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Jo Brand to support the Great Walrus Tea Party

Jo Brand – comedian, actor, writer and south London resident – is lending her support to a new baking-themed fundraiser for the Horniman Museum and Gardens, launching later this year. The Great Walrus Tea Party is inspired by the Horniman’s iconic taxidermy walrus and will invite people to bake and sell cakes to support the Forest Hill attraction.

Jo Brand says: ‘If you love the Horniman as much as I do why don’t you join in by hosting a Great Walrus Tea Party? Bake your walrus-themed cakes and invite your friends along to have fun and raise some money. Every penny will help the Horniman inspire future generations of London’s families and school children with lifelong curiosity.’

Great Walrus Tea Party fundraising packs will be available from March, with tea parties being planned for June 2020. Find more information and sign up [online](#) or email teaparty@horniman.ac.uk.

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Pictured: Jo Brand, credit: Trevor Leighton

Full URL for sign up: https://www.horniman.ac.uk/get_involved/the-great-walrus-tea-party

Notes to Editors:

- **The Horniman Museum and Gardens** opened in 1901 as a gift to the people in perpetuity from tea trader and philanthropist Frederick John Horniman, to ‘bring the world to Forest Hill’. Today the Horniman has a collection of 350,000 objects, specimens and artefacts from around the world. Its galleries include natural history, music and an acclaimed aquarium. A new World Gallery of anthropology opened in June 2018 and a new arts space, The Studio, opened in October 2018. Indoor exhibits link to the award-winning display gardens – from medicinal and dye gardens to an interactive sound garden, Butterfly House and an animal walk – set among 16 acres of beautiful, green space offering spectacular views across London. horniman.ac.uk
- The Horniman Museum and Gardens is core-funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and since 1990 has been governed by an independent charitable trust,

registered charity no. 802725. The Horniman Museum and Gardens also receives funding from Arts Council England as one of its National Portfolio Organisations.

- On 29 July 2019 the **Horniman Museum and Gardens declared an ecological and climate emergency**, pledging to place carbon reduction and environmental issues at the heart of its work. The declaration is both a consolidation of existing work and a commitment to renewed ambitions to reduce the Horniman's environmental and pollution footprint, increase biodiversity, and inspire others to do so. Find out more about the Horniman's specific commitments as part of the declaration at [horniman.ac.uk](https://www.horniman.ac.uk).
- **Opening times and admission.** The Horniman Museum is open daily 10am-5.30pm, except 24 - 26 December, when it is closed. The Gardens open at 7.15am Monday to Saturday and 8am on Sunday and Bank Holidays, and close at sunset. Entry to the Museum and Gardens is free but charges apply for the Aquarium, Butterfly House and some special exhibitions and events. Horniman Members and Benefactors go free – [horniman.ac.uk/members](https://www.horniman.ac.uk/members).
- **Access.** The Museum and the Gardens are both wheelchair and pushchair friendly with accessible toilets. Limited on-site parking is available for Blue Badge holders. [horniman.ac.uk/visit/disability-and-access](https://www.horniman.ac.uk/visit/disability-and-access).
- **Travel.** The Horniman is situated at 100 London Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 3PQ on the South Circular Road (A205). It can be reached easily by train to Forest Hill station (London Overground/Southern, travel time approx. 15-20 minutes from east/central London or East Croydon) and by local buses (176, 185, 197, 356, P4).