

Sutton House Christmas

A Spectacular Christmas Market inside
Hackney's oldest country house with
Surreal Santa's Sleigh and Playful Pantomime Rooms



Weekends: 26th Nov to 18th Dec. 12 – 5pm.

Sutton House Christmas is a special seasonal event featuring a spectacular Christmas market that will run each weekend from **Saturday 26th November to Sunday 18th December** at Hackney's oldest country house.

The unique concept has been created to tie in with Sutton House's book-themed events in 2016 and will feature Playful Pantomime rooms and Surreal Santa's Sleigh.

City Showcase: Markets, curators of Embankment Summer Market, Soho Flea Market and Dalston Christmas Market, are creating a Christmas market inside Sutton House featuring designer stalls and high quality food and drink vendors. Sutton House will also host entertainment on certain evenings including carol performances, film previews, local theatre productions and more.

Surreal Santa's Sleigh

Father Christmas welcomes visitors into his magical double-decker caravan (pictured) with lavishly decorated historic palace interior. Discover what makes reindeer fly and receive a gift.

Design and Food Market

City Showcase: Markets - responsible for Embankment Summer Market, Soho Flea Market and Dalston Christmas Market - are creating a Christmas market throughout the rooms of Sutton House featuring designer stalls and high quality food and drink vendors including mulled wine and mince pies.

Stallholders include **Ailsigr** <https://www.ailsigr.co.uk> creating beautiful, tactile and meaningful jewellery; **Anna Wiscombe** <http://annawiscombe.com> making beautiful wooden wall birds, meadow flyers, and jewellery; **Awani** <https://awani.com> tropical fruit preserves winning a Guild of Fine Food UK and Great Taste Award in 2015; Hackney based **Cafe SoVegan** <https://www.facebook.com/CafeSoVegan/> handmade cakes, chocolates, sauces and their own brand vegan meat free products; **Gaby Gassner** <https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/TheJewelleryFactory> designs and makes contemporary beaded jewellery; **Hanna Melin** <http://www.hannamelin.com> is an East London illustrator and maker of prints and badges; **Jinny Ngui Design** <http://www.jinnyngui-design.com/products> creates ceramic Design inspired by London's rich cultural mix; **Quiet Rebellion** <https://www.quietrebellion.com> brightly coloured socks as featured in The Gentleman's Journal, The Times, GQ and The Daily Telegraph; **Louise Mulgrew Designs** <http://louisemulgrew.com> Brighton based greetings card illustrator; **Miss Knit Nat** <http://www.missknitnat.com> producer of luxury knitted British lambswool accessories including snoods, scarves and headbands; **NonyaSecrets** <https://www.nonyasecrets.com> jars of spicy sauces based on family recipes; **Snapdragon Designs** <http://www.snapdragondesigns.co.uk> quirky acrylic jewellery designs based on fairy tales; **The Speculaas Spice Co** <http://www.speculaasspice.co.uk> Dutch spicy speculaas biscuits; **The Crooked Style** <http://www.thecrookedstyle.com> high quality digital prints and hand painted jewellery, cards, picture frames and boxes; **The Dirt Creative** <http://www.thedirtcreative.com> handmade apothecary soaps; **Washed Up** <http://www.washedupdesign.co.uk> handmade, tableware inspired by the British coast, **Woven Form** <http://www.wovenform.com> beautiful quality handwoven textiles; **Arganic** <http://www.arganic.co.uk> producer of argan oil products, based on the strong antioxidant; local design studio **Glebe Road Studios** and fabulous food from **What The Dickens** <https://whatthedickensfood.com> .

Playful Pantomime Inspired Decorations and Characters

Installation artist Kirsty Harris and Sutton House's community groups will be enchanting the halls, chambers and cellars with fragments of timeless pantomime and fairy stories relating to Sutton House's 500 years of history from a Tudor knight to 1980's punk squatters. Fancifully costumed Play expert volunteers will help bring the stories to life and piece together the pantos for all our visitors.

Programme of Playful Events

Cheering choirs, playful performances and luxurious Tudor Banquets will entertain throughout. Partners include Tea Break Theatre, The Art of Dining and more to be confirmed.

Beauty and the Beast

“This house...isn't just any old house. This house...is ALIVE.”

Belle wants adventure and excitement, just like the plots in her favourite books. But when her Father doesn't return from one of his trips, she finds that adventure is far more dangerous and difficult than she had imagined. Soon she is trapped inside a house in which everything is coming to life and is ruled over by a strange and mysterious monster: the Beast. There are friends to be made, secrets to be unearthed and a battle to be fought before she can set herself free.

From the company who brought you The Snow Queen, Five Children and It and Bobbin. Join Tea Break Theatre this Christmas as they bring Sutton House to life using puppetry, music and drama in this interactive, promenade performance that promises to be their most magical show yet. Will you follow Belle into this enchanted place and help her break the spell?

Free workshops and pop-up taster performances throughout the Christmas Market weekends.
Ticketed evening performances on 12th to 15th and 19th to 22nd December

The Art of Dining

Be transported back in time for an unforgettable festive feast in a gorgeous setting, and experience a magical evening of delicious food, plentiful wine and the opportunity to soak up the atmosphere of this beautiful historic property.

Prepare to experience to most incredible Christmas meal of your life. Chef Ellen Parr will lead you on a culinary adventure through five courses of decadent and mouth-watering food, influenced by symbolic Tudor still-life paintings and real 15th century recipes. This will be an unforgettable festive experience that will see you dining in the lavish style of Henry VIII himself

Evenings of 14th - 17th and 19th - 22nd December 2016

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Notes on the property

Built in 1535 by prominent courtier of Henry VIII, Sir Ralph Sadleir as featured in Hilary Mantel's Wolf Hall, Sutton House retains much of the atmosphere of a Tudor home despite some alterations by



later occupants, including a succession of merchants, Huguenot silkweavers, and anarcho-punk squatters. Discover oak-panelled rooms, original carved fireplaces, Georgian, Victorian and squatter rooms and a charming courtyard, all in the heart of East London.

The Breaker's Yard is a magical garden that reveals the site's industrial past with upcycled vehicles including 'The Grange' double-decker caravan with historic palace interior, 'The Rootmaster' converted coach glasshouse, car trailer allotments and a gate featuring matchbox cars.

Opening hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12pm – 5pm.

Admission: £5.50 adults, £2.75 children. Under 5s and National Trust Members Free. Family Ticket Available. Father Christmas, story and present £2

Sutton House and Breaker's Yard, 2 & 4 Homerton High Street, Hackney, London E9 6JQ

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City Showcase

City Showcase provides not-for-profit year round support and opportunities for emerging creatives through the UK's premier artisan designer craft markets including Embankment Summer Market, Soho Flea Market and Dalston Christmas Market and at music events and workshops including Spotlight London and Finding The Future at the Apple Store. Through its music, it is responsible for helping break some of the best names into the industry since 2003. The City Showcase festival has hosted hundreds of new musicians performing in Central London, covering a range of musical genres. Artists that have previously taken part include Amy Winehouse, Keane, Foxes, Laura Marling, Gabriella Cilmi, N-Dubz, Newton Faulkner, Ray LaMontagne, Razorlight, Hot Chip, Scouting For Girls, Gabrielle Aplin, Hudson Taylor, Nick Brewer, and Seth Lakeman.

The Art of Dining

The Art of Dining is collaboration between Moro trained Chef Ellen Parr and set designer Alice Hodge, bringing London a unique series of pop-up culinary events. Set designer Alice Hodge is an art follower, creator, teacher and collector of tat. She has designed bespoke arrangements for weddings, parties, theatre productions and photo shoots. Interactive elements and attention to detail are what make her tick! Chef Ellen Parr spent her formative years working at Moro and you can taste the Middle Eastern and Spanish influences in her food. She recently travelled around South East Asia and India researching cooking methods, techniques and flavours. She also has an obsession with chilli sauce. Expect the unexpected with her unusual menus.

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