# BENJAMIN POLLOCK'S TOYSHOP

Inspired by the 100-year heritage of Benjamin Pollock's toyshop, a treasure trove of traditional toys and pop-up paper theatres in the heart of Covent Garden, delight in a wonderfully festive Afternoon Tea that draws on the whimsical world of all things Benjamin Pollock.

With a history harking back to the 1880s, the eponymous founder originally sold Victorian-era theatrical sheets to children aspiring to the stage, city gents nostalgic for their childhood and actors like Charlie Chaplin.

Today's much-loved toy shop maintains its theatrical roots, stocking miniature Victorian and pop-up paper theatres alongside wind-up music boxes and classic toys and games. Enjoy the charm of childhood memories with Christmas Afternoon Tea in partnership with Benjamin Pollock's Toyshop.

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# TRADITIONAL

### **FESTIVE SANDWICHES**

Spiced Winter Pumpkin with Whipped Goats' Cheese V

Breast of Norfolk Turkey with Homemade Cranberry Jam

Classic Prawn Cocktail GF

Roasted Golden Winter Beets with Smoked Aubergine Puree VG

SCONES

Plain & Fruit Scones Served with Clotted Cream & Blackberry Jam V

All sandwiches served on White & Brown Bread or Gluten Free Bread

# **VEGAN & GLUTEN FREE**

### **FESTIVE SANDWICHES**

## DESSERTS Rudolph's Raspberry & Dark Chocolate

Mousse VG GF

Buddy the Elf's Blood Orange &

Brandy Buckwheat Tart VG GF

DESSERTS

Sugar Plum Fairy's Dark Chocolate &

Praline Éclair V

Blood Orange Eggnog

Caramelized Tart V

Traditional Christmas Fruit Cake V

Toymakers' Strawberry &

Vanilla Yo-yo Macaron V GF

Spiced Winter Pumpkin with Red Onion Jam VG

Grilled Courgette with Nutmeg & Chickpea Puree VG

Roasted Carrot with Rocket Tomato Pesto VG

Roasted Golden Winter Beets with Smoked Aubergine Puree VG Mini Christmas Pudding with

Vegan Cream VG GF Black Forest Stollen Cake VG

SCONES

Gluten Free Scones or Vegan Scones Served with Clotted Cream or Vegan Butter & Blackberry Jam VG GF

All sandwiches served on White & Brown Bread or Gluten Free Bread

£39pp

VG Vegan

V Vegetarian

# CHILDREN'S TEA Up to 12 years

#### FESTIVE SANDWICHES

Spiced Winter Pumpkin with Whipped Goats' Cheese V

Breast of Norfolk Turkey with Homemade Cranberry Jam

Roasted Golden Winter Beets with Smoked Aubergine Puree VG

#### SCONES

Plain Scones Served with Clotted Cream & Blackberry Jam V

#### DESSERTS

Charlie's Favourite Chocolate Lollipop V Sugar Plum Fairy's chocolate and Praline Éclair V Traditional Christmas Fruit Cake V Toymakers' Strawberry & Vanilla Yo-yo Macaron V GF



A surprise toy is included. Unwanted toys left on the table will be donated to the charity The Toy Project for children in need.

# **TEA SELECTION**

# PALACE EARL GREY

This is our very own secret recipe of the finest quality black tea leaves and natural Bergamot oil. This heady and fragrant tea has balance, flavour and a distinct citrus finish. It is strong, full-bodied and can be enjoyed with either milk or lemon; working wonderfully with foods that have aromatic and fruity flavours.

# PALACE BREAKFAST

Using only the highest quality hand-picked leaves, this blend is strong, malty and contains spicy Assam from the plains of India combined with an aromatic, complex Ceylon from the tropical highlands of Sri Lanka. Created in 2005, this blend is a refined and elegant version of breakfast tea.

# PURE ORGANIC SPEARMINT

The top quality spearmint we infuse grows in the Middle East and Northern Africa and has been used medicinally for thousands of years to settle the stomach. Our pure organic spearmint contains less menthol oil than peppermint making it slightly sweeter and easier on the palate. Most notably the Romans used its antioxidants and vitamin C to improve concentration and works well as an excellent palate cleanser between courses with both savoury and sweet foods.

# WHITE PEONY WITH ROSEBUDS

Known as the "Champagne" of teas and amongst the very rarest in the world, this blend is completely unprocessed and uses tea from only the highest, rarest and expensive bushes specially cultivated for the perfect leaf shape. Whole leaves are picked by hand and dried according to traditional methods so one can enjoy the most exquisite cup of tea possible.

# COVENT GARDEN BLEND

This blend is inspired by the famous flower market and is a combination of the highest quality, gold tipped Chinese Yunnan leaves, specially cut peppermint leaves and bright blue cornflowers. Together they have the colour and aroma expected of a Victorian flower stall whilst having notes of a subtle sweet caramel finish.

# ORGANIC CHAMOMILE FLOWERS

Only the finest Egyptian grown organic chamomile and whole flowers are selected for our tisane, which has a sensational aroma and a simply superb flavour. If you're looking for a calming, sophisticated and elegant beverage to take with a traditional afternoon tea or a wind-down caffeine-free night cap then you cannot do any better than a cup of organic chamomile flowers.

# ADD A GLASS OF PROSECCO FOR £8 OR A BOTTLE FOR £36

If you have any allergies or food intolerance please speak to a member of our staff about your requirements before ordering. A full list of allergens contained in each dish is available upon request. All prices are in GBP and are inclusive of VAT at the current prevailing rate. Please note that a discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added to your bill.