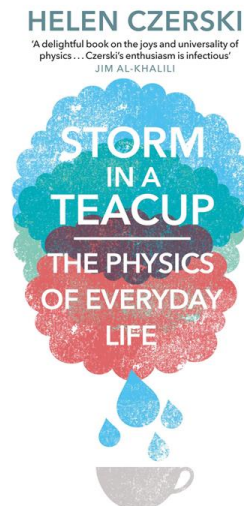


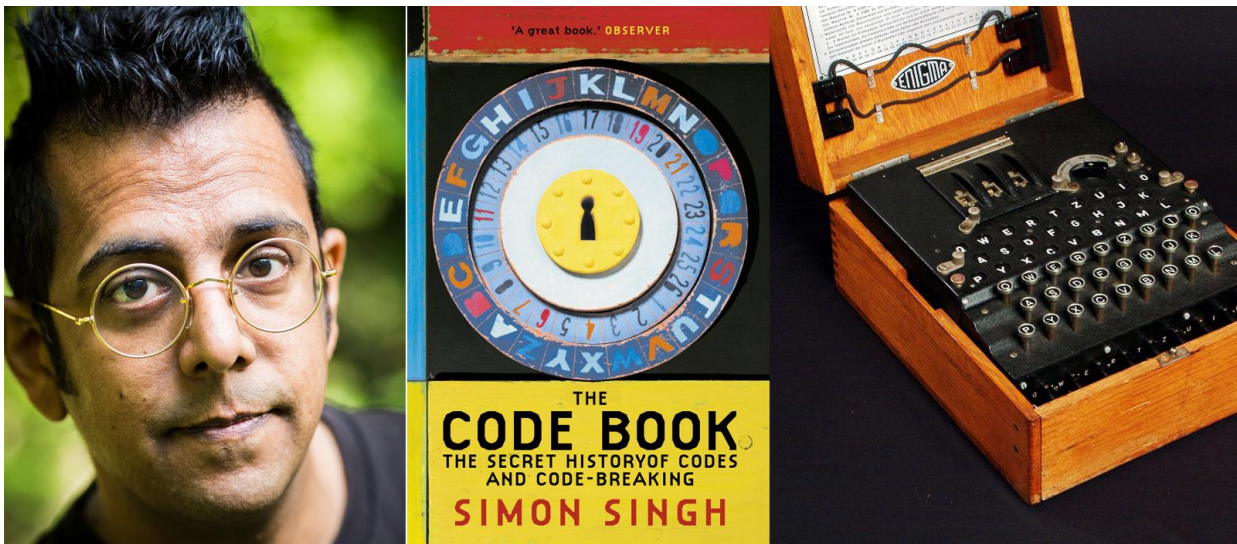
PRESS RELEASE

# Watermans With Words is back with fascinating science writers Simon Singh & Helen Czerski

The second Watermans With Words book festival presents two brilliant, fascinating and wonderfully entertaining scientists, plus an evening of new dramatic writing inspired by the theme 'Friday the 13th'. See an original Enigma machine for yourself, and discover what popcorn and supersonic jets have in common!



You may have caught the fabulously engaging **Dr Helen Czerski** on the telly presenting science programmes on subjects such as colour, temperature, sound and bubbles. A renowned physicist and experimentalist, she has a wonderful knack of making mind-bending concepts easy to grasp. Here she presents her new book 'Storm in a Teacup' which illustrates the fascinating physics of the everyday and shows the link between such things as popcorn and Antarctic weather, and what ketchup bottles can teach us about space travel. A great chance to meet one of science's most engaging and entertaining communicators.



Come and be transfixed by stories about the science of codes and the world-changing history of breaking them. **Simon Singh** is an outstanding science writer who unpacks the complexities of fiendishly complicated ciphers, and brings to life the dramatic story of Alan Turing and his colleagues at Bletchley Park. For this event he will be bringing to Watermans his precious, original Enigma Machine, training a camera on it so you can see its inner workings. With a chance to ask questions too, this is a great opportunity to meet this outstanding author and wonderfully warm and funny speaker.

Alongside the science, Watermans presents an evening of new writing inspired by the phenomenon of superstition surrounding Friday the 13th. Students from the MA dramatic writing course at London's Central School of Speech and Drama will present rehearsed readings of monologues about 'friggatriskaidekaphobia' with witches, panic attacks, rituals, Norse Goddesses and why there's only one place you'll be safe on Friday April 13th – and that's Watermans!

Watermans With Words is a relaxed evening book festival developed in partnership with ArchWay With Words, a well established book festival in North London.

### Listings

**Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford TW8 0DS**

**Watermans.org.uk**

**Box Office: 020 8232 1010**

**Nearest rail: Kew Bridge**

**Nearest tube: Gunnersbury then bus 237 or 267, stopping outside at 'Watermans Centre'**

### **Watermans with Words Book Festival**

#### **Science & Superstition**

**Fri 13 April, 7pm (Helen Czerski) & 8.15pm (Simon Singh). Tickets £7-10 (conc £3-8). Age guidance 12+**

Our second Watermans With Words book festival presents two fascinating and wonderfully entertaining scientists talking about their new books. Helen Czerski is a physicist who has the knack of making mind-bending concepts easy to grasp, while Simon Singh will bring his own rare Enigma machine to Watermans. Plus new writing from MA students from the Central School of Speech and Drama on the subject of Friday 13th.

## About Watermans

Watermans is West London's leading arts centre. It attracts over 230,000 visits a year to its thriving and inclusive programme of independent cinema, family and Asian theatre, regular weekend festivals, exhibitions and courses. Watermans runs a year-round programme of cutting-edge digital arts for which it receives National Portfolio Organisation funding from Arts Council England, and has done so for many years.

Watermans also leads several other major projects outside its venue. These are primarily concerned with broadening access to high quality arts in communities that engage little, if at all, in the arts, to support community cohesion and economic regeneration:

- **Bell Square**, the outdoor arts venue in Hounslow Town Centre, now in its third year. It attracted 34k visitors to Hounslow Town Centre in 2015, just under half of whom said that these events were the primary reason for their visit and that they would go onto spend money elsewhere in Hounslow. 72% say they are more likely to return to the town centre because of these events
- **Circulate**, a London-wide outdoor arts touring network that regularly brings free events to Hounslow including to Bell Square and the Brentford Festival
- **Creative People & Places Hounslow**, Arts Council England's major investment in increasing arts capacity in underserved areas, working in Feltham, Heston and Cranford, and central Hounslow

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