An Evening with John Blanke Live! Imagine the black Tudor trumpeter

SYMPOSIA Art Archives Action

Sutton House, The Great Chamber, 2 Homerton High Street Hackney, E9 6JQ Friday 13th April 2018 18:30-20:30

Through the imaginations of artists, poets, rappers, curators historians and musicians spend an evening celebrating the life of John Blanke: the black trumpeter to the courts of Henry VII and Henry VIII. John Blanke is the first person of African descent for whom we have both an image and a record.

John Blanke's image appears twice the 1511 Westminster in 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 at Kew.

The Symposia is an opportunity to hear about John Blanke and how he has inspired some of the fifty plus artists' imaginations to make their individual contribution to the project.

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

Book http://bit.ly/JBP_SuttonHouse

Poet Sheba Montserrat Artist Sharon Foster Musician Lawrence Narhkom Historian Jill Marsh **Artist Paul Dash** Rapper Phil Day **Artist Mengisu Etim** Historian Michael Ohajuru **Artist Graeme Evelyn** Historian Miranda Kaufmann Artist Seema Manchanda Rapper Christian Albert **Artist Jeremy Salmon**

