

Leighton
House
1926- 2026

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October 2025 to 2026

In proud collaboration between Leighton House and Bovingdons,
offering a bespoke event experience rich in history and culture.

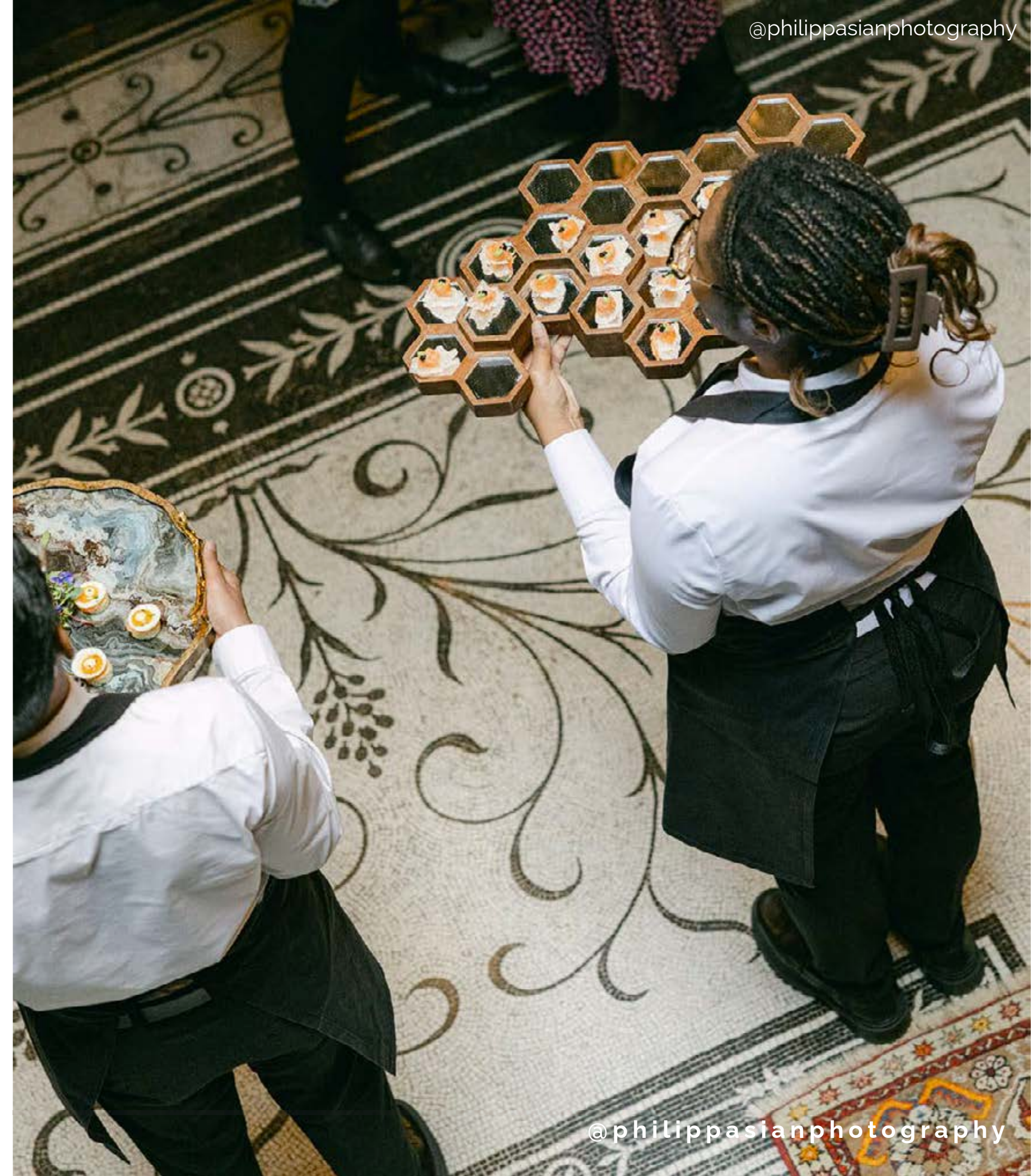
100 Years of Leighton House

2026 marks 100 years since Leighton House first opened to the public under the care of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

To celebrate this historic milestone, Leighton House has partnered with Bovingdons to launch a year-long bookable drinks reception and private tour experience, running throughout 2026. A rare opportunity to celebrate within one of London's most inspiring and storied venues.

Whether you are planning a private celebration, corporate gathering, or special occasion, this exclusive experience invites you and your guests to experience the house's unique Victorian setting while enjoying delicious canapés and refreshing drinks as you immerse yourselves in rich artistic heritage.

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The Royal History of Leighton House

Leighton House has a rich history of royal visits and patronage, adding an extra layer of prestige to any event held here.

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert purchased Leighton's first Royal Academy painting and Victoria came on a private visit in 1869. Leighton enjoyed a long friendship with the Prince of Wales, later Edward VII and Princess Alexandra who were also regular visitors.

The house has welcomed the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and this tradition continues today. Prince Charles reopened the museum in 2010 following extensive restoration meeting many of the specialist makers and conservators involved and visited again as King Charles III in 2023.

In the last few years Prince William and Princess Anne have attended private charitable events at the house as has the present Queen. Hosting your event here means stepping into a space shaped by history and shared with royalty.

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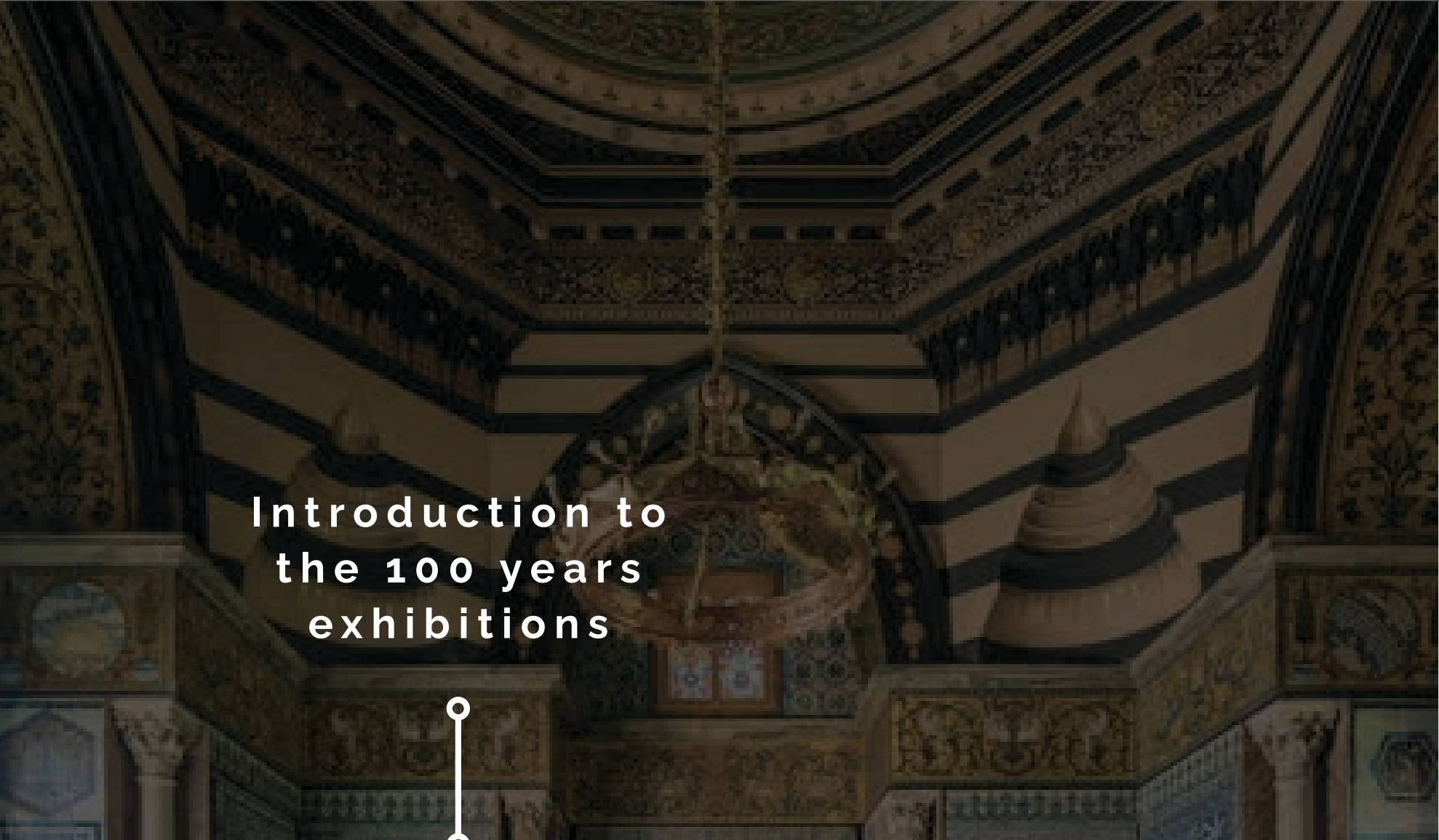


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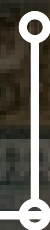
Quest Journey



**Welcome drink in
The Arab Hall**
(80pax standing capacity)



**Introduction to
the 100 years
exhibitions**



11 October 2025 - 1 March 2026

Ghost Objects: Summoning Leighton's Lost Collection
Leighton House: A Journey through 100 Years

The View from Here: Contemporary Art from the Middle East and North Africa

21 March - 4 October 2026

The Arab Hall: Past and Present

31 October 2026 - 21 March 2027

Magic and Mess: The Artist's Studio Revealed



Private tour begins

Guided tour through the house's remarkable history. While Leighton House has long stood as a celebrated museum, parts of the building have played home to a variety of cultural purposes over the decades, each adding a new chapter to its story.

A beloved children's library



A theatre & performance venue

The 1980s
A new era of restoration begins, reviving the house's splendour

A low-angle shot looking up at a massive, ornate chandelier hanging from a highly decorated ceiling. The chandelier has multiple tiers of lights and intricate metalwork. The ceiling features a complex geometric pattern with gold leaf accents. The walls are also decorated with gold leaf and blue floral motifs. The overall atmosphere is one of grandeur and elegance.

Venue Hire

The background image shows a grand, ornate interior space, likely a museum or a historic house. It features a large staircase with a dark wooden balustrade and a white column. The walls are decorated with intricate blue and gold patterns. A statue of a person stands on a pedestal in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is one of elegance and historical significance.

Whole House

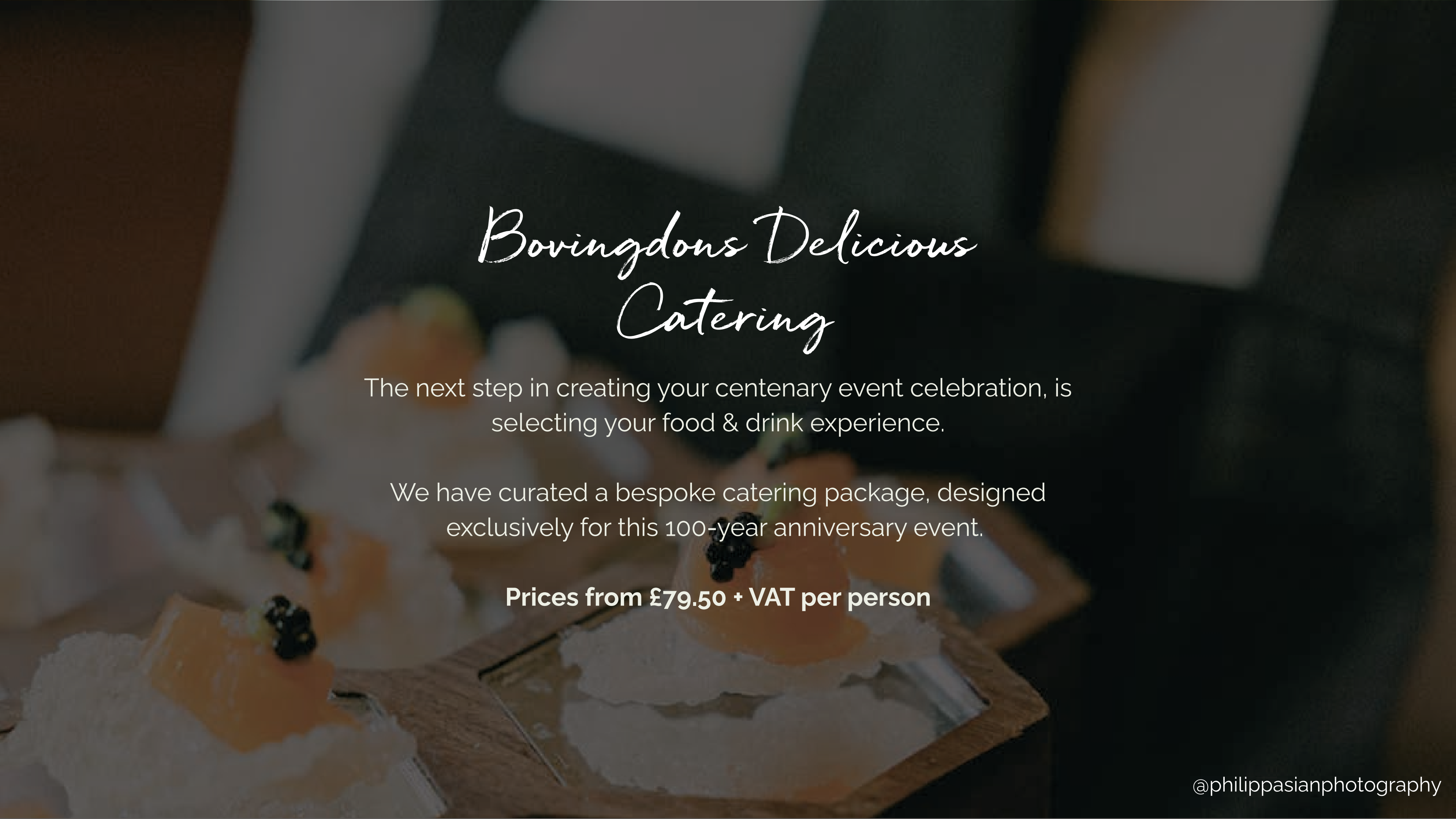
£5000 +VAT

(Inclusive of Arab Hall, Silk Room, The Studio)

Half House

£4000 +VAT

(Downstairs, inclusive of The Arab Hall)



Bovingdons Delicious Catering

The next step in creating your centenary event celebration, is selecting your food & drink experience.

We have curated a bespoke catering package, designed exclusively for this 100-year anniversary event.

Prices from £79.50 + VAT per person

Centenary Reception Package

A 3-hour reception experience, inclusive of:

- **Welcome glass** of Prosecco or a seasonal soft cocktail on arrival
- **Free-flowing** house white and rosé wines, Peroni beer, and a selection of soft drinks throughout.
- Selection of **six canapés** per guest
- **Full event management**, with a dedicated team of service staff to look after you and your guests
- **Stylish furniture** for the reception including poset tables dressed with linens, perfectly suited to the space
- **Event logistics and essentials** managed for you

Please note: Pricing is calculated per guest and will therefore vary in line with your overall guest numbers. A tailored quote for your requested numbers will be provided alongside this document.



Canapés

Meat

LAMB KOFTA

Mint raita, coriander cress

PRESSED DUCK RILLETTES

Crisp tart shell, spiced fig preserve, golden shallot crumble

BRESAOLA

Parmesan tuile, whipped goat's curd

MALAYSIAN-SPICED CHICKEN

Charred Malaysian-spiced chicken, minted yoghurt emulsion, dill

Vegetarian

COURGETTE ROLLS (V)

Ricotta, sundried tomato, rocket

KENTISH BEETROOT MOUSSE (VG)

Savoury cone, crispy chickpeas

SPICED KING EDWARD POTATO (VG)

Mini poppadom, tamarind glaze, cultured coconut yoghurt

BUTTERNUT SQUASH & WILTSHIRE TRUFFLE TART (VG)

Chive cashew cream

Fish

SESAME CRUSTED TUNA

Soy caviar

POACHED LOBSTER

Lemon polenta, chervil crème fraîche

TROUT CROQUETTE

Chalk steam trout croquette, red chilli gel, micro coriander

MISO COD

Miso cod, pickled ginger, toasted sesame crust



Drinks Package

All packages will include the
below drinks

Wine

PROSECCO
Apericena Prosecco, DOC Italy

WHITE WINE
Crescendo Pinot Grigio, Abruzzo, Italy

ROSE WINE
Ballade Romantique, France

BEER
Peroni

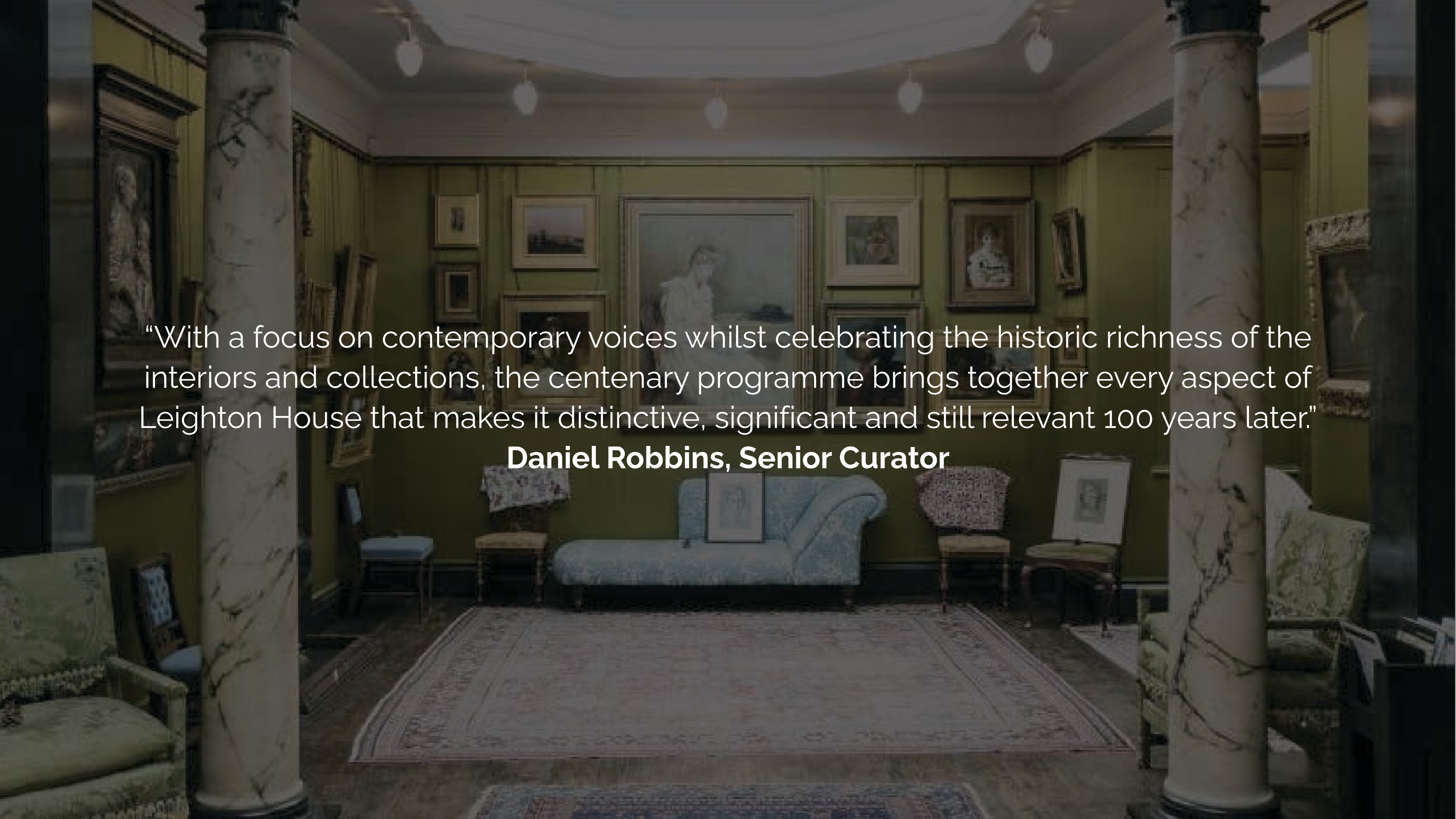
SOFT DRINKS
Selection of juices, still & sparkling water



100 Year Hamper

To mark the **100-year celebrations** of Leighton House, **Bovingdons** are delighted to gift the **lead booker** of this package with a beautifully **curated hamper**, filled with handpicked treats to enjoy beyond the event.





“With a focus on contemporary voices whilst celebrating the historic richness of the interiors and collections, the centenary programme brings together every aspect of Leighton House that makes it distinctive, significant and still relevant 100 years later.”

Daniel Robbins, Senior Curator

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