

# John Blanke Project

imagine the black Tudor trumpeter



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## **Art meets Archives**

*A contemporary Art and Archive project celebrating John Blanke the black trumpeter to the Tudor courts of Henry VII and Henry VIII. He is the first person of African descent in England for whom we have both an image and a record.*

*John Blanke's 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 being 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.*

*Drawings, poetry, music, drama and writings have been commissioned to celebrate his presence and what it means to us today.*

*There will be an exhibition of the drawings and facsimiles of the 1511 Westminster Tournament Roll followed by a symposium of presentations, music, poetry and drama closing with a plenary session.*

*First symposia to be announced soon.*

*June 2017*

Illustrations

Front Detail from the 1511 Westminster Tournament Roll

Back Stephen B Whatley *John Blanke* 2014

### **Visual Artists**

Charmaine Watkiss - Chila Kumari Burman - Dan Farrimond  
Ebun Culwin - Eugene Palmer - Fowokan - Graeme Mortimer Evelyn  
Jeremy Salmon - Joe Lillington - Kimathi Donkor - Kofi -  
Larry Achiampong - Paul Dash - Peter McCaldon - Phoebe Boswell  
Rohan Clarke - Stephen B. Whatley - Tam Joseph - Valda Jackson  
Jon Daniel - Barbara Walker - Seema Manchanda- Jody Burton  
Joy Gregory - Kieth Piper - Mengitsu Etim - ~Janet Manning

### **Historians**

Dr Temi Odumosu - Audrey Dewjee - Dr Miranda Kaufmann  
Dr Sydney Anglo - Onyeka - Dan Lyndon - S I Martin

### **Poets**

David Neita - DJohn Agard - Kadija George - Mark Thompson  
SuAndi

### **Musician**

Randolph Matthews

### **Playwright**

DD Armstrong

### **Actors**

Nadia Nadif & Leon Stewart

### **Voice**

Ebun Culwin

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