

Whitechapel Gallery announces new Café/Bar and caterers

Due to popular demand by visitors, the Whitechapel Gallery is introducing a Café/Bar with longer opening hours and larger capacity at the front of the building on Whitechapel High Street. Offering a dawn-to-dusk fresh and creative menu it will be the ideal place for visitors to meet friends, enjoy a coffee and free Wi-Fi before exploring the exhibitions.

Run by caterers Leafi the all day dining menu at the Whitechapel Gallery Café/Bar will include pastries and coffees from 10am through the week, tea and light lunches throughout the day with an informal bistro bar on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays until 9.30pm.

Highlights of the seasonal menu include a Longhorn beef burger with winter slaw and fat chips, salmon and dill fishcakes with pea and mint purée and a pea shoot salad, and Ragstone goats cheese crostini, tapenade and grilled pear. The full flavoured Arabica coffee is hand roasted in east London by Union, and loose leaf teas will make the perfect accompaniment to the selection of delicious seasonal cakes, including Seville orange marmalade cake and rhubarb crumble cake.

The Whitechapel Gallery is also delighted to announce its new preferred suppliers list of caterers including: Ampersand, Bubble Food, By Word of Mouth, Fizz, Leafi and The London Kitchen.

On the edge of the Square Mile, neighbouring The City, Canary Wharf and Shoreditch, the Whitechapel Gallery is a world class venue for private and corporate entertaining. The Gallery offers a range of beautiful spaces that can accommodate many different event needs, all housed in a distinctive building with artist-designed features. Ranging from large brick exposed galleries suitable for banqueting dinners to light and airy meeting spaces.

Stephen Crampton-Hayward, Managing Director, Whitechapel Gallery, said, 'We are delighted to be able to offer our half a million visitors a year even more access to the Whitechapel Gallery with increased space in our new Café/Bar and extended opening hours. We look forward to the delicious food and enjoyment our new offer will bring to visitors and venue hire clients alike.'

Liam Farrell, Operations Director, Leafi, said, 'We're really excited about opening the new street-facing Whitechapel Gallery Café/Bar. We've always been inspired by creative spaces, and we look forward to bringing our locally sourced, seasonal menu to visitors throughout the day.'

Notes for Editors

- For over a century the Whitechapel Gallery has premiered world-class artists from modern masters such as Pablo Picasso, Jackson Pollock, Mark Rothko and Frida Kahlo to contemporaries such as Sophie Calle, Lucian Freud, Gilbert & George and Mark Wallinger. With beautiful galleries, exhibitions, artist commissions, collection displays, historic archives, education resources, inspiring art courses, dining room and bookshop, the Gallery is open all year round, so there is always something free to see. The Gallery is a

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touchstone for contemporary art internationally, plays a central role in London's cultural landscape and is pivotal to the continued growth of the world's most vibrant contemporary art quarter.

- Leafi is an independent catering company with cafés and restaurants at prestigious cultural venues, including the Courtauld Gallery, Turner Contemporary, and St John's Smith Square. Established by Liam Farrell and Fiona Barber in 2006, they create innovative seasonal menus with locally sourced, quality ingredients, as well as offering event catering for weddings, corporate events, and parties. For more information visit www.leafi.co.uk

Visitor Information

Gallery & Café/Bar opening times:

Tuesday & Wednesday: 10am – 6pm, Thursday & Friday, 10am – 9.30pm,

Saturday: 10.30am – 9.30pm, Sunday: 10.30am – 6pm.

Admission free. Whitechapel Gallery, 77 – 82 Whitechapel High Street,

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