

Merlin Funday Workshop, TV Preview and Q&A



BFI Southbank's Family Funday in partnership with **BBC One, BBC Wales** and **Shine** invites young **Merlin** fans to come along and join in the fun on Sunday 5th September. Cast and crew of the acclaimed series will be in attendance for an exclusive preview screening of the first two episodes of Season 3 followed by a Q&A.

The **BFI** will be joining forces with the makers of **Merlin** to provide an insight into this spellbinding drama. Visitors will have the opportunity to see up close and hear all about some of the amazing costumes from the creators themselves. Add to this a spell inventing challenge and the wonder of green screen as visitors get superimposed with their favourite characters - it will be a fun filled day for all the family!

Fans are invited to watch an exciting live display as **Bradley James**, who plays the courageous Arthur, performs a thrilling sword fight to demonstrate his princely skills! Merlin mania is not to be missed this month at **BFI Southbank!**

And if all of that wasn't enough, **BBC One, BBC Wales** and **Shine** are delighted to preview **Episodes One and Two** of the third series of **Merlin**, the award-winning family drama series which returns to **BBC One** this Autumn. This exciting double bill combines the familiar blend of magic, monsters and mayhem, but when misbegotten secrets are exposed and old friends become new enemies, it is clear that the kingdom of Camelot will never be the same again. Having enchanted audiences with its first two series, Merlin returns with a host of guest stars joining our favourite cast over 13 enthralling episodes. We welcome cast members and the producers of the show to a Q&A after the screening.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

The Merlin Funday Workshop takes place on Sunday 5 September from 11:30 onwards in the foyer
The Merlin TV Preview takes place on Sunday 5 September at 13:00 in NFT1

Booking information The BFI Southbank is open to all. BFI members are entitled to a discount on all tickets. BFI Southbank Box Office tel: 020 7928 3232. Unless otherwise stated tickets are £9.00, concessions £6.65 Members pay £1.40 less on any ticket. Website www.bfi.org.uk/southbank

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