



The John Blanke Project

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An Evening with John Blanke

Imagine the black Tudor Trumpeter at Sutton House

The third in series of sold of Symposia in which some of the nearly 60 contributors – artists, rappers, poets, writers, playwrights, photographers, historians, illustrators – imagine the John Blanke the black Tudor trumpeter to the courts of Henry VII and Henry VIII.

Sutton House

Tudor house surviving in the heart of a thriving East London community
2 and 4 Homerton High Street, Hackney, London, E9 6JQ
The Great Chamber

Friday 13th April 2018 18:30 - 20:30

Tickets: £10 (concessions £8) including booking fees

[Book http://bit.ly/JBP_SuttonHouse](http://bit.ly/JBP_SuttonHouse)

John Blanke is currently the first person of African descent in British history for whom we have both an image and a record. His image appears twice in the 1511 Westminster Tournament Roll currently in the College of Arms collection. He is noted in the courts accounts of the day as having been paid wages, other records have him successfully petitioning Henry VIII for a wage increase and receiving a gift from the king, these records are held in the National Archive at Kew.

Previous Symposia at the British Library and the College of Arms were widely acclaimed :

Another inspiring evening JB email

Great event....really informative BF email

An amazing evening shared EC Facebook

An outstanding evening SA Facebook

IMAGE

Stephen B. Whatley, *Tribute to John Blanke*, (2015), Charcoal on paper, A4

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Imagine the black Tudor trumpeter

A contemporary Art and Archive project celebrating John Blanke
the black trumpeter to courts of Henry VII & Henry VIII.

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