at women currently working or interested in STEM careers. Mentors in this session come from across the spectrum of STEM careers at all levels.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Blue Side Foyers, Level 3,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Rise Up Singing

Rise Up Singing is a choir made up of charity RISE UK's family: their staff, supporters, and service users. RISE UK helps people affected by domestic abuse by offering practical solutions, shelter and support in Brighton, Hove and Sussex.

2.30pm – 2.50pm
Green Side Foyers, Level 5,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

CupAware Party

Are you cup-curious? Interested in using a menstrual cup but aren't quite sure? Join the CupAware Party and bust period taboos together. Learn everything you need to know to get cup-confident! CupAware is a partnership between The Cup Effect and Bloody Good Period.

3pm – 4.30pm
White Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Rocket Women: Women in the Space Industry

In a year when the film *Hidden Figures*, telling the story of the brilliant African-American women working at NASA in the 1960s, became one of the highest-grossing films worldwide and the 'Women of NASA' LEGO set sold out in a matter of days, WOW investigates if space is the final frontier for gender equality. Can advances in the culture of science match up with technological achievements? Speakers include: **Libby Jackson**, Human Spaceflight and Microgravity Programme Manager at the UK Space Agency and author of *A Galaxy of Her Own*, and **Sue Nelson**, an award-winning science journalist and broadcaster.

3pm – 4pm
Blue Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

sister-hood – LIVE

Hear from the writers of *sister-hood*, the award-winning digital magazine spotlighting the fearless, progressive and creative voices of women of Muslim heritage. Speakers include: **Deeyah Khan**, film-maker, human rights activist and Founder of *sister-hood*; and **Leyla Hussein**.

3pm – 4pm
Green Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

WOW Bites

Come to WOW Bites for short talks, performances, readings and soapbox moments. **Jacqueline Saphra** performs from *A Bargain with the Light: Poems After Lee Miller*. **Felicia Pennant** on celebrating female fandom and the beautiful game. **Anne Lydiat** on chartering her own ship and exploring women who have sailed. **Min Kym** on discovering the music of her own voice.

3pm – 4pm
Level 3 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Anita Anand on Sophia Duleep Singh

This is the extraordinary story of Sophia Duleep Singh. Bold and fearless, she was born into Indian royalty and devoted herself to fighting for women's rights. Journalist **Anita Anand** unearths this story about the rise of women and the fall of empire, and the key role Singh played in the first British women getting the vote in the UK.

3pm – 4pm
St Paul's Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Being Your Own Boss: Speed Mentoring

Share your challenges, exchange ideas and explore different perspectives at a WOW speed-mentoring session. This session is aimed at women interested in becoming, or who already are, their own bosses. You might be a freelancer looking to discuss challenges or somebody exploring making your passion a profession. Mentors in this session come from a range of fields, but all have experience of starting their own enterprises or working for themselves.

3pm – 4pm
Blue Side Foyers, Level 3,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Refusing to Be Silenced

Hear from women who risk their lives to speak the truth by standing up for human rights and justice in conflict zones. At this event, the 2017 Anna Politkovskaya Award is presented to Pakistani activist **Gulalai Ismail**. We also honour Indian journalist Gauri Lankesh, who was killed in India last year, and pay tribute to Jamalida Begum, a young Rohingya woman who is a refugee in Bangladesh and has spoken out about rape and torture. Presented by RAW in WAR (Reach All Women in WAR).

3pm – 4pm
Auditorium, Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



Yvette

Watch this one-woman show about a stolen childhood and growing up with a secret. Evie is 13. She wants to tell us about something: her crush, trying to be a woman, friends, virginity, garage remixes, Hello Kitty underwear... an 'uncle' lurking in the corner of her story. She wants to tell us something, but she doesn't dare let it out. Yvette is written by **Urielle Klein-Mekongo** and is based on a true story, with original music. Presented by China Plate. Commissioned by Bernie Grant Arts Centre in Association with Hull 2017. Followed by a Q&A with Klein-Mekongo and **Louise Platt**, dramatherapist and clinical supervisor. Ages 14+. Please note, this performance contains themes of sexual violence.

3pm – 4.30pm
Blue Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

(Another performance takes place on Sunday 11 March at 3pm. See page 48.)

Childcare: A Radical Solution

UK families spend over 30% of their income on childcare – the most expensive early years care in the Western world. If we had a solution to childcare, would the ripple effect improve everything from diversity in male-dominated fields to the gender pay gap? We ask a panel of parents, policy makers and activists to share proposals for a childcare utopia, and debate what we need to get there. Speakers include: **Sophie Walker**, Leader of the Women's Equality Party; **Nicole Campbell**, Family Services Coordinator at Deaf Parenting UK; **Daisy Kateeba**, founder of Baby Reign; and **Antonia Romeo**, Permanent Secretary at the Department for International Trade. Chaired by author **Sif Sigmarsdóttir**.

3pm – 4pm
Weston Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



Is Donald Trump Making Feminism Great Again?

Don't miss this epic face-off, as comedians roll up their sleeves in this cheeky debate to settle the question once and for all – is Donald Trump making feminism great again? Speakers include: comedian, broadcaster and former political advisor **Ayesha Hazarika**, and comedians **Shazia Mirza** and **Angie Le Mar**. Chaired by **Sughra Ahmed**, Associate Dean for Religious Life at Stanford University. Curated with the WOW Apollo team in Harlem, New York.

3pm – 4pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



Black Lives Matter

At this year's WOW, Black Lives Matter help you navigate daily racism, white supremacy and oppression while practising self-care. Enter their radical black space and get answers to questions that infuriate and enrage you: 'Why can't I touch your hair?', 'What about all lives matter?' and 'Why are you so angry?' Speakers include: **Patrisse Khan-Cullors**; youth advocate **Tanya Compas**; activists **Marcia Rigg** and **Kelechi Chioba**; and **Tia Simon-Campbell**, Co-Founder, BBZ. Presented by Black Lives Matter UK.

3pm – 4pm
Level 5 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

SHE Choir

SHE Choir is a dynamic and engaging all-female pop choir based in London. They sing their own three-part arrangements of a diverse range of contemporary and classic songs, from Chaka Khan to Alice Cooper and The Rolling Stones to Destiny's Child.

4pm – 4.30pm
Blue Side Foyers, Level 5,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

CHUDI

A fusion of soul, jazz and pop, CHUDI uses her stirring vocals to share stories through music.

4pm – 4.30pm
Riverside Terrace Cafe, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Under-10s' Feminist Corner: Boys Only, Ages 8 – 10

Are you a budding young gender equality champion? Do you think girls should have the same opportunities in life as boys? If so, this is the perfect session for you. In an interactive workshop with other young boys you can explore gender equality, what it means to be a girl and what boys can do to help ensure equality. For boys aged 8 – 10.

4.30pm – 5.30pm
Level 3 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall

TICKETS £5

Breaking the Silence Discussion Group

What happens when you speak out about sexual violence committed against you? Join this open discussion group about breaking the silence and the potential for change with global movements like #MeToo.

4.30pm – 6pm
St Paul's Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Would You Have Been a Suffragette?



@TheWomen's Library @ LSE

Would You Have Been a Suffragette?

What price would you be prepared to pay for gender equality? 100 years ago, after a long campaign, some women got the right to vote in the UK. In this session, we discuss being passive receivers of other people's struggles for justice and whether sacrifice is inevitable when fighting for change. Most of all, we celebrate what the Suffragettes and Suffragists did for us. Speakers include: **Diane Atkinson**, author of *Rise Up Women!*; activist **Malia Bouattia** and more. Chaired by **Jude Kelly**.

4.30pm – 5.30pm
Auditorium, Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS



All the Single Ladies: A Dating Game Discussion

Share stories of love and sex from the front lines of dating in this frank and inclusive discussion. Topics range from the myriad choices and challenges posed by online dating to taking charge of our love lives and challenging sexist dating norms, both online and on a date. Led by **Saskia Nelson**, award-winning dating expert and founder of Hey Saturday, the first and coolest dating photography business.

4.30pm – 6pm
Level 5 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Childlessness: Discussion Group

Discuss how being childless through circumstance impacts women. Approximately 3.5 million people in the UK have difficulty conceiving, so why do damaging stereotypes like the 'crazy cat lady' and 'mad spinsters' still portray childless women as selfish and a drain on society? We look at shame, disappointment and how the social and political aspects of fertility, infertility and assisted reproduction impact personal life. Hosted by **Kelly Da Silva**, founder of The Dovecote: Childless Support Organisation.

4.30pm – 6pm
Green Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

How to Get Elected

Make 2018 the year you stand for office! Join **The Parliament Project** for a workshop on the routes open to you, from party activism to local council and more. Arrive with an open mind and political passion and leave with a tailored political action plan.

4.30pm – 6pm
Weston Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

Mums Like Us: Disabled Parents Discussion Group

Swap stories and meet fellow parents at this frank and inclusive meetup for women parenting or considering having children while dealing with the additional challenges of physical disability. From adapting traditional parenting methods to getting the support you're entitled to, come share your experiences. Led by **Sally Darby**, founder of Mums Like Us, an online network for disabled mothers to share and connect in a safe, non-judgmental and positive community.

This session is open to parents, carers, grandparents, children of disabled parents or anyone who cares for children and young people.

4.30pm – 6pm
Blue Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE



Fangirls

Get ready for a bloodthirsty musical about teenage fangirls who are prepared to kill for love. Based on hundreds of interviews with teenage girls, artist **Yve Blake** created a love story like no other. *Fangirls* is about teenage girls, how we underestimate them and what they're truly capable of. Beyoncé meets rave meets church choir with fierce pop, loud drums and powerful girls. Ages 11+.

6pm – 7pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Polari

London's award-winning LGBTQ+ literary salon Polari returns to WOW, headlined by award-winning poet and short story writer **Jen Campbell** and hosted by **Paul Burston**. Speakers include: **Christine Burns** MBE, trans activist, author and editor of *Trans Britain*; **Sophia Blackwell**, performance poet and author; **Angela Clerkin**, actress, writer and theatre-maker; and **V A Fearon**, black British queer writer.

7.30pm – 9.30pm
Weston Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

TICKETS £5

MANWATCHING

See page 20 for more details. **Dane Baptiste** performs as the unprepared man. Ages 16+.

8pm – 9.20pm
Level 5 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall

TICKETS £15



Kathy Lette's Girls' Night Out

Grab your friends and come along for a night with feminist author **Kathy Lette**, who takes you from puberty blues to menopause blues with tales of love, lust, marriage, pregnancy, childbirth, mastitis, sexist bosses, teenage daughter-wrangling, ageing, toy boys, making the Queen laugh, and close encounters of the George Clooney kind along the way. Ages 16+.

8pm – 9.50pm
Blue Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall

TICKETS £15

(Another performance takes place on Sunday 11 March at 8pm. See page 51.)

Unwind and Party with Debora Ipek

Unwind with Istanbul-raised DJ **Debora Ipek**, whose set delves into deep and groovy cuts from around the world. SISU female DJ collective warm up the room to get everyone in the mood.

9.30pm – 11.40pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and Reni Eddo-Lodge in Conversation

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, author of *Half of a Yellow Sun*, *We Should All Be Feminists*, and *Dear Ijeawele*, talks to **Reni Eddo-Lodge**, author of *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race*, to discuss race, gender, and feminism today for this special WOW event.

8pm – 9.30pm
Auditorium, Royal Festival Hall
TICKETS £20 – £30



Kathy Lette's Girls' Night Out
Kathy Lette



WOW Views on the News

Take a closer look at today's newspapers with WOW, as the panel discuss what the headlines mean for gender equality. Speakers include: **Stacey Dooley**, documentary presenter and author of *On the Frontline with the Women Who Fight Back*, and journalist **Mei Fong**. Chaired by **Jude Kelly**.

10am – 11am
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

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Under-10s' Feminist Corner: Girls Only, Ages 8 – 10

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10am – 11am
4.30pm – 5.30pm
Level 3 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall

TICKETS £5

Decorum by Magic Me

A live interactive film installation explores the topic of 'good' behaviour. *Decorum* is part of an ongoing Magic Me project involving older and younger women from East London, led by artists **Sue Mayo**, **Pooja Sitpura**, and **Chuck Blue Lowry**, with music by **Verity Standen**. The group invites you to join them in asking: What affects how we behave with one another? We'll see the discomfort and comfort of getting things wrong or right, the negotiation of differing codes, and the behaviours we inhabit, as well as those placed upon us.

11am – 3pm
Community Cube, Level 3,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Alleyne Dance

Alleyne Dance are an internationally touring, innovative, modern, multi-disciplined dance company based in London. Their performance mixes a variety of genres, including traditional African dance, hip-hop, Kathak, Latin dance and circus skills.

11.10am – 11.20am
4pm – 4.20pm
Central Bar Foyer, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Mum to Mum: Speed Mentoring

Share your challenges, exchange ideas and explore different perspectives at a WOW speed-mentoring session. This session is aimed at anyone who considers themselves a mum, including (but not limited to) mums-in-law, stepmums, foster mums and adoptive mums. Maybe you're not a mum yet but are considering it, or you're expecting. You may not call yourself a mum, but are considered a parent or carer by others. Mentors in this session all identify as mums in some way and have diverse experiences and backgrounds.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Blue Side Foyers, Level 3,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Yes Yes Yes!

Get a whistle-stop tour of female pleasure in this workshop, covering everything from sex toys and stimulating your G spot, to why the A, C and O spots are rarely talked about, and why the clitoris is undersold. Expect to leave with a new view on all things vulva, and tips to help you reach your multi-orgasmic potential. Led by **Ruby Stevenson**, sex educator at Brook, the Young People's Sexual Health Charity. Ages 16+.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Blue Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

A Fertile Education

It's estimated that one in six UK couples struggle to conceive. Are we being honest with the next generation about the reasons for the UK's problem with this? Speakers include: **Jessica Hepburn**, author and founder of Fertility Fest, the world's first arts festival dedicated to the science of making babies; **Professor Geeta Nargund**, award-winning Medical Director of CREATE Fertility; and **Joyce Harper**, Professor of Human Genetics and Embryology at University College London.

11.30am – 12.30pm
St Paul's Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Power & Protest: Art, Activism and Disability

From leadership on human rights to artwork informed by the politics of disability, disabled women are at the forefront of global grassroots activism. Come hear why any campaign for gender equality must include disabled women's voices. Speakers include: comedian **Nidhi Goyal**; playwright **Nabihah Islam**; actor and writer **Lucy Sheen**; and performer **Jess Thom**. Chaired by **Michelle Baharier**. Presented by Sisters of Frida.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Blue Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Silence Breakers

Can an online movement help end sexual harassment and assault? Our panel discusses whisper networks, why #MeToo went viral and asks if it can help end sexual assault for good. In October 2017 the #MeToo hashtag uncovered the global scale of sexual assault and harassment and became a rallying cry and show of solidarity for survivors – mostly women, and some men too. Telling our stories can help us understand the depth of the problem, but what comes next? Speakers include: **Winnie M Li**, author of *Dark Chapter* and Co-Founder of Clear Lines Festival; actor and musician **Jordan Stephens**; media executive, producer and curator **Pat Mitchell**; and **Snigdha Poonam**, author of *Dreamers: How Young Indians Are Changing the World*. Chaired by **Jude Kelly**.

11.30am – 12.30pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



China and the Two-Child Policy
Mei Fong

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One in Five: Women's Mental Health

A fifth of women reportedly suffer from a mental health issue, compared to one in eight men. Join us to discuss the challenges facing women's mental health and potential paths to a more equitable treatment. Speakers include **Rianna Walcott** and **Samara Linton**, editors of *The Colour of Madness*, an upcoming anthology highlighting the mental health experiences of people from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities; **Tania Diggory**, Founder of Calmer, a platform that supports the mental health of entrepreneurs; and **Rubben Aurangzeb-Tariq**, artist and art psychotherapist. Chaired by **Shahroo Izadi**, Behavioural Change Specialist and author of *The Kindness Method*, out in June 2018.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Marie Rambert Studio,
Rambert

WOW PASS



China and the Two-Child Policy

We investigate how China's new policy is affecting women's lives. The controversial one-child policy has been phased out after 35 years and replaced by a two-child per family policy. We look at whether this change puts pressure on women to have more children, and if it will result in a gender balance as China's population grows, with society favouring boys less. Speakers include **Mei Fong**, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of *One Child: The Story of China's Most Radical Experiment*. Chaired by **Tania Branigan** of *The Guardian*.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Weston Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Deeds Not Words

On the centenary of when some women finally won the parliamentary right to vote, join a workshop led by **Helen Pankhurst**, great-granddaughter of one of the foremost leaders of the Suffragette movement, Emmeline Pankhurst.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Level 5 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

A League of Their Own: Women and Football

Football is the top participation sport for women and girls in England, but the women's game still stands in the shadow of the men's. Just 7-10% of TV coverage is women's sport, yet before women were banned from playing on Football League grounds in the 1920s because 'the game of football is quite unsuitable for females and ought not to be encouraged', their games attracted thousands. Speakers include: **Michelle Moore**, sports consultant, educator and former athlete; and **Lou Englefield**, Director, Pride Sports. Chaired by **Anna Kessell**, journalist, Chair of Women in Football, and author of *Eat Sweat Play*.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Level 3 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

LGBTQI+ Resilience with Black Pride UK

What challenges do LGBTQI+ women of colour face today, and how can they resist while still celebrating who they are? Speakers include: **Chardine Taylor-Stone**; **Char Bailey**; **Kuchenga Shenje**; and **Reeta Loi**. Chaired by UK Black Pride's Co-Founder and Executive Director, **Phyll Opoku-Gyimah**.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Green Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Louise Marshall

Referred to as 'Scotland's most famous piper' by presenter Phillip Schofield, **Louise Marshall** is the Piper to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, and works to raise the profile of female pipers. Enjoy this performance showcasing the power of the pipes.

12.40pm – 1pm
Central Bar Foyer, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall
FREE

EVE Female Pro-Wrestling

Forget everything you thought you knew about this previously male-owned world. See what happens when a bipolar, home-schooling mother of two combines her passions of feminism, punk, politics, mental health and pro-wrestling to create EVE, a wrestling and stunt show fueled with cabaret, comedy and more. As featured in *Time Out* and *The New York Times*.

12.40pm – 1.10pm
2.30pm – 3pm
4pm – 4.30pm
Riverside Terrace Foyers,
Level 2, Royal Festival Hall
FREE

Victoria Adukwei Bulley

Watch a performance by British-born Ghanaian poet, writer and film-maker **Victoria Adukwei Bulley**.

12.40pm – 1pm
Blue Side Foyers, Level 5,
Royal Festival Hall
FREE

Women in the Arts: Redressing the Balance

Hear from leading women artists on how they make their voices heard – and their work seen – to realise their ambitions. Speakers include: actor and director **Josette Bushell-Mingo**, and **Ayobami Adebayo**, author of *Stay With Me*.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Green Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

Sound of Memories Singing Workshop

Take part in this singing workshop and learn songs written about grandmothers' lives, then showcase what you've learned in a pop-up performance. **Esmeralda Conde Ruiz** is an interdisciplinary choral conductor and award-winning composer. She interviews grandmothers and gives them a voice by writing choral music based on their conversations. In this workshop, she takes you from initial interview to finished song. All abilities and ages are welcome.

1.15pm – 2.30pm
White Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

We Stand Together: Muslim and Jewish Women Speak Out

Meet the women of faith backing gender equality, and join a conversation about building bridges and battling misconceptions. This session is curated with Nisa-Nashim, which brings the Jewish and Muslim communities in Britain closer by connecting women, supporting their leadership journeys and building trust. Led by **Laura Marks** OBE and **Julie Siddiqi**, Co-Chairs of Nisa-Nashim. All faiths and beliefs are welcome.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
St Paul's Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

WOW Bites

Come to *WOW Bites* for short talks, performances, readings and soapbox moments. Speakers include: **Janice Galloway** on Muriel Spark at 100: 'There's something a bit harsh about you, Fleur'. **Gemma Harrison**, Co-Founder of VC London, on celebrating, empowering and supporting women to get out on the road less travelled. **Zakia Sewell** on the unsung women in UK garage music. **Hana Assafiri** on combating anti-Islamic sentiment with her project, *Speed Date a Muslim*.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Blue Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

PECS
Drag King Cole



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Women in the Arts:
Redressing the Balance
Ayobami Adebayo

Give Me Shelter – Women and Homelessness

Hear from women who have experienced homelessness and the charities that support women and men to rebuild their lives. Speakers include: [Kate Farrell](#), Director of Crisis Skylight Merseyside and advisor on homelessness to the Mayor of Liverpool; [Catherine Glew](#), Women's Strategy Manager at St Mungo's; and [Wanda Wyporska](#), Executive Director of the Equalities Trust.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Weston Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

Badass Girls from History

Get inspired by the courage, initiative, intelligence, willpower and all-round badassery of some of the greatest girls in history. What can we learn from the bravery of education activist and Nobel Laureate Malala Yousafzai, or the creativity of Mary Shelley, who was only 19 when she wrote *Frankenstein*, or the athleticism of swimmer Ellie Simmonds OBE, who won her first Paralympic medal at age 13? Chaired by [Zing Tsjeng](#), UK Editor of VICE.com's female vertical, *Broadly*, and author of the book series *Forgotten Women*. Presented by the [WOWsers](#), our young festival ambassadors.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Level 3 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

Eating Disorders – Beyond the Physical

Eating disorders have the highest mortality rates among psychiatric disorder sufferers, who are often locked in a life-long battle with anorexia, bulimia and other conditions. Some sources suggest that social media and relentless images of women's (and men's) bodies in the media add so much pressure to the perfect body image that they cause eating disorders to rise significantly. Speakers include: [Rosalind Reynolds-Grey](#); Facilitator and [Ammaarah](#), participant at the charity Free Me, which provides free support to women recovering from eating disorders; writer and journalist [Ruchira Sharma](#); and a speaker from Anorexia & Bulimia Care. Chaired by writer and journalist [Bee Rowlatt](#).

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Marie Rambert Studio,
Rambert
WOW PASS

Women, Drumbeats and Self-Care: A Twerkshop

Let go, connect with yourself and werk that waist in this combined twerkshop and discussion. Join Kelechnekoff Fitness founder [Kelechi Okafor](#) and explore West African dance as release and self-care. All dance levels and genders welcome.

1.15pm – 2pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall
FREE

Campaigning and Activism: Speed Mentoring

Share your challenges, exchange ideas and explore different perspectives at a WOW speed-mentoring session for women who are interested or engaged in campaigning and activism.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Blue Side Foyers, Level 3,
Royal Festival Hall
FREE

Being a Man

With 'feminism' named the word of 2017 by Merriam-Webster, we cautiously look to 2018 with hope for ongoing activism and energy around the feminist movement. But how can men work to support feminism? Do social constructs of masculinity cloud the ability to offer this support? Speakers include: [Anthony Anaxagorou](#), award-winning writer and poetry educator; activist [Jayanthi Kuru-Utumpala](#), who works with men and boys on gender equality in Sri Lanka; and [Jack Rooke](#), comedian, writer, and mental health campaigner. Chaired by [Helena Kennedy QC](#), human rights barrister, writer, and member of the House of Lords.

1.15pm – 2.15pm
Level 5 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

The Grandmothers' Project Performance

See events on page 24 (*Calling All Grandmothers!*) and page 42 (*Sound of Memories Singing Workshop*) for more details.

2.30pm – 2.50pm
Blue Side Foyers, Level 5
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

PECS

PECS is a drag king collective that creates explosive cabaret variety shows for the queer and curious of London. They delight and challenge their audiences in equal measure, unleashing their inner masculinity to undermine the patriarchy with their particular brand of searing satire.

2.30pm – 2.50pm
Riverside Terrace Cafe, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall
4pm – 4.20pm
Blue Side Foyers, Level 5,
Royal Festival Hall
FREE

Abortion

Every year, over 56 million women have an abortion around the world, with over half that number still done unsafely. As the Republic of Ireland move towards a referendum on whether to repeal the ban on abortion, our panel discuss the questions surrounding the debate. Chaired by [Helena Kennedy QC](#), human rights barrister, writer, and member of the House of Lords.

3pm – 4pm
Green Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

Your Own Personal Heatwave: The Menopause

Hot flushes, changing moods, loss of libido... the menopause has a bad reputation. But is the second half of a woman's life necessarily the worst? Our panel discuss the possibility of a happy menopause. Speakers include: [Eileen Bellot](#), Managing Director of Reclaim the Menopause, and [Rachel Weiss](#), Founder of the Menopause Café. Chaired by media executive, producer and curator [Pat Mitchell](#).

3pm – 4pm
Marie Rambert Studio,
Rambert
WOW PASS

Wildcard Session: Speed Mentoring

Share your challenges, exchange ideas and explore different perspectives at a WOW wildcard speed-mentoring session. This final weekend session is open to all, for you to discuss whatever challenge you would like, big or small. Mentors come from a diverse range of professions and backgrounds. You might be paired with a taxi driver or a taxidermist, an astronaut or an army general.

3pm – 4pm
Blue Side Foyers, Level 3,
Royal Festival Hall
FREE

Self-Care Sunday

Quiet your mind at this self-care workshop for teens and young women. Learn how to develop and maintain a self-care routine with activities and exercises led by [Georgia Dodsworth](#), Founder of World of Self-Care.

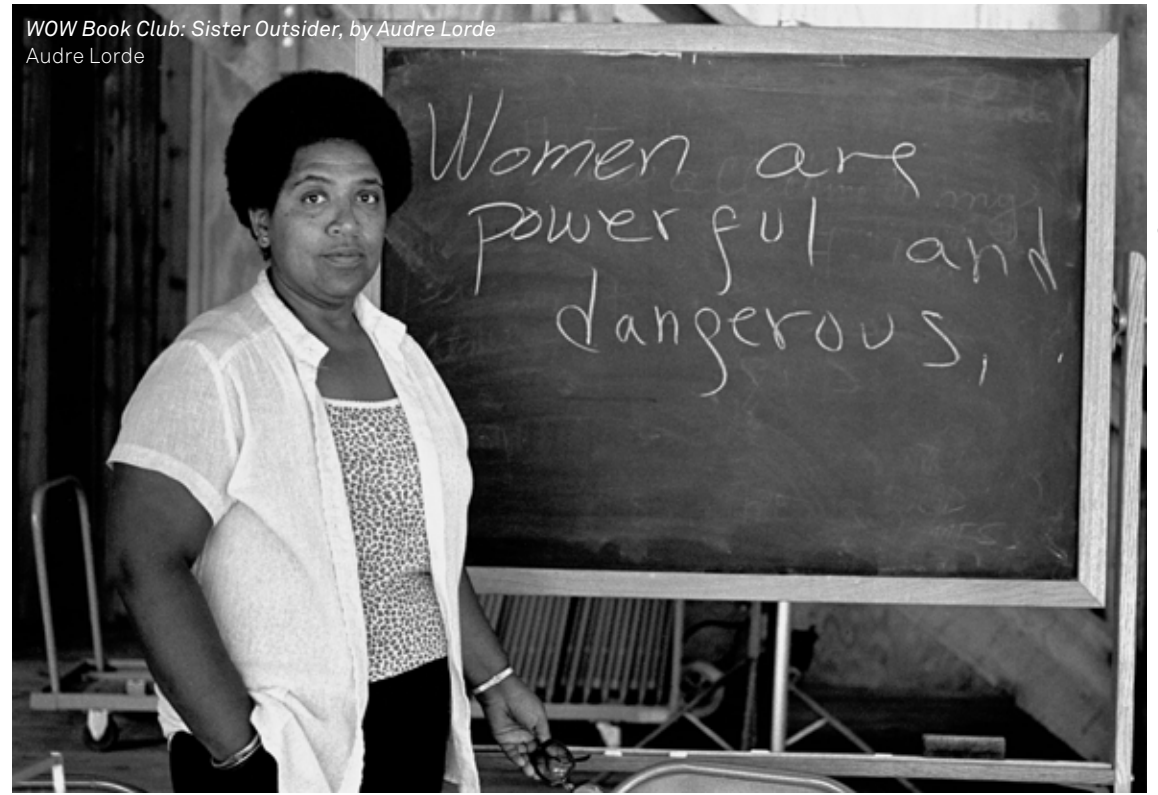
3pm – 4pm
White Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall
WOW PASS

Being a Man
Anthony Anaxagorou



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WOW Book Club: Sister Outsider, by Audre Lorde
Audre Lorde



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Brand Feminism: SRSly Podcast at WOW
Zing Tsjeng



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Breaking the Silence: Giving Testimony

Hear survivors of rape, sexual assault and domestic abuse break the silence and speak first-hand about their experiences. Followed by a discussion group led by **Winnie M Li**, survivor, author of *Dark Chapter* and Founder of Clear Lines festival; and survivor, activist and dramatherapist **Silke Grygier**.

3pm – 4pm (Giving Testimony)
4.30pm – 6pm (Discussion Group)
St Paul's Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Funny Women Showcase

Laugh with the women leading the way in comedy that transcends culture, colour, ability and sexuality. Hear from a mix of brilliant comedians from the 2017 Funny Women Awards. Opens with a guest set by **Nidhi Goyal**. Hosted by comedian and presenter **London Hughes**. Presented by Funny Women, a female comedy community helping women to perform, write and do business with humour.

3pm – 4pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



Brand Feminism: SRSly podcast at WOW

What does it mean to make feminism part of your brand? Does being fashionable allow feminism to effect real change, or do important conversations get lost when 'girl power' becomes marketing? Do people in the public eye have a responsibility to be role models? *SRSly*, the pop culture podcast from the *New Statesman*, hosted by **Caroline Crampton** and **Anna Leszkiewicz**, explores how celebrities champion women's empowerment and if #feminism can translate into activism. Speakers include: **Zing Tsjeng**, UK Editor of VICE.com's female-vertical *Broadly* and author of the book series *Forgotten Women*; film critic for *The Observer* and culture writer **Simran Hans**; author and broadcaster **Emma Gannon**; and **Jazmin Kopotsha**, Culture Writer at *The Debrief*.

3pm – 4pm
Weston Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Yvette

See page 32 for more details. This event does not include a Q&A. Please note, this performance contains themes of sexual violence. Ages 14+.

3pm – 4pm
Blue Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Endometriosis Discussion Group

Explore the ways in which endometriosis can affect women's lives in this panel and discussion. Over 1.5 million women in the UK desperately need support to help them understand this chronic condition. Speakers include **Emma Cox**, Chief Executive of Endometriosis UK; **Carol Pearson**, author of *Endometriosis: The Experts' Guide to Treat, Manage and Live Well with Your Symptoms*; **Catherine Nestor**, Endometriosis UK online support group leader and Vice Chair of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Women's Network; and **Dr Elizabeth Ball**, gynaecologist at the Barts & Royal London Hospital Endometriosis Centre.

3pm – 4.30pm
Blue Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

WOW Book Club: Sister Outsider, by Audre Lorde

Join us for an in-depth discussion of *Sister Outsider*, by black lesbian poet and feminist writer Audre Lorde. Hosted by **Tricia Wombell**, organiser of Black Book Swap.

3pm – 4pm
Level 3 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Inferior – How Science Got Women Wrong

Scientific research on women has been plagued by mistakes and bias for more than a century. Taking Angela Saini's groundbreaking book *Inferior* as a starting point, this session looks at everything from sex differences to brains, with a little bit of Darwin and more. Speakers include **Angela Saini**; neuroscientist **Professor Gina Rippon** and geneticist and broadcaster **Dr Adam Rutherford**.

3pm – 4pm
Level 5 Function Room,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

Jude Kelly Keynote

WOW Founder Jude Kelly gives a round-up of the weekend and talks about what's next for WOW globally.

4.30pm – 5pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



Menopause Café

Join us to drink tea, eat cake and talk about the menopause. There's no speaker and no agenda, just the sharing of experiences, jokes and questions about the menopause. Open to all ages and genders to join in the conversation or just come and listen. Led by Founder **Rachel Weiss**.

4.30pm – 5.30pm
Weston Roof Pavilion, Level 6,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS

WOW Den: Weekend Finale

What do you think will change women's lives for the better? *WOW* goes out with a bang as we look to the future. Throughout the weekend, you can submit your idea for change, big or small, at the *WOW Pledge Wall* (see page 52 for details). We pick the best and most tangible ideas to present to our judges, who pick their winner, followed by an audience vote to select their favourite. The prize includes free tickets to *WOW 2019* and more. Judges include: **Olga Miler**, Managing Director, UBS AG; twin fashion bloggers **Heroda and Hermon Berhane**; and last year's *WOW Den* winners **Gabby Edlin** and **Mandu Reid**. Compered by **Jude Kelly**.

5pm – 6pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW PASS



Tomorrow's Warriors Female Collective

Party with the Tomorrow's Warriors Female Collective as we wrap up *WOW London 2018*. The collective focuses on developing girls and young women into strong, confident players and preparing them for careers as professional jazz musicians.

6pm – 7pm
Central Bar Foyer, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

FREE

Gem's Jams – WOW Special
Gemma Cairney



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Gem's Jams – WOW Special

Join Southbank Centre's Artist in Residence, award-winning broadcaster and author **Gemma Cairney**, for a WOW edition of her Margate club night 'Gem's Jams'. Expect a night of beats, rhymes and rhythms, bringing together an eclectic mix of music, from DJ sets to spoken word. With special guests to be announced.

6.30pm – 9pm
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall
FREE

Sandi Toksvig's Mirth Control: Arts over Tit

Prepare to laugh in a raucous night of comedy and music inspired and performed by great women, hosted by **Sandi Toksvig**. This annual WOW highlight sees Toksvig take inspiration from pioneering women who made iconic and empowering music for their generation and those that followed. Featuring **Josette Bushell-Mingo**, with extracts from her show *Nina: A Story About Me and Nina Simone*, along with **Alice Russell** and **Zara McFarlane**. Plus, the WOW Orchestra led by guest conductor **Alice Farnham** and Voicelab Choir led by **Jessie Maryon Davies**, and more to be announced.

7.30pm – 10.30pm
Auditorium, Royal Festival Hall
TICKETS £15 – £40



Kathy Lette's Girls' Night Out

See page 36 for more details. Ages 16+.

8pm – 10.30pm
Blue Room, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall
TICKETS £15

Throughout the festival

Scar

This installation highlights an issue that continues to define the situation of women in the 21st century: violence. Based on testimonies of over 800 women who live in Maré, Rio de Janeiro's largest favela, *Scar* was created by Brazilian artist Bia Lessa. *Scar* is produced by People's Palace Projects and presented by Southbank Centre and WOW as part of a research collaboration with Queen Mary University of London, King's College London, Redes da Maré, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), the Latin American Women's Rights Service (LAWRS) and CASA Festival, with funding from the Economic and Social Research Council and the Newton Fund. Contains themes of violence, including sexual violence.

Thu 8 – Sun 11 Mar
10am – 6pm
Exhibition Space, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall

Exhibition tours take place as part of the installation on **Fri 9 Mar (12.40pm)**, **Sat 10 Mar (2.30pm)** & **Sun 11 Mar (4.10pm)**.

WOW Market

The *WOW Market* is the hub of the festival, home to carefully selected stalls that raise awareness, showcase work, offer workshops and sell their creations. It's a central meeting space to find information, shop, network, and get a feel for *WOW*.

Fri 9 – Sun 11 Mar
11am – 6pm
Green Side Foyers, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

WOW Pledge Wall

Have you been inspired by something you've seen or done at *WOW*? Contribute to the *WOW Pledge Wall*, or submit an idea for change to the *WOW Den* (see page 49) for a chance to present it to our judges on Sunday 11 March – and win a prize.

Fri 9 – Sun 11 Mar
Riverside Terrace Cafe, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

Hair Nah

Play a fast-paced video game about a black woman who is tired of people touching her hair, created by game designer and art director Momo Pixel.

Wed 7 – Sun 11 Mar
Blue Side Foyers, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

Activism in the Archive

Come to the Archive Studio, where we are joined by The National Army Museum (Friday), Bishopsgate Institute (Saturday) and The Feminist Library (Sunday). They share fascinating original archival material from their collections.

Fri 9 Mar: 2pm – 5pm
Sat 10 Mar: 11am – 5pm
Sun 11 Mar: 11am – 5pm
Archive Studio, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

Face of Defiance

Don't miss this exhibition featuring survivors of, and campaigners against, female genital mutilation (FGM). Created by photographer Jason Ashwood, psychotherapist and activist Leyla Hussein: and The Girl Generation, a global platform for the African-led movement to end FGM.

Wed 7 – Sun 11 Mar
Green Side Foyers, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

All of these events and exhibitions are free.

Face of Defiance
Photograph by Jason Ashwood



WOWsers

Keep a keen eye out for the WOWsers, our young ambassadors who have been working with Southbank Centre and WOW artists in the weeks running up to the festival. This year, they lead a *Women from History* strand, sharing stories of remarkable women who may not be well known.

To open some of our WOW talks, they speak about the struggles and accomplishments of these inspiring trailblazers. Throughout the weekend, join the WOWsers in the Archive Studio to learn more about these women's stories and make your own iconic woman poster. The WOWsers also host their very own talk, *Badass Girls from History*, on Sunday 11 March at 1.15pm.

You'll see them at the *Agents for Change: WOW Young Women's Rally* on Saturday 10 March at 1.15pm, where you can hear from young women who are running their own campaigns around the country.

For more information, please email festivalmakers@southbankcentre.co.uk.



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WOW Global



WOW is a global festival that has taken place on five continents since its launch in 2010.

Each WOW is rooted in its local area but is part of WOW Global, allowing festivals to support and inspire each other while creating a network of people and ideas.

Enjoy our site

Crèche

Book your child for morning, afternoon or whole-day slots with storytelling and craft activities that are timed around the day's events. All staff are fully qualified and have enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. A First Aid-trained paediatric member of staff is always present at the crèche.

Sunley Pavilion, Level 3,
Royal Festival Hall

Saturday 10 March
9.30am – 4.30pm
2.50pm – 6pm

Sunday 11 March
9.30am – 4.30pm
2.50pm – 6pm

Tickets £5 half day, £8 whole day

Access

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