

What's New in London

Attractions & Sightseeing

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries, Westminster Abbey

2018

Westminster Abbey is embarking on an exciting new project to build a new museum and gallery: The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries, in the Abbey's medieval triforium.

The gallery runs 70 ft above the Abbey floor, and has been hidden to the public for over 700 years. The new galleries will give visitors magnificent views to the Palace of Westminster and into the church, displaying treasures and collections reflecting the Abbey's rich and varied thousand-year history.

<http://www.westminster-abbey.org/visit-us/galleries>

Royal Academy of Arts expansion

2018

New public areas will be created, including dedicated spaces for exhibitions and displays across the site for our historic collection, contemporary art projects and new work by Royal Academicians. A double-height lecture theatre with over 260 seats will build on the Academy's heritage of rigorous and lively debate. New facilities will enable us to provide a better welcome for our visitors. There will also be an expanded learning programme and more spaces for the RA Schools.

www.royalacademy.org.uk/ra250

V&A Photography Centre, Victoria and Albert Museum

Opening Autumn 2018

In Autumn 2018, the V&A will unveil the first phase of a new, state-of-the-art Photography Centre designed by David Kohn Architects. Part of the V&A's ambitious FuturePlan development programme, Phase One of the Centre will more than double the display space dedicated to photography and completely revolutionise the way in which it is presented at the V&A. The design will celebrate the original features of the Museum's nineteenth-century picture galleries, while creating innovative and imaginative spaces for visitors to encounter the medium from its origins in the 19th century to the present day. The Centre will see the V&A display a larger number and range of photographs, negatives, camera technology, books and archival materials than ever before, and will be accompanied by a Museum-wide photography festival and a new digital resource for photography enthusiasts around the world. Opening later, Phase Two of the project will expand the gallery space further, adding spaces for learning, a browsing and research library, and a studio and darkroom to enable photographers' residencies. Gallery 100, part of the first phase of the project, will be renamed 'The Bern and Ronny Schwartz Gallery' in recognition of the generosity of The Bern Schwartz Family Foundation, the first major supporter of the Museum's Photography Centre.

www.vam.ac.uk/info/futureplan

V&A Cast Courts, Victoria and Albert Museum

Opening Autumn 2018

In Autumn 2018 the V&A will complete the second and final phase of its FuturePlan redevelopment project returning the Museum's Cast Courts to their original magnificence. Following extensive renovation and conservation work, the West Court and Central Gallery will reopen to the public revealing historic features, including original 19th-century floors and wall colours, alongside a new interpretation space showcasing the history, processes and significance of casts and reproduction methods used today. For the first time,

the base of Trajan's Column will be permanently opened up, enabling visitors to step inside this monumental object.

www.vam.ac.uk/info/futureplan

Fotografiska - The London Museum of Photography

Autumn 2018

Derwent London has pre-let the lower ground floors and a new office pavilion totalling 89,000 sq. ft at The White Chapel Building, 10 Whitechapel High Street E1, to Fotografiska, to house the London Museum of Photography. Fotografiska runs the photography museum in Stockholm and will use the space for Fotografiska - The London Museum of Photography. It is its first gallery outside Stockholm and will add what Derwent described as "another important cultural and leisure hub to the fast improving Whitechapel area".

<http://news.costar.co.uk/en/assets/news/2017/August/Derwent-zooms-in-on-Whitechapel-prelet-to-London-Museum-of-Photography/>

BoxPark Wembley

Late 2018

BoxPark, the pop-up food and retail site, is launching its third site in Wembley. The new location will open in late 2018 in Wembley Park and will feature a "bespoke building design". It will have 29 units for established and independent businesses, and host live music, events, talks and workshops. It aims to put on more than 200 events a year. The space will also have a 2,000-people capacity events area, as well as a smaller space designed to hold 300 people.

www.boxpark.co.uk/blog/boxpark-wembley/

Medicine galleries, Science Museum

2019

Due to be completed in 2019, the £24m medicine galleries will transform the first floor of the Science Museum, creating a magnificent new home for the Museum's medicine collections. Based on the extraordinary collections of Henry Wellcome and the Science Museum, this is the one of the most significant medicine collections in the world. The galleries will reveal personal stories about how our lives have been transformed by changes in medicine and health over the last 400 years.

www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/visitmuseum/plan_your_visit/exhibitions/medicine

Unlocking the Geffrye

2019

The Geffrye has embarked on a major transformative capital scheme, Unlocking the Geffrye, to open up the museum and greatly improve visitors' experience, create new spaces for its collections and learning activities, and develop the museum for generations to come. The £15m project is due to complete in 2019.

www.geffrye-museum.org.uk/aboutus/unlocking-the-geffrye/

Smithsonian / Victoria and Albert Collaboration

TBC

The two museums will work on a permanent gallery space at the V&A's East London museum at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, the site of the 2012 Olympics. The pair will work together on joint exhibitions, drawing on both museums' collections, as well as their expertise in science and the arts and humanities - "and where they intersect".

<https://www.future.london/stories/smithsonian-teams-va>

Thames Estuary Arts Hub

Traditionally a place of fishing and heavy industry, the Thames Estuary could be transformed into a hub for artists and creatives under ambitious plans. The 40-mile stretch of water, from Canary Wharf to Southend in Essex and Thanet in Kent, is the subject of a government development project. Among the new proposals are theatre-making studios in Bexley, an arts centre in Woolwich, a foundry for large sculptures and artworks in Silvertown including the UK's biggest 3D printing centre, a gaming hub at the University of Essex, and industrial research laboratories in Kent.

www.standard.co.uk/news/london/thames-estuary-to-be-transformed-into-arts-hub-bringing-tens-of-thousands-of-new-jobs-and-homes-a3465106.html

Westfield Stratford City expansion

Westfield Europe have been granted permission for a 150,000 sq. ft. retail expansion at Westfield Stratford City. Westfield will create a new shopping level by converting part of the basement underneath the Marks & Spencer and John Lewis shops on the ground floor, as well as making reconfigurations to the car park. The ongoing success of the regeneration of the Stratford area makes it continue to be an attractive location for retail, offices, sporting events and more.

<http://news.costar.co.uk/en/assets/news/2017/June/Westfield-wins-planning-consent-for-Straford-City-expansion/>

Culture Mile

Culture Mile is the beating heart of London, a place where creativity is fast becoming the most valuable currency. The City of London Corporation together with the Barbican, Guildhall School of Music & Drama, London Symphony Orchestra and the Museum of London, will be bringing the area to life with imaginative collaborations and exciting events.

<https://www.culturemile.london>

Inspiring People: Transforming our National Portrait Gallery

2022

The National Portrait Gallery has been awarded funding of £9.4 million from The National Lottery towards a £35.5m transformation programme. For the first time in the Gallery's history there will be a comprehensive re-display of the Collection across all the galleries combined with a significant refurbishment, creating twenty per cent more public and gallery spaces. The transformation will also see the Gallery's most extensive programme of activities nationwide with plans to engage audiences onsite, locally, regionally and online. It will also improve its main entrance and will create a new state-of-the-art Learning Centre with several studio spaces. As well as extending activities for schools, families, young people and students, a volunteering programme will be introduced.

www.npg.org.uk/whatson/news2/inspiring-people

Transport & Connections

Night Overground

Following the success of the Night Tube, a strip of the London Overground network will run 24 hours on Fridays and Saturdays.

- The all-night service will operate between New Cross Gate and Dalston Junction.
- It will then be extended northward to reach Highbury and Islington some time in 2018.
- Due to Crossrail work taking place at Whitechapel station, London Overground night services will initially not call at the station until works are complete. Services are expected to call at the station from summer 2018.

www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/24-hour-night-services-for-london-overground-line

Crossrail (The Elizabeth line)

Crossrail is a new railway for London and the South East. From improving journey times across London, to easing congestion and offering better connections, the new railway will provide easier, quicker and more direct travel opportunities across the capital.

www.crossrail.co.uk/

- May 2018 - TfL Rail service opens between Paddington (National Rail) and Heathrow Terminal 4, replacing the existing Heathrow Connect service and part of the Great Western inner suburban service.
- December 2018 - The Elizabeth line opens between Paddington and Abbey Wood, Liverpool Street to Shenfield, Paddington Main Line to Heathrow Terminal 4.
- May 2019 - The Elizabeth line through service extends from Shenfield to Paddington.
- December 2019 - The Elizabeth line is fully open, extending to Reading and Heathrow Terminal 4.

The Elizabeth line will make cross-London travel easier and more accessible, and increase rail capacity in central London by 10 per cent. TfL is pushing for Crossrail 2, which will boost GDP by up to £150bn, and provide 200,000 new homes and 200,000 new jobs.

<https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/elizabeth-line>

London City Cruise Port

2018

Located on the banks of London's river Thames in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, London City Cruise Port will accommodate vessels up to 240m in length and 8m draught when complete in 2018. It will be London's only cruise terminal with alongside terminal facilities. With UNESCO Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site and The O2 on its doorstep, visitors can enjoy world class maritime and royal attractions. There will be a high quality onsite hotel for visitors spending more time in Greenwich and a riverboat service to the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site, Greenwich Peninsula and central London.

www.londoncitycruiseport.co.uk/

Northern Line extension

2020

TfL plans to extend the Northern line to Battersea to help regenerate the Vauxhall, Nine Elms and Battersea areas, supporting 25,000 new jobs and more than 20,000 new homes. Two new stations to be built at Nine Elms and Battersea Power Station are targeted for completion in 2020.

Bakerloo line extension

TBC

With a further consultation expected in 2018. The extension of the line to Lewisham would provide extra capacity on London Underground for 65,000 journeys in the morning and evening peak, helping relieve congestion on local bus and National Rail services. It could also support at least 25,000 new homes and 5,000 new jobs.

Upgraded Underground stations

- TfL is investing £200m in around 30 step-free access schemes in Underground stations over the next five years, bringing the total to more than 100 stations step-free.
- TfL has upgraded Victoria and Tottenham Court Road Underground stations, and work is well underway at Finsbury Park to provide new entrances and step-free access to the street and to National Rail station by 2019. A new Northern line platform and entrance at Bank is also scheduled for 2021, and they're progressing plans for station upgrades at Camden Town and Holborn, targeting completion in the mid-2020s.
- TfL is upgrading signalling on the Circle, District, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines, enabling to increase the frequency of trains to 32 trains per hour (up from 27 now) in the central area. The total peak-time capacity increase of 33 per cent will be delivered by 2022. Capacity will also increase by 17 percent by 2019 on the Jubilee line, and 20 percent by 2023 on the Northern line.

Docklands Light Railway

2022

DLR customers will benefit from 43 new trains in 2022. New trains will offer onboard real-time information, air-conditioning, mobile device charging points, and will boost capacity by 30 per cent, supporting growth in South East London. Across the Royal Docks area there is potential to provide up to 60,000 new jobs and 25,500 new homes.

Anniversaries, Festivals & Celebrations

Vote 100

2018

A Parliamentary project of exhibitions and events to promote anniversaries of women's rights laws; including the 100th anniversary of both men and women voting for the first time in the general election of December 1918.

www.parliament.uk/about/living-heritage/transformingsociety/electionsvoting/vote-100/vote-100-project/vote-100-project-info/

Centenary of the end of the First World War- Imperial War Museum

Further displays at IWM London from September 2018 will include Moments of Silence, an immersive, installation provoking visitors to reflect on the rituals of silence and remembrance in 2018; a powerfully intimate sound installation where visitors can hear from those who lived through the First World War; and Renewal, a photography exhibition capturing the revival of hope and human spirit in the aftermath of war and conflict. Alongside these exhibitions, and forming an integral part of the Making a New World season, visitors will be able to experience a rich programme of live performance and events. Working with partners, veterans and community groups, IWM will explore the nature of silence and remembrance through immersive theatre, performance art and public debate.

80 years since the launch of HMS Belfast

17 March 2018

Imperial War Museum will commemorate the launch.

200 years since the birth of Queen Victoria at Kensington Palace

2019

Princess Victoria was born at Kensington Palace and spent her childhood there. We will be celebrating this important anniversary by opening a permanent re-presentation of her rooms, telling the story of her fascinating life at the palace. Explore the fascinating story of the young Princess Victoria, brought to life as never. A programme of performance, special events, tours and talks will also run throughout the year.

www.hrp.org.uk/media/1388/summer-fanfare-2017-english.pdf

Exhibitions & Events

Ocean Liners: Speed & Style, Victoria and Albert Museum

3 February – 10 June 2018

Explore the romantic and remarkable age of ocean travel and discover how ocean liners helped shape the modern world. Experience a unique journey through the design stories of the world's greatest ocean liners, including the Titanic, Normandie, the Queen Mary and the Canberra, and discover how these impressive vessels still loom large in our cultural imagination.

www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/ocean-liners-speed-style

Yto Barrada, The Curve, Barbican

7 February – 20 May 2018

Working across photography, film, sculpture and more, Moroccan artist Yto Barrada draws on narratives of the bandit, magician, underdog and smuggler for her first major London commission in The Curve.

Barrada's work explores the different strategies of resistance we employ to deal with everything from the mundanities of everyday life to shifts in power and migration.

www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/2018/event/yto-barrada

Another Kind of Life: Photography on the Margins, Barbican Art Gallery

28 February – 27 May 2018

Touching on themes of gender and sexuality, drugs and addiction, youth culture and minorities of all kinds, the show features the work of 20 photographers from the 1950's to the present day. Another Kind of Life

follows the lives of individuals and communities operating on the fringes of society from America to India, Chile to Nigeria. The exhibition reflects a more diverse, complex view of the world, as captured and recorded by photographers. Driven by personal and political motivations, many of the photographers sought to provide an authentic representation of the disenfranchised communities with whom they spent months, years or even decades with, often conspiring with them to construct their own identity through the camera lens.

www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/2018/event/another-kind-of-life-photography-on-the-margins?ID=21470

All Too Human: Bacon, Freud and a Century of Painting Life, Tate Britain

28 February – 27 August 2018

Celebrating painters in Britain who found new ways of depicting people, places, feelings and relationships, All Too Human features London-based artists from the second half of the 20th century including Lucian Freud and Francis Bacon.

www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/exhibition/all-too-human

Murillo: The Self Portraits, National Gallery

28 February – 21 May 2018

The only known self-portraits by Spanish master Murillo, reunited for the first time in over three hundred years.

www.nationalgallery.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/murillo-the-self-portraits

Victorian Giants: The Birth of Art Photography, National Portrait Gallery

1 March - 20 May 2018

This major new exhibition brings together the works of four giants of Victorian photography, Lewis Carroll, Julia Margaret Cameron, Oscar Rejlander and Clementina Hawarden. These four artists would come to embody the very best in photography of the era, experimenting with new approaches to picture making, and shaping attitudes to the medium that have informed artistic practice ever since. The exhibition explores the birth of art photography in England and provides a fresh perspective on one of photography's formative periods.

www.npg.org.uk/whatson/exhibitions/2017/victorian-giants-the-birth-of-art-photography/

The EY Exhibition: Picasso 1932 – Love, Fame, Tragedy, Tate Modern

8 March – 9 September 2018

The EY Exhibition Picasso 1932 – Love, Fame, Tragedy is one of the most significant shows the gallery has ever staged. Taking visitors on a month-by-month journey through 1932, a time so pivotal in Picasso's life and work that it has been called his 'year of wonders'. More than 100 outstanding paintings, sculptures and works on paper demonstrate his prolific and restlessly inventive character. They strip away common myths to reveal the man and the artist in his full complexity and richness.

www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/exhibition/ey-exhibition-picasso-1932-love-fame-tragedy

Joan Jonas, Tate Modern

14 March – 5 August 2018

Tate Modern celebrates the work of a pioneer of performance and video art.

www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/exhibition/joan-jonas

Tacita Dean: LANDSCAPE, PORTRAIT, STILL LIFE at the Royal Academy of Arts, the National Portrait Gallery and the National Gallery

15 March - 28 May 2018

In an unprecedented collaboration, three major London galleries, the National Portrait Gallery, Royal Academy of Arts, and National Gallery, will open three distinct exhibitions with the artist Tacita Dean. The three exhibitions, Tacita Dean: LANDSCAPE, PORTRAIT, STILL LIFE, shaped by Dean's response to the individual character of each institution, will explore genres traditionally associated with painting – landscape at the Royal Academy of Arts, portraiture at the National Portrait Gallery and still life at the National Gallery – seen through the contemporary prism of Dean's wide-ranging artistic practice.

www.npg.org.uk/about/press/news-release-exhibitions-tacita-dean

The Credit Suisse Exhibition: Monet & Architecture, National Gallery

9 April – 29 July 2018

See the 'Father of Impressionism' in an entirely new way, in the first exhibition devoted to Monet's relationship with architecture. Comprising more than seventy paintings by the artist, 'Monet & Architecture' spans Claude Monet's long career from its beginnings in the mid-1860s to the public display of his Venice paintings in 1912.

www.nationalgallery.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/the-credit-suisse-exhibition-monet-and-architecture

Fashioned from Nature, Victoria and Albert Museum

21 April 2018 - 27 January 2019

Fashioned from Nature explores the relationship between fashion and nature from 1600 to the present day. In the first UK exhibition to examine the environmental impact of fashion over more than 400 years, fashionable dress will be presented alongside natural history specimens, taxidermy and unprocessed materials to draw attention to the materiality of fashion and the sources of our clothes. The exhibition will ask how we can design a more sustainable fashion industry and what we can learn from the last 400 years.

www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/fashioned-from-nature

Into the Light: Photography and Abstract Art, Tate Modern

2 May – 14 October 2018

The birth of abstract art and the invention of photography were both defining moments in modern visual culture, but these two stories are often told separately. Into the Light is the first major exhibition to explore the relationship between the two, spanning the century from the 1910s to the present day. It brings to life the innovation and originality of photographers over this period, and shows how they responded and contributed to the development of abstraction.

www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/exhibition/light-photography-and-abstract-art

London Nights, Museum of London

11 May – 11 November 2018

Fusing portraiture, documentary, conceptual photography and film, London Nights will reveal the city after dark through photographs ranging from the late 19th century to the present day. 50 artists, including Alvin Langdon Coburn, Bill Brandt, Rut Blees Luxemburg and Nick Turpin, will be represented through over 200 works. From the unexplored to the imagined, from Soho to Sydenham, see stunning images of a city illuminated by limited natural and artificial light.

www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london/whats-on/exhibitions/london-nights

The Future Starts Here, Victoria and Albert Museum

12 May – 4 November 2018

This exhibition explores the power of design in shaping the world of tomorrow. From smart appliances to satellites, artificial intelligence to internet culture, more than 100 objects will be brought together as a landscape for the near future. These objects are the seeds of possible futures, currently in development, being worked on by scientists and designers in studios and laboratories around the world. Together they present various ways in which emerging technologies might affect our lives in the near future, and what choices we have – as citizens – to influence their development.

www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/the-future-starts-here

Lift Festival, East Wall

Summer 2018

A major dance and music production to be performed in the Tower of London moat during LIFT 2018. East Wall will be a large-scale, spectacle of dance and live music, which will take place at the Tower of London, one of the capital's most iconic buildings, in summer 2018. Directed by world-renowned choreographer, Hofesh Shechter, East Wall will bring together a large cast of dancers, musicians and community participants to celebrate East London's rich cultural heritage.

www.liftfestival.com/east-wall-2018/

Ed Ruscha: Course of Empire, National Gallery

11 June – 7 October 2018

See Ed Ruscha's modern take on the cyclical nature of civilisation, evocative of Thomas Cole's series of the same name. Ed Ruscha (1937–) has shaped the way we see the American landscape over the span of his influential six-decade career. Elegant, highly distilled, and often humorous, Ruscha's work conveys a unique brand of visual American zen.

www.nationalgallery.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/ed-ruscha-course-of-empire

Thomas Cole's Journey, National Gallery

11 June – 7 October 2018

Discover one of America's leading painters of the mid-19th century. With his work seldom seen outside the USA, this exhibition establishes British-born Thomas Cole (1801–1848) as a major global figure in 19th-century landscape art.

www.nationalgallery.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/thomas-cole

Frida Kahlo's Wardrobe, Victoria and Albert Museum

16 June – 4 November 2018

The first exhibition to be held outside Mexico of Kahlo's clothing and personal possessions, including prosthetics, medicines, accessories, jewellery, photographs and letters. These were discovered in the Blue House in 2004 following the opening up of cupboards and storerooms which had remained sealed for fifty years. This exhibition will explore the development of Kahlo's style as an amalgam of traditional Mexican garments, fashion from Europe and beyond, and demonstrate how her wardrobe was expressive of the complex relationship between her Mexican and Western heritage. Kahlo's disabilities throughout her life are also central to understanding her sartorial choices, and the exhibition will offer fresh perspectives on Kahlo's compelling life story through the display of such orthopaedic devices and medicines.

www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/frida-kahlos-wardrobe

Michael Jackson: On the Wall, National Portrait Gallery

28 June – 21 October 2018

Landmark exhibition will explore the influence of Michael Jackson on some of the leading names in contemporary art from Andy Warhol to Isa Genzken. In addition to breaking records for the most albums sold, awards won, philanthropic achievements and cultural barriers overturned, Michael Jackson has become the most depicted cultural figure in visual art by an extraordinary array of leading contemporary artists since Andy Warhol first used his image in 1982. For the first time, Michael Jackson: On the Wall will bring together the works of over 40 of these artists, drawn from public and private collections around the world, including new works made especially for the exhibition.

www.npg.org.uk/whatson/michael-jackson-on-the-wall/exhibition

Jameel Prize 5, Victoria and Albert Museum

30 June – 25 November 2018

The Jameel Prize is an international award for contemporary art and design inspired by Islamic tradition. The competition is open to artists and designers from any background and from anywhere in the world. The ten finalists in this fifth edition have connections with countries as diverse as Bangladesh, Iraq and the USA. Their varied practices range from architecture and painting, to work in textiles and fashion design, to sound and installation. This variety will show the richness of Islamic tradition as a source for contemporary creativity, which in turn will show how the Islamic past can be relevant to our own times.

www.vam.ac.uk/info/jameel-prize-4#jameel-prize-5

Videogames, Victoria and Albert Museum

8 September 2018 – 24 February 2019

There is a renaissance happening in videogames. A new wave of designers, players and critics are pushing the boundaries of the medium in radical new ways. This V&A show is the first to fully consider the complexity of videogames as one of the most important design fields of our time, investigating groundbreaking contemporary design work, creative and rebellious player communities and the political conversations that define this movement. This exhibition explores the design and culture of the medium since the mid-2000s, when major technological advancements increased access to the internet, social media and new means of making which had a profound impact on the way videogames are designed, discussed and played.

www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/videogames

Renzo Piano, Royal Academy of Arts

15 September 2018 – 20 January 2019

From the Pompidou Centre in Paris to New York's Whitney Museum, the buildings of Renzo Piano have enriched cities across the globe. We mark 50 years of his pioneering work with a celebration of the unique vision behind Piano's architecture. Designed and curated in close collaboration with Piano himself, the exhibition, the first in London to put the spotlight on Piano in 30 years, invites you to encounter architecture that touches the human spirit.

www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/renzo-piano

Generation Hope: Life after the First World War, Imperial War Museum

At IWM London, Generation Hope: Life after the First World War, opening on 21 September 2018, is a major exhibition about hope and aspiration in the decade following the First World War. The exhibition will take visitors from the immediate aftermath of the war to the heart of the 'roaring' twenties, as people attempted to shape a new world and enjoy more social and political freedoms. It will showcase developments in art, literature, film, fashion and technology as well as examining the difficult realities of this era, which saw a rise in political extremes and economic highs and lows.

Albukhary Foundation Galleries of the Islamic world, British Museum

October 2018

The Albukhary Foundation is providing significant support for a major new gallery to redisplay the collections of the Islamic world at the British Museum. This new gallery represents a shared vision between the British Museum and the Malaysia-based Albukhary Foundation and will give visitors an understanding of the diverse and wide-ranging cultures of the Islamic world.

www.britishmuseum.org/about_us/news_and_press/press_releases/2015/gallery_of_the_islamic_world.aspx

Mitsubishi Corporation Japanese Galleries, British Museum

Autumn 2018

Refurbishment of the Mitsubishi Corporation galleries of Japan will result in a specially designed space so that precious, light-sensitive works can be shown more often. Many of the antique prints currently on show in its Hokusai exhibition of Japanese art are so fragile they had to be replaced halfway through

www.britishmuseum.org/about_us/news_and_press/press_releases/2008/mitsubishi_sponsors_galleries.aspx

Mantegna and Bellini, National Gallery

1 October 2018 – 27 January 2019

Explore the relationship between two of the greatest artists of the Italian Renaissance, Giovanni Bellini and Andrea Mantegna. Comprising major loans of paintings, drawings, and particularly sculpture, 'Mantegna and Bellini' compares the work of two pre-eminent artists who also happened to be related by marriage.

www.nationalgallery.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/mantegna-and-bellini

Modern Couples: Art, Intimacy and the Avant-garde, Barbican Art Gallery

10 October 2018 – 27 January 2019

A rich exploration of intimate relationships in all their various forms, from obsessional and fleeting to life-long – revealing a playground for experimentation and creativity. What do we mean by a ‘couple’ today? With society’s changing approach to marriage, partnerships, family, parenthood and gender, this major exhibition is the first to showcase creative individuals who came together in intimate relationships to work across photography, sculpture, architecture, poetry, music and dance.

www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/2018/event/modern-couples-art-intimacy-and-the-avant-garde?ID=21446

Anni Albers, Tate Modern

11 October 2018 – 27 January 2019

Tate Modern explores the work of one of the best-known textile artists of the 20th century. As a student at the radical and ostensibly egalitarian Bauhaus art school, Anni Albers, like other women, was barred from becoming a painter. Instead she enrolled in the weaving workshop and made textiles her means of expression. Albers (1899–1994) rose to become an influential figure, exploring the technical limits of hand-weaving to pioneer innovative uses of woven fabric as art, architecture and design.

www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/exhibition/anni-albers

Lorenzo Lotto: Portraits, National Gallery

5 November 2018 – 10 February 2019

Discover the expressive sensitivity and immediacy of Lorenzo Lotto’s portraits in the first UK exhibition of its kind. Celebrated as one of the greatest portraitists of the Italian Renaissance, Lorenzo Lotto uniquely portrayed a cross section of middle-class sitters, among them clerics, merchants, and humanists. With the inclusion of documents that have survived from Lotto’s own account books, this exhibition provides extraordinary insight into the artist’s individualistic style and the people he portrayed.

www.nationalgallery.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/lorenzo-lotto-portraits

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Arcade Fire, SSE Arena Wembley

11-13 April 2018

www.ssearena.co.uk/events/detail/arcade-fire

The Bootleg Beatles, Royal Albert Hall

26 April 2018

www.royalalberthall.com/tickets/events/2018/the-bootleg-beatles/

Los Angeles Philharmonic, Barbican

2-4 May 2018

Barbican audiences already know that Gustavo Dudamel and the LA Phil are one of the most electrifying orchestra-conductor partnerships at work today. And if you’ve heard them before, you’ll know precisely what we’re talking about. Regulars won’t need telling twice about the urgency of Dudamel’s Beethoven and Shostakovich – and you can imagine the dynamism they’ll bring to music by Varèse, Salonen and Leonard Bernstein.

www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/2018/series/los-angeles-philharmonic-international-associate-residency

An English Garden: Les Arts Florissants / Le Jardin des Voix, Barbican Hall

8 June 2018

“The garden of the voice”: a garland of 18th century English song, devised and performed by Les Arts Florissants.

www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/2018/event/les-arts-florissantsle-jardin-des-voix-an-english-garden?ID=20929

Katy Perry, The O2 arena

14-15 June 2018

www.theo2.co.uk/events/detail/katy-perry**Ed Sheeran, Wembley Stadium**

14-17 June 2018

www.wembleystadium.com/Events/2018/Ed-Sheeran-Sat-2018/Ed-Sheeran**Barry Manilow, The O2 Arena**

6-8 September 2018

www.theo2.co.uk/events/detail/barry-manilow**DANCE****The Winter's Tale, Royal Opera House**

13 February – 21 March 2018

King Leontes, possessed by a mad jealousy, believes his pregnant wife Hermione to be having an affair with his childhood friend King Polixenes. His actions tear their families apart. Shakespeare's tale of love and loss becomes compelling dance drama in Christopher Wheeldon's ballet adaptation, with music by Joby Talbot.

www.roh.org.uk/productions/the-winters-tale-by-christopher-wheeldon**New Wayne McGregor / The Age of Anxiety / New Christopher Wheeldon, Royal Opera House**

15 March – 9 April 2018

Leonard Bernstein was one of the first classical composers in America to achieve both popular and critical acclaim. The Royal Ballet celebrates the centenary of Leonard Bernstein's birth with an all-Bernstein programme from Wayne McGregor, Liam Scarlett and Christopher Wheeldon. At the heart of the programme is the first revival of Artist in Residence Liam Scarlett's *The Age of Anxiety*, created in 2014 to Bernstein's soul-searching Second Symphony.

www.roh.org.uk/mixed-programmes/new-wayne-mcgregor-the-age-of-anxiety-new-christopher-wheeldon**Manon, Royal Opera House**

29 March – 16 May 2018

Manon's brother Lescaut is offering her to the highest bidder when she meets Des Grieux and falls in love. They elope to Paris, but when Monsieur G.M. offers Manon a life of luxury as his mistress she can't resist.

www.roh.org.uk/productions/manon-by-kenneth-macmillan**Voices of America, Sadler's Wells**

12-21 April 2018

Jerome Robbins. William Forsythe. Aszure Barton. Three generations of choreographers in New York. Each with a distinct style, but with work infused with the raw, in-your-face attitude of American-style neo-classical ballet.

www.ballet.org.uk/production/voices-of-america/**Obsidian Tear / Marguerite and Armand / Elite Syncopations, Royal Opera House**

14 April – 11 May 2018

Characteristic works from three of The Royal Ballet's Resident Choreographers – Wayne McGregor, Frederick Ashton and Kenneth MacMillan – display the diversity of The Royal Ballet and its virtuoso dancers.

www.roh.org.uk/mixed-programmes/obsidian-tear-marguerite-and-armand-elite-syncopations

Jane Eyre, London Sadler's Wells

15-19 May 2018

Orphaned at a young age and cruelly treated by her Aunt, Jane Eyre is a plain but intelligent child who grows up knowing little kindness. Sent away to a charitable school, Jane later accepts a position as a Governess at Thornfield, a gentleman's manor whose master is the dark and impassioned Mr Rochester. In spite of their social differences, an unlikely bond grows between the pair but as their romance develops, it becomes clear that Mr Rochester has a hidden past that threatens to ruin them both. With choreography by Cathy Marston, and an original score by Philip Feeney played live by Northern Ballet Sinfonia, Northern Ballet's brilliant dance actors will bring this ultimate tale of romance, jealousy and dark secrets to life.

<https://northernballet.com/jane-eyre>

Swan Lake, Royal Opera House

17 May – 21 June 2018

Prince Siegfried chances upon a flock of swans while out hunting. When one of the swans turns into a beautiful woman, Odette, he is enraptured. But she is under a spell that holds her captive, allowing her to regain her human form only at night.

www.roh.org.uk/productions/swan-lake-by-liam-scarlett

The Sleeping Beauty, London Coliseum

06-16 June 2018

The malevolent Fairy Carabosse curses Princess Aurora to 100 years' slumber, by a single prick of her finger on her 16th birthday. Doomed by fate, only a Prince's sweet kiss can break the spell and awaken the sleeping beauty. The bewitching and dark fairy-tale is brought to life in Kenneth MacMillan's exquisite production; "a masterclass in classical style" (The Guardian), with "some of the most ravishing steps in the 19th century repertory". This revival coincides with the recent anniversary of MacMillan's death, and follows the Company's performances of MacMillan's masterpiece Song of the Earth in the autumn/winter.

www.ballet.org.uk/production/sleeping-beauty/

Emerging Dancer, London Coliseum

11 June 2018

Selected by their peers, six of the English National Ballet most promising dancers perform in front of an eminent panel of expert judges, before one receives the 2018 Emerging Dancer Award. This inspiring evening is a fantastic opportunity to watch rising stars flourish, and witness how far their dedication has taken them.

www.ballet.org.uk/production/emerging-dancer-2018/

The Royal Ballet School Summer Performance 2018, Royal Opera House

8 July 2018

The Royal Ballet School Summer Performances feature students from as young as 11 years old through to graduates about to embark on their professional careers. The programmes encompass a wide range of heritage and contemporary repertory, often including national dances and folkdances performed by the younger students.

www.roh.org.uk/productions/the-royal-ballet-school-summer-performance-2018-by-the-royal-ballet-school

THEATRE

Girls & Boys, Royal Court Theatre

8-10 February 2018

A couple fall head over heels in love with each other after meeting in the queue of an EasyJet flight at an airport. Now, they've started settling down: buying a house together, having kids, juggling their careers. But their world begins to unravel, and things start going "properly wrong". Girls & Boys marks the first collaboration between writer Dennis Kelly and director Lyndsey Turner.

www.londontheatre.co.uk/show/girls-boys

Frozen, Theatre Royal Haymarket

9 February – 5 May 2018

A play about retribution, remorse and redemption, Frozen explores the interwoven lives of three strangers as they try to make sense of the unimaginable. This psychological thriller about a mother whose child goes missing is directed by Jonathan Munby and will play a strictly limited twelve-week season at the Theatre Royal Haymarket from Friday 9 February 2018.

www.trh.co.uk/whatson/frozen/

Iolanthe, London Coliseum

13 February – 7 April 2018

Iolanthe is a brilliantly funny, satirical fantasy, revealing a typically Gilbert & Sullivan topsy-turvy worldview. Phyllis and Strephon wish to marry, but as Phyllis is a ward of court she requires the Lord Chancellor's permission. The Lord Chancellor, however, wants her for himself.

www.londontheatre.co.uk/show/iolanthe

Trust, Gate Theatre

22 February – 17 March 2018

Vodka. Cee Lo Green. Pyjamas. Classic break-up. Jude Christian returns to the Gate Theatre with this anarchic celebration of broken relationships, complex negotiations, and the tyranny of capitalism.

www.londontheatre.co.uk/show/trust

Summer and Smoke, Almeida Theatre

24 February – 7 April 2018

The girl who said 'no' — she doesn't exist anymore, she died last summer — suffocated in smoke from something on fire inside her. In the heat of summer — under the wings of an angel — Alma meets John. Trapped between desire and fear in a life of obligation, her world turns upside down in the search for salvation. Featuring an ensemble cast led by Patsy Ferran, Rebecca Frecknall directs Summer and Smoke, Tennessee Williams' intoxicating classic about love, loneliness and self-destruction.

<https://almeida.co.uk/whats-on/summer-and-smoke/24-feb-2018-7-apr-2018>

The Great Wave by Francis Turnly, National theatre

From March 2018

Indhu Rubasingham, Artistic Director of the Tricycle Theatre, returns to the National Theatre to direct The Great Wave by Francis Turnly, who wrote it while on a Channel 4 playwrighting bursary at the Kilburn theatre.

www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/2018-and-beyond

A Midsummer Night's Dream, London Coliseum

1-15 March 2018

Based on Shakespeare's popular comedy, Britten's opera follows the consequences of a falling-out between the fairy-king Oberon and his queen, Tytania. Mistaken identities, confused lovers and alarming transformations are the result. Returning to ENO, Robert Carsen's production explores the blurred relationships between reality and dreams, the natural and supernatural, and sexual desire.

www.londontheatre.co.uk/show/a-midsummer-nights-dream-ENO

From the House of the Dead, Royal Opera House

7-24 March 2018

From the House of the Dead is Janáček's final work and arguably his most powerful. Completed just before his death and first performed posthumously in 1930, the opera is based on Dostoyevsky's semi-autobiographical novel describing life in a Siberian gulag. Janáček does not soften that harsh reality at the heart of his tale, but imbues the work with compassion in its honest depiction of humanity's difficult truths.

www.roh.org.uk/productions/from-the-house-of-the-dead-by-krzysztof-warlikowski

Vivaldi's The Four Seasons, a Reimagining, Sam Wanamaker Playhouse

9 March – 21 April 2018

Vivaldi's The Four Seasons comes to thrilling, theatrical life in an exhilarating show combining Gyre & Gimble's master puppeteers with a quintet of London's finest musicians.

Bill Bailey: Larks in Transit, Watford Colosseum

15-16 March 2018

Larks in Transit is a compendium of travellers' tales and the general shenanigans of twenty years as a travelling comedian. With musical virtuosity, surreal tangents and trademark intelligence, Bill Bailey tackles politics, philosophy and the pursuit of happiness. Plus, he fashions a symphony from a ringtone, tells the real story of Old McDonald, and re-imagines the Stars and Stripes. Two decades of touring larks from a comic described by the Daily Telegraph as 'the brainiest comic of his generation'.

<http://www.watfordcolosseum.co.uk/Online/tickets-watford-bill-bailey-2018>

The Age of Anxiety, Royal Opera House

15 March – 9 April 2018

Liam Scarlett sets Leonard Bernstein's Symphony no.2, 'The Age of Anxiety', inspired by W.H. Auden's epic poem. In a New York bar in wartime four lonely strangers attempt to find spiritual meaning in an industrialized world.

www.roh.org.uk/productions/the-age-of-anxiety-by-liam-scarlett

La Traviata, London Coliseum

16 March – 13 April 2018

La Traviata tells the story of the tragic love between the courtesan Violetta and the romantic Alfredo Germont. Played out against the hypocrisy of upper-class fashionable society, Alfredo and Violetta's love threatens to shame his family. When his father directly appeals to Violetta to relinquish her one chance of happiness, Violetta submits and her act of self-sacrifice leads to her paying the ultimate price.

www.londontheatre.co.uk/show/la-traviata

Strictly Ballroom, Piccadilly Theatre

16 March – 21 July 2018

Award-winning writer Baz Luhrmann, known for creating the films Moulin Rouge!, Romeo & Juliet and The Great Gatsby, presents Strictly Ballroom, a brand new musical inspired by his classic 1992 film. Strictly Ballroom tells the story of Scott, a competitive ballroom dancer in '80s Australia who makes up his own moves and finds himself aggravating ballroom-purists. He follows his heart to, not only find his true calling in dance, but also find his true love.

www.piccadillytheatre.org/strictly-ballroom-the-musical/

Black Men Walking, Royal Court Theatre

21 March – 7 April 2018

Thomas, Matthew and Richard walk. They walk the first Saturday of every month. Walking and talking. But this walk... Maybe they should have cancelled, but they needed the walk today. Out in the Peaks, they find themselves forced to walk backwards through two thousand years before they can move forwards.

Dedicated to the Black Men's Walking Group.

<https://royalcourttheatre.com/whats-on/black-men-walking/>

Macbeth, Royal Opera House

25 March – 10 April 2018

The warrior Macbeth fights on the side of the King of Scotland – but when a coven of witches prophesy that he shall become king himself, a ruthless ambition drives Macbeth and his wife to horrific acts. Verdi's opera inspired by Shakespeare's tragedy is conducted by Antonio Pappano, with a magnificent cast including Anna Netrebko, Željko Lučić and Ildebrando D'Arcangelo.

www.roh.org.uk/productions/macbeth-by-phyllida-lloyd

Coraline, Barbican Theatre

27 March – 7 April 2018

The world premiere of Mark-Anthony Turnage's opera based on Neil Gaiman's much-loved story, in a production at the Barbican directed by Aletta Collins. Coraline opens a mysterious door in her parents' home to discover an Other World. It is inhabited by her Other Mother and Other Father, who have buttons instead of eyes. Everything seems better in the Other World – to start with, at least...

www.roh.org.uk/productions/coraline-by-aletta-collins

The Little Matchgirl and Other Happier Tales, Sam Wanamaker Playhouse

27 March – 21 April 2018

As our destitute heroine struggles to survive, she strikes her matches to keep warm. Each match will conjure a new story, a new vision, and we will hold her hand as we tumble down the rabbit hole together.

www.shakespearesglobe.com/theatre/whats-on/sam-wanamaker-playhouse/the-little-matchgirl-2018

The Marriage of Figaro, London Coliseum

29 March – 14 April 2018

Mozart's masterpiece reveals much about the human condition through consummate wit, grace and joyous musical invention. ENO Music Director Martyn Brabbins conducts this second revival of Director Fiona Shaw's critically acclaimed production.

www.londontheatre.co.uk/show/the-marriage-of-figaro

Macbeth by William Shakespeare, National Theatre

From spring 2018

Rufus Norris directs Rory Kinnear and Anne-Marie Duff in Shakespeare's darkest tragedy 25 years after his last Shakespeare production.

www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/2018-and-beyond

Absolute Hell by Rodney Ackland, National Theatre

From April 2018

Joe Hill-Gibbins directs Ackland's plunge into post-war Soho, 30 years after its rediscovery. Set design by Lizzie Clachan.

www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/2018-and-beyond

Nine Night by Natasha Gordon, National Theatre

From April 2018

Natasha Gordon's debut play is a funny and touching exploration of the rituals of family. Nine Night is directed by Roy Alexander Weise, with design by Rajha Shakiry.

www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/2018-and-beyond

Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk, Royal Opera House

12-27 April 2018

Downtrodden housewife Katerina is seduced by Sergey. They are spotted by Katerina's father-in-law Boris. Katerina poisons Boris and with Sergey's help murders her husband Zinovy. Shostakovich's opera Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk is one of the great masterpieces of the 20th century. It was acclaimed as such at its premiere in 1934, and enjoyed tremendous success – until 1936, when political disapproval led both to the opera's repression by the Soviet authorities and to years of persecution for Shostakovich.

www.roh.org.uk/productions/lady-macbeth-of-mtsensk-by-richard-jones

Nightfall, The Bridge Theatre

28 April – 3 June 2018

On a farm outside Winchester, Ryan struggles to make a living off the land. His sister Lou has returned home after the death of their father to support Jenny, their formidable mother. Not so long ago, when a neighbour's Labrador strayed onto the farm, their dad reached for his shotgun. Now, when Lou's boyfriend Pete reappears, flush with money from his job at an oil refinery, Jenny fights to hold her children to the life she planned for them.

<https://bridgetheatre.co.uk/whats-on/nightfall/>

Translations by Brian Friel, National Theatre

From May 2018

Ian Rickson directs a cast including Colin Morgan in Brian Friel's powerful account of language and nationhood. Rae Smith designs. Part of the Travelex £15 season.

www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/2018-and-beyond

Lessons in Love and Violence, Royal Opera House

10-26 May 2018

A king is forced to choose between love and political expediency. His decisions allow his country to slide into civil war, and turn his wife and son against him. This is the latest collaboration between composer George Benjamin and playwright Martin Crimp, two of Britain's most celebrated artists.

www.roh.org.uk/productions/lessons-in-love-and-violence-by-katie-mitchell

Julie by Polly Stenham, National Theatre

From June 2018

Carrie Cracknell directs this reimagining of Strindberg's Miss Julie, designed by Tom Scutt, with cast including Vanessa Kirby. Part of the Travelex £15 season.

www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/2018-and-beyond

An Octoroon by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, National Theatre

From June 2018

A co-production with Orange Tree Theatre. Ned Bennett's production of Branden Jacobs-Jenkins' satire was highly praised at Orange Tree Theatre. It's coming to the Dorfman from early next summer.

www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/2018-and-beyond

Bill Bailey: Larks in Transit, Eventim Apollo

6 June 2018

Larks in Transit is a compendium of travellers' tales and the general shenanigans of twenty years as a travelling comedian. With musical virtuosity, surreal tangents and trademark intelligence, Bill Bailey tackles politics, philosophy and the pursuit of happiness. Plus, he fashions a symphony from a ringtone, tells the real story of Old McDonald, and re-imagines the Stars and Stripes. Two decades of touring larks from a comic described by the Daily Telegraph as 'the brainiest comic of his generation'.

www.eventimapollo.com/events/detail/bill-bailey-larks-in-transit#i4LbIPkERKBiTVM4.97

Lohengrin, Royal Opera House

7 June – 1 July 2018

Elsa's brother Gottfried has disappeared. Her prayers for a champion are answered by the appearance of the mysterious Swan Knight. But the malicious Telramund and his sorceress wife Ortrud convince Elsa to ask the knight's name – a question that will force him to leave her.

www.roh.org.uk/productions/lohengrin-by-david-alden

Fun Home, Young Vic

18 June – 1 September 2018

Winner of five Tony Awards, this electrifying Broadway version of Alison Bechdel's graphic novel took America by storm. Meet Alison at three stages of her life. Memories of her 1970s childhood in a funeral home merge with her college love life and her coming out. Looking back on her complex relationship with her father, Alison finds they had more in common than she ever knew... Fun Home has a book and lyrics by Lisa Kron and music by Jeanine Tesori. This Broadway transfer will be directed by Sam Gold.

www.youngvic.org/whats-on/fun-home

Don Giovanni, Royal Opera House

29 June – 17 July 2018

The impulsive, charismatic Don Giovanni is a serial seducer, accompanied by his long-suffering servant Leporello. But when Don Giovanni commits murder, he unleashes a dark power beyond his control. Don Giovanni is the second of Mozart's landmark collaborations with librettist Lorenzo da Ponte (after The Marriage of Figaro and before Così fan tutte).

www.roh.org.uk/productions/don-giovanni-by-kasper-holten

Exit the King by Eugène Ionesco, adapted by Patrick Marber, National Theatre

From July 2018

Patrick Marber directs his own adaptation of Ionesco's dark comedy, designed by Anthony Ward. Cast includes Rhys Ifans (King) and Indira Varma (Queen). Part of the Travelex £15 season.

www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/2018-and-beyond

The Lehman Trilogy by Stefano Massini, adapted by Ben Power, National Theatre

A co-production with Neal Street Productions

From July 2018

Sam Mendes directs the epic story of Lehman Brothers from its inception in 1844 to the financial crash 163 years later. Ben Power adapts Stefano Massini's play, which has been a success across Europe.

www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/2018-and-beyond

Home, I'm Darling by Laura Wade, National Theatre

From July 2018

A co-production with Theatr Clwyd. Theatr Clwyd's artistic director Tamara Harvey directs Laura Wade's NT and Theatr Clwyd debut, a new comedy with cast including Katherine Parkinson. Anna Fleischle designs. It will open at Theatre Clwyd in June.

www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/2018-and-beyond

Falstaff, Royal Opera House

7-21 July 2018

Robert Carsen's production of Verdi's masterful comic opera is filled with wit, humour and sheer joie de vivre.

www.roh.org.uk/productions/falstaff-by-robert-carsen

Pericles by William Shakespeare, adapted by Chris Bush, National Theatre

August 2018

Emily Lim directs a large community ensemble and small cast of professional actors in the first Public Acts production.

www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/2018-and-beyond

I'm not Running by David Hare, National theatre

From Autumn 2018

I'm not Running, David Hare's 18th play at the National Theatre, is directed by Neil Armfield. It tells the story of two friends and their involvement, or lack of it, in British party politics.

www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/2018-and-beyond

Antony and Cleopatra by William Shakespeare, National Theatre

From September 2018

Simon Godwin follows the success of Twelfth Night with another Olivier Theatre Shakespeare. Ralph Fiennes and Sophie Okonedo play the titular lovers, with design by Hildegard Bechtler.

www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/2018-and-beyond

The Second Violinist, Barbican Theatre

6-8 September 2018

A dazzling modern opera that tells the foreboding story of a life falling apart, The Second Violinist unfolds like an unnerving thriller driven along by a haunting and compulsive score. Martin, an orchestral violinist, is consumed by social media platforms, morbid fantasies and violent video games. Seeking solace in the music of Italian Renaissance composer Carlo Gesualdo, his inner turmoil becomes ever more apparent as he searches for beauty in a dark, dark world.

www.barbican.org.uk/enda-walsh-and-donnacha-dennehys-new-opera-the-second-violinist-comes-to-the-barbican-theatre-in

Das Rheingold, Royal Opera House

24 September – 26 October 2018

The dwarf Alberich forsakes love so that he may steal the Rhine's gold. A ring is crafted from that gold, invested with great power. When the ring is taken from Alberich, he places on it a terrible curse. Das Rheingold is the 'preliminary evening' of Richard Wagner's four-opera cycle Der Ring des Nibelungen. The shortest of the four, it introduces the characters that will drive this magnificent drama to its epic conclusion, and the musical themes that Wagner ingeniously develops through the cycle.

www.roh.org.uk/productions/das-rheingold-by-keith-warner

Die Walküre, Royal Opera House

26 September – 28 October 2018

Die Walküre is the second work and 'first evening' of Richard Wagner's four-opera cycle Der Ring des Nibelungen, following Das Rheingold. It has become the most performed opera of the cycle, loved and admired for its nuanced and intelligent exploration of complex family entanglements, expressed through music of astonishing power – perhaps nowhere more so than in the glorious music for the incestuous lovers Siegmund and Sieglinde.

www.roh.org.uk/productions/die-walkure-by-keith-warner

Siegfried, Royal Opera House

29 September – 31 October 2018

The third opera in Richard Wagner's epic cycle Der Ring des Nibelungen revels in its depiction of heroism even as it sets up the cycle's dramatic conclusion.

www.roh.org.uk/productions/siegfried-by-keith-warner

Götterdämmerung, Royal Opera House

1 October – 2 November 2018

The Twilight of the Gods, the fourth and final opera in Richard Wagner's epic cycle Der Ring des Nibelungen, brings this magnificent tale of gods and mortals to a fiery close.

www.roh.org.uk/productions/gotterdammerung-by-keith-warner

More West End shows

An American in Paris, Dominion Theatre

Until 28 April 2018

www.americaninparisthemusical.co.uk/

The Wind in the Willows, London Palladium

Until 2 September 2018

www.windinthewillowsthemusical.com/

Wicked, Apollo Victoria Theatre

Until 1 December 2018

www.wickedthemusical.co.uk/london

Accommodation

New Openings

Scotland Yard hotel

TBC

Steigenberger is to open its first UK hotel in London's iconic Scotland Yard building. The German group will operate a luxury hotel in the former police headquarters. The 8,550 sqm property is being developed by Galliard Homes and is due to open in the first quarter of that year. It is owned by Abu Dhabi-based Lulu Group International, which has bought the site at 1-5 Great Scotland Yard for £110 million. The address was the location of the original Scotland Yard building from 1829 to 1890.

www.businesstraveller.com/news/2015/07/29/steigenberger-to-open-scotland-yard-hotel/

The Westin London

TBC

The Queensbridge House project, located directly opposite Tate Modern and sitting between the pedestrian Millennium Bridge and Southwark Bridge, will include a 224-room hotel. According to the architect's website, this will be a Westin. BDL Hotels, which has a number of hotels including Hilton, Intercontinental and other brands, will likely be the operator.

www.businesstraveller.com/news/2015/12/12/starwoods-westin-brand-for-london-debut/

Park Regis Shoreditch

TBC

The hotel will be located in London's Shoreditch. The 125-room hotel will be situated next to Old Street roundabout, and will feature sophisticated interiors and modern features with plenty of natural light to ensure a pleasant and delightful hotel experience for corporate and leisure guests alike.

www.businesstraveller.com/accommodation/2016/09/27/park-regis-open-shoreditch-property/

Victory House, London Leicester Square, MGallery by Sofitel

Autumn 2017

The ultimate luxury experience. Here you will discover a quiet and elegant hideaway in the heart of the West End, designed as an escape from the busy city streets below – yet offering an ideal location from which to explore all that London has to offer. Understated, authentic and relaxed, from the moment you first view the historic 19th century terracotta façade, you'll appreciate the rich heritage of our boutique hotel. Enter to find relaxed and subtle style featuring an inviting banquette of seating ahead, a lively restaurant to the right, and a member of our attentive team on hand to assist with luggage and check you in to your welcoming room.

www.victoryhouselondon.com/

Royal Lancaster London

Autumn 2017

Established 1967. Reborn 2017. Launching in Autumn 2017, the Royal Lancaster London will blend mid-century design with contemporary luxury. Our commanding redesigned entrance will lead to a new lobby where you will also find an elegant café, doubling up as a cocktail bar in the evening.

<http://royal.lancasterlondon.com/>

The Principal London

Autumn 2017

The rebirth of the 1898 Hotel Russell, and part of the new Principal brand backed by Starwood Capital Group (also behind eco-friendly 1 Hotels).

www.phcompany.com/principal/london-hotel/

Vintry & Mercer

Early 2018

Located in London's historic trading centre, Vintry & Mercer connects you to the most inspiring past and the best of the modern-day capital. Historical charm, contemporary elegance. With its 92 bespoke rooms carefully considered, Vintry & Mercer is ideal for modern travellers. Discover the understated luxury through place and time: Mediterranean eatery at Vintry Kitchen, decadent cocktails at Do Not Disturb, views of the capital from Mercer Roof Terrace, 3 meeting & events spaces and a residents gym.

www.vintryandmercerc.com/

Canopy by Hilton London City

Early 2018

Due to open on Minories – close to the Dorsett City hotel and Aldgate station – is Canopy by Hilton London City, part of Hilton's lifestyle brand and currently only to be found in Reykjavik.

<http://canopy3.hilton.com/en/locations/index.html>

Z West Soho and Z Covent Garden

2018

The Z Hotels will add two more of its affordable hotels in 2018: Z West Soho and Z Covent Garden. Rooms at comparable properties like the existing Z Soho (just off of Old Compton Street) and Z Piccadilly start at £60/£70.

www.thezhotels.com/

Manhattan Loft Gardens Design Hotel

2018

The 150-room hotel occupies the seven lower levels of the 42 storey Manhattan Loft Gardens, a mixed used development with three 'sky gardens', one on the 7th floor, a second on the 35th and a third on the 36th floor ensuring that residents are never more than 9 stories from an outdoor space. Above the hotel is a 34-storey residential tower and hotel and residents share the use of communal spaces including the lobby, leisure facilities, swimming pool, spa facilities, meeting and conference spaces as well as an external roof garden that overlooks the Olympic Park. The site sits to the immediate north of Stratford International rail station and the Docklands Light Railway giving excellent transport links. The striking double-cantilevered tower has been designed by architects SOM (Skidmore Owings and Merrill) in partnership with Harry Handelsman, legendary founder of the Manhattan Loft Corporation.

<http://manhattanloftgardens.co.uk/>

Belmond Cadogan Hotel

2018

Belmond Cadogan Hotel is superbly located on London's prestigious Sloane Street. This historic property, dating from 1887, opens in 2018 fully renovated and reconceptualised. Its 54 rooms and suites and gourmet restaurant will reflect the hotel's rich heritage, creating a stylish retreat for visitors to what is one of the world's most exclusive and luxurious shopping enclaves.

www.belmond.com/

Hotel Costes

2018

Cadogan and Jean-Louis Costes announced a unique partnership combining the quintessentially British style of the Cadogan Estate with Paris's most talked-about hotelier. Jean-Louis Costes will conceive and develop the project's brand, character and 'soul', to combine a private and intimate feeling with the distinguished and historic pedigree of the Sloane Square Conservation area, a stone's throw from the hustle and bustle from the fashionable boutiques of Sloane Square and Sloane Street. The property will reflect his enduring principles of elegance and individual spirit — capturing the best of the cultural and social milieu of the property's location and moment in time.

www.cadogan.co.uk/news/details/92

Admiralty Arch Hotel

2018

Admiralty Arch, the ceremonial archway built as a memorial to Queen Victoria in 1911, will be turned into a five-star hotel to be designed by fashion house Armani. The 147 300 square foot grade I listed building will be transformed into 100 guestrooms, a ballroom, spa and a fine dining restaurant which will be open to the public. The Portland stone gateway, which links Trafalgar Square with Buckingham Palace via The Mall, occupies a prime London location, not only putting its guests in the heart of the city but also giving them a wonderful view of the annual ceremonial parades.

www.admiraltyarch.co.uk/hotel/

The Hoxton Southwark

2018

Hoxton, the design-led budget brand, is to open its third hotel in London after planning permission was granted for the development of a 192-bedroom property in Southwark. Developer Derwent London is partnering with private equity group Ennismore Capital, the owner of Hoxton, to create the hotel, which will occupy the lower six floors of a 14-storey mixed-use scheme to include offices.

www.thecaterer.com/articles/358290/third-london-hoxton-hotel-to-open-in-southwark#

Hard Rock Hotel

Summer 2018

A conversion of Cumberland Hotel, once frequent host to guitar legend Jimi Hendrix, the upcoming Hard Rock Hotel London will be situated in one of the city's most sought after locations – directly at Marble Arch on Hyde Park and at the crossroads of Oxford Street and Park Lane. Offering views over Hyde Park.

www.hardrockhotels.com/

The Standard London

Summer 2018

Standard Hotels will bring The Standard London with roughly 250 rooms to a former Camden Council building in King's Cross. Construction is in full swing, with glass stories on top of the existing concrete structure (where we can only imagine there will be a restaurant/bar) in a marked contrast with the Gothic Revival Renaissance St. Pancras hotel across the street.

www.standardhotels.com/

Highgate Holdings

End of 2018

Manhattan's largest hotel operator has secured control of one of the most prominent sites on Shoreditch High Street, E1, to build a 20-hotel London portfolio. At the heart of the scheme will be a new 200-bedroom luxury hotel. It will also include 100,000 sq. ft. of offices, community retail and leisure space, a sky lounge and a ground-floor market, as well as extensive public realm improvements.

The Wellington Hotel

2019

Actor and hotel owner Robert De Niro, together with Ira Drukier and Richard Born - the team behind celebrity favourite The Greenwich Hotel in New York - have their sights set on their first hotel outside of the US. Plans for the 83-room luxury boutique hotel, The Wellington Hotel in Covent Garden, include a spa, two restaurants, a deli/cafe and a members' club, all built around a central courtyard conservatory.

Bounded by Wellington Street, Tavistock Street, Burleigh Street and Exeter Street, The Wellington Hotel will rejuvenate a whole block, spanning six buildings, three of which are Grade II Listed. Historic facades will be retained and incorporated into the new hotel to create a new space, as successfully implemented at The Greenwich Hotel in New York.

Art'otel Battersea

2019

Art'otel London Battersea Power Station is expected to open in 2019, in one of the new buildings designed by Foster + Partners, set around the historic Grade 2 listed Battersea Power Station. The 160-bedroom lifestyle hotel will boast a rooftop pool and bar, a signature restaurant with bar and a gallery.

www.artotellondonbattersea.com/

Wanda Vista Hotel

TBC

Located in London's bijou district of Wandsworth, this development overlooks the River Thames and offers views towards Hyde Park and Buckingham Palace. With a total investment of GBP 700 million, this landmark UK development is composed of two main towers of over 160 meters in height, with 105,000 square meters of space and 188 guest rooms.

www.wandahotels.com/en/hotel/wanda-vista-london-booking-65-49

Pan Pacific London

2020

Located inside the 43-story Heron Tower at Liverpool Street. Pan Pacific Hotels and Resorts has been recognised by Condé Nast Traveler magazine as one of the top 25 best business hotel brands and companies demonstrating social responsibility.

http://pphg.com/upcoming_openings.html

Peninsula Hotel

2021

In a prime location, the Peninsula is going to be built at Grosvenor Place (no's 1-5). HSH (Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels) and Grosvenor will work together to design and submit a planning application to develop the site following an extensive consultation phase with the local community.

www.peninsula.com/en/default

Serviced apartments

Go Native, various locations

If you rate space, privacy and independence, you'll love the experience. A serviced apartment is typically 25% cheaper than an equivalent standard hotel. "Go Native" and you'll also get the neighbourhood included. This means that the team will tell you all you need to know about the surrounding area, so you'll be living like a local in no time.

www.gonative.com/uk/london

39 Studios, Bayswater

MStay 39 Studios provides ultra-modern, chic, comfortable, boutique accommodation in central London. Minutes away from Queensway and Bayswater Underground stations, near Hyde Park, it is just steps to Baker Street, Oxford Circus and Marble Arch. MStay 39 Studios offers its guests 24 stylish, modern, boutique serviced studios, all furnished with all comforts one would expect from their own home. Equipped with a variety of amenities including a fully arranged kitchenette, air-conditioning, rain shower and smart TV, plus complimentary Wi-Fi and daily maid service, MStay 39 Studios is the perfect place to stay for a touch of luxury.

www.mstay39studios.co.uk/

Cheval Residences, West London and the City

Cheval Residences offer a collection of London's most desirable Serviced Apartments and Residences, located in some of its most sought-after neighbourhoods. Each residence has its own individual style, yet all share the same ethos and levels of service rarely enjoyed outside the world's finest hotels. Available for one night or more as well as for extended stays of 3 months or more, these 5 star residences offer unequalled luxury in the heart of London.

www.chevalresidences.com

Cuckooz

Cuckooz is a new brand of serviced apartments, with design-led residences in Hoxton and Aldgate East. Guests are met by a friendly face, the beds are made with bespoke Egyptian cotton linen and they also celebrate the local, connecting guests to an authentic experience and ultimately creating an exceptional stay. Each of the apartments have been reimagined to feel like a home, with handpicked fabrics and

furnishings from local designers. They also offer a personalised concierge service, providing guests with the ultimate insider, specialist knowledge they need to bridge the gap between global and local.

www.cuckooz.co.uk/

Visitors on a budget

Tune hotels, various locations

Tune Hotels feature space-efficient rooms with high-quality basics, including five-star beds and power showers. A 'pay as you use' system is in place for optional energy-consuming amenities. There are five Tune Hotels in Central London, including Westminster, Liverpool Street, Paddington, Canary Wharf and King's Cross.

www.tunehotels.com/gb/en

St Giles Hotel, Fitzrovia

In the heart of London's main shopping district, St Giles Hotel is perfectly located for all major landmarks. Oxford Street, the West End and the British Museum are all just minutes away. Guests can enjoy access to one of central London's most comprehensive health and fitness centres, as well as a casino within the hotel.

www.stgiles.com/hotels/united-kingdom/london/stgiles-london

The Westbridge Hotel, Stratford

The Westbridge Hotel exudes all the luxury and comfort you would expect from a modern 4-star hotel situated in a Grade II listed building. There are 80 rooms with free WiFi internet access, individually-controlled air conditioning units and private bathrooms with walk-in showers, luxury amenities and a hairdryer, LED TVs, phone, small fridge, safe, iron, plus tea and coffee making facilities. Our Restaurant is open from 7am to 10pm offering breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Westbridge Hotel also has a state of the art gym, furnished with all the latest fitness equipment; guest-exclusive Lounge and Courtyard; and it is all just 15 minutes' away from ExCel London.

www.thewestbridge.com/

Haverstock hotel, Chalk Farm

Haverstock Hotel is a lovingly restored public house formerly known as The Haverstock Arms, providing very modern, boutique accommodation. The minimalistic hotel is situated on Haverstock Hill between Belsize Park and Camden Town, providing unrivalled access to what London has to offer, yet set within the relaxing surroundings, restaurants and bars of Hampstead. We are ideally placed for you to explore all of London on our doorstep. Hampstead Village has a wealth of attractions including Hampstead Heath, Hampstead Theatre and upmarket boutiques. You will be spoilt for choice with London's fabulous bars and restaurants providing the finest dining London has to offer.

www.haverstockhotel.co.uk/

Castleton Hotel, Paddington

The Hotel offers 46 comfortable en-suite bedrooms. The hotel provides a light and airy breakfast room in which to enjoy a delicious cooked English breakfast. The friendly, helpful staff are available around the clock to offer a warm welcome when you arrive and whatever assistance you might require during your stay.

www.thecastletonhotel.com/

Restaurants

The Alfred Tennyson

February 2018

Yet another Belgravia acquisition for the Cubitt House group as it agrees a deal with The Grosvenor Estate to let the Pantechnicon building; Barry Hirst and Stefan Turnbull will create a food and retail emporium in the Grade II listed property.

Wish Tower Restaurant

April 2018

A £2m government-funded scheme to regenerate Eastbourne's shorefront after fire devastated its 146-year-old pier will include a £1.2m restaurant housed within the town's Wish Tower.

Dining Room at Art'otel

January 2019

Amsterdam hotel group plans to open new hotel and rooftop dining space in London's iconic Battersea Power Station in 2019.

Shopping

Westfield London & Stratford City

Effortlessly cool and always fashionable, Westfield London and Westfield Stratford City are the Capital's biggest and best places to shop, dine and relax, each with over 250 shops and 65 eateries in safe and stylish surroundings. For a fashion fix, "The Village" at Westfield London houses over 40 luxury brands including Louis Vuitton, Prada, Burberry and Versace, while Westfield Stratford City, Europe's largest shopping mall, adds entertainment to its offering with a cinema, bowling alley and a 24-hour casino. What's more, Westfield Stratford City is situated on the doorstep of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park so you will be able to include a bird's eye view from the top of the ArcelorMittal Orbit as part of your itinerary. To ensure you get as much as you can from your visit to either Westfield, we offer a range of exclusive customer services. Our dedicated multilingual Concierge team can help with tax-free shopping, offer translation assistance, arrange deliveries to your home, hotel, or overseas, and much more. We also offer Brazilian Portuguese mall guides so you can find your way around. For the travel trade Westfield offers the VIP Pass giving your customers access to exclusive discounts at a wide range of shops and restaurants. We can also arrange private appointments, personal stylists, FIT restaurant bookings and guided tours at trade rates. For groups specifically, we offer a wide range of services including free coach parking, pick up/drop off bays, group rates in our top restaurants, and a meet and greet service by our concierge team.

For more info: Gwyn.Davis@westfield-uk.com or visit www.westfield.com/br

Oxford Street

Oxford Street offers an unrivalled shopping experience thanks to its exciting mix of high-street fashion and international brands, accessories, childrens wear, technology and home wear. With over one and a half miles of high street brands such as Topshop, Gap, River Island and endless iconic department stores including Selfridges, John Lewis, House of Fraser and Marks & Spencer, Oxford Street really is the ultimate shopping paradise! You'll also be spoilt for choice when it comes to dining out, whether it's al fresco dining at St Christopher's Place, cocktails in Apres or Afternoon Tea at one of the many luxury hotels - there is something for everyone.

www.oxfordstreet.co.uk

Regent Street

Regent Street is the best shopping and lifestyle destination in the West End. Added attractions include listed architecture, interiors, art galleries, hotels and spas. There are more than 100 global brands, including Liberty, Apple, Hamleys and Anthropologie. Before you come to Regent Street download the Regent Street Shopping and Walking Tour apps or visit regentstreetonline.com to plan your trip. A transformation has taken place in Regent Street and you'll be impressed by the new shops, food quarters and hotels. Recent openings include the world's largest Burberry store set in a listed building that was once a cinema. Two new restaurants Brasserie Zedel and MASH are set in Art Deco interiors, noted as some of the most prominent Art Deco interiors in Europe. The Café Royal, once a banqueting venue and restaurant frequented by Oscar Wilde, has recently relaunched as a contemporary, luxury hotel but still retains the famous Grill Room with original interiors.

www.regentstreetonline.com

London Luxury Quarter

London Luxury Quarter, covering 42 luxury streets across Mayfair, Piccadilly and St James's in London's popular West End, is the world's most exclusive shopping and cultural destination. Home to high-end retailers with elegant stores and exclusive designer fashion, internationally renowned art galleries and auction houses, five star hotels and Michelin starred restaurants, all within a close vicinity, the area offers a truly unique proposition to visitors. In the heart of the London Luxury Quarter is Bond Street, revered for its wealth of fashion, fine jewels, art and antiques, attracting visitors from across the globe. To explore the extent of the area's offer, visitors can download the London Luxury Quarter app, available on iPhone, iPad and Android. London Luxury Quarter can also organise bespoke tours, giving visitors exclusive behind-the-scenes access to businesses within the area and a full concierge service is available to meet all shoppers' needs.

www.londonluxuryquarter.com

Chinatown

Nestled in the heart of London's West End, Chinatown plays host to a raft of international restaurants, serving up a feast for all the senses. With over 100 restaurants in the area covering 20 different cuisines, Chinatown is one of the most diverse culinary destinations in London whether you're looking for a bite to eat before heading out to the theatre, or a wealth of exotic ingredients to cook up your own feast. Chinatown is also home to a vibrant bar scene with hidden speakeasies nestled alongside traditional British pubs, and has long been a popular highlight on the London social scene.

www.chinatownlondon.org

Berwick Street, Soho

Berwick Street is a vibrant and diverse community in London's Soho. Discover vinyl shops, traditional London pubs, bespoke tailoring, colourful textiles, vintage clothing, original restaurants, coffee shops and independent fashion boutiques. It's also a place for one-off concepts and flagships such as the world's only Underground Shoes, the first ever Nudie Jeans repair shop, Soho's oldest shop – the family run antique lighting shops Sitch and Co, and London's highest concentration of indie music shops. As home to one of the capital's oldest markets established in the 18th century, Berwick Street has a rich heritage. Berwick Street is Soho's local high street.

www.berwickstreetlondon.co.uk

The Opera Quarter WC2, Covent Garden's Historic Food Quarter

The Opera Quarter is THE destination for food and drink lovers in London. Once part of Covent Garden's famous fruit market, today the Opera Quarter boasts some of London's finest restaurants, pubs, bars, and specialist food emporiums by some of the UK's leading restaurateurs including Russell Norman and Oliver Peyton. Steeped in history; it is here that Henry Fielding formed the Bow Street Runners London's first police force, Nell Gwyn had secret assignments with Charles II, Thomas de Quincey wrote 'Confessions of an Opium Eater' and Charles Dickens ran his magazine 'All the Year Round'. Today, the Opera Quarter is home to a buzzing cafe culture and its position between the Royal Opera House, The National Film Museum, Theatre Royal Drury Lane, Novello and the Lyceum makes this an exciting destination for visitors to London.

www.operaquarter.co.uk

St Martin's Courtyard

A shopping and dining destination in the heart of Covent Garden, St Martin's Courtyard offers a unique mix of fashion, beauty and lifestyle boutiques and flagships. Covetable brands include Banana Republic, Jaeger London, Pretty Ballerinas, Joules, Massimo Dutti, Jack Wills, Barbour and COS. For the ultimate shopping experience, St Martin's Courtyard offers a VIP shopping and styling service. Our professional stylist, The Wardrobe Consultant, will advise on the season's latest trends and shop for a new look, wardrobe overhaul or special occasion. In addition to the fabulous shopping, St Martin's Courtyard is also home to six restaurants, a luxurious day spa, yoga studio and florist.

www.stmartinscourtyard.com

Seven Dials

In the heart of London's West End, Seven Dials shopping village brings together seven streets of over 120 independent boutiques, heritage brands, indulgent beauty and grooming salons, unique venues, 5-star hotels and renowned theatres all carefully curated for those of discerning taste. Browse the cobbled streets for handcrafted British clothing for him at stores including Farrell, Peter Werth and Cro'Jack before stopping off at English barbershop Murdock London. For her, fashion-forward styles can be found at The Cambridge Satchel Company, Tatty Devine, Orion London and Poste Mistress - a haven for designer shoes. Seven Dials also boasts a rich heritage from Dickensian times through to the offices of Monty Python's Flying Circus and Beatles' manager Brian Epstein. Visit classic British heritage brands including the first Neal's Yard Remedies store in picturesque Neal's Yard, or grab a coffee from the original Monmouth Coffee Company and soak up London life from the Seven Dials monument.

www.sevendials.co.uk

Royal Warrant Holders in London

Shop at the same places as The Queen, at London's Royal Warrant holders. Royal Warrants are a mark of recognition for those who have supplied goods or services for at least five years to the Households of HM The Queen, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh or HRH The Prince of Wales. These include Fortnum & Mason, John Lewis Oxford Street, House Of Fraser Oxford Street, Berry Bros & Rudd and Gieves & Hawkes.

www.visitlondon.com/tag/royal-warrant-holder?ref=mosaic

BoxPark, Shoreditch

Effortlessly fusing the concepts of the modern street food market and the pop-up retail mall, BoxPark stands proudly in the heart of London's Shoreditch to deliver a community of brands specialising in fashion, arts, food and drinks. BoxPark is the world's first pop-up mall. This distinctive model not only provides an alternative set-up for customers but it allows retailers an affordable and flexible opportunity to showcase their brand, image and talent to create a vibrant space in the capital where customers can shop, dine and unwind.

www.boxpark.co.uk/shoreditch/

POP Brixton

Pop Brixton is a temporary project that has turned disused land into a creative space for local, independent businesses. Come and discover South London's most exciting start-ups working in food, retail, design and social enterprise. Pop Brixton is now home to 53 independent businesses including restaurants, retailers, makers, street food traders, designers, digital start-ups, a community barbershop, a youth radio station and a number of social enterprises.

www.popbrixton.org/

Peckham levels

Peckham Levels is a new creative community, transforming the inner levels of a multi-storey car park in the centre of Peckham into a makeshift creative workshop for artists, designers, makers and doers. Spread over 7 floors, it will turn the currently empty structure into 90,000 sq. ft of workspaces, artists' studios, public areas, event venues and community space. It will be an open venue that will invite local people to participate, interact and take advantage of free events, shared facilities and public spaces.

www.peckhamlevels.org/

Hackney Walk

Hackney Walk is the new fashion outlet district for London, combining an international urban, luxury shopping experience, within an industrial environment. Hackney Walk is home to many of East London's most emerging fashion designers. As part of the evolving outlet district of E9, Hackney Walk offers an eclectic mix of iconic leisure, food and drink opportunities.

www.hackneywalk.com

Sport events

NFL in London 2018

London will host at least 5 NFL games in 2018.

www.sbnation.com/nfl/2015/11/3/9663536/nfl-london-football-games-2018-twickenham-stadium

London Winter Run

4 February 2018

The UK's coolest 10km running event, the Cancer Research UK London Winter Run, will return for a fourth year on Sunday 4th February 2018. It will once again take place on closed roads in Central London passing a number of world famous landmarks, and raise money for life-saving research. The event is the perfect challenge for novices and seasoned runners alike.

www.londonwinterrun.co.uk/

Rowing: Head of the River Race

11 March 2018

Cheer on rowers from around the globe as they race along the Thames in one of London's longest-running sporting traditions.

www.horr.co.uk/

Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race 2018

24 March 2018

First raced in 1829 and 1927 respectively, The Cancer Research UK Boat Races are amongst the oldest sporting events in the world. Watched by thousands along the banks of the Tideway, between Putney and Mortlake in London, and by millions more on TV around the world, The Cancer Research UK Boat Races are a unique sporting event.

<http://theboatraces.org/>

National League Promotion Final, Wembley Stadium

12 May 2018

www.wembleystadium.com/Events/2017/National-League-Promotion-Final/National-League-Promotion-Final

Emirates FA Cup Final

19 May 2018

www.thefa.com/news/2017/jun/15/fa-competitions-fixture-dates-finals-2017-18-150617

League Two Play Off Final, Wembley Stadium

28 May 2018

Blackpool could not have wished for a better start as Brad Potts fired Blackpool into the lead after two minutes with a neat finish from the edge of the box. Exeter had to wait until near the end of the first half to equalise. A long ball over the top was brought down by David Wheeler who lifted it nicely over the goalkeeper's head to make things level at half time. Mark Cullen restored Blackpool's lead after 62 minutes. Brad Potts did well down the right hand side and fizzed the ball across goal and Cullen was there to poke home from 6 yards. And that was how it finished as Blackpool returned to Sky Bet League One at the first time of asking!

www.wembleystadium.com/Events/2017/League-Two-Play-Off-Final/League-Two-Play-Off-Final

The Original Harlem Globetrotters, The O2 Arena

28 May 2018

The world-famous Harlem Globetrotters, featuring some of the most electrifying athletes on the planet, will bring their spectacular show to The O2 on 28 May 2018, as part of their world tour. Only one year after setting seven official Guinness World Records® titles, the Globetrotters broke a single-day total of nine records in 2016, including the longest basketball hook shot, longest basketball shot blindfolded, most basketball 3-pointers made by a pair in one minute, and longest blindfolded basketball hook-shot.

www.theo2.co.uk/events/detail/harlem-globetrotters

Wimbledon 2018

2 July 2018 – 15 July 2018

The oldest tennis tournament in the world, and widely regarded as the most prestigious. It has been held at the All England Club in Wimbledon, London, since 1877 and is played on outdoor grass courts.

www.wimbledon.com/

Hampton Court Palace Real Tennis Champions Trophy, Royal Tennis Court

16-22 July 2018

Real Tennis is an ancient game played by kings of Europe, most famously by Henry VIII. The game today still embraces its history and intrigue, yet is practised by dedicated professional athletes of great skill. Like a tournament of old, it's the player's ambition to be crowned the best of the best. Competing for the tournament crown will be the world's best Real Tennis players. Pros from America, Australia, France and the UK will grace the competition court and provide inspiration and entertainment. This world ranking tournament will be played with a format that reduces the size of the draw to the world's top 8 players, resulting in exciting sporting action at every stage within the amazing backdrop of Hampton Court Palace.

www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/explore/the-real-tennis-champions-trophy/#gs.faASoWc

2018 Women's Hockey World Cup

21 July 2018 – 5 August 2018

The first time ever to be hosted in England, this is going to be the biggest hockey event the United Kingdom will have ever seen. Located at the home of hockey, Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London will welcome 16 world-class nations from across the globe including England.

<http://fih.ch/events/world-cup/world-cup-2018/hockey-world-cup-london-2018-w/>

Prudential RideLondon

27-29 July 2018

Developed by the Mayor of London and his agencies in 2013, Prudential RideLondon is a world-class festival of cycling.

www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk/

2019 ICC Cricket World Cup

30 May – 15 July 2019

This will be the 12th Cricket World Cup competition, and for the fifth time it will be held in England and Wales. The format for the tournament will be a single group of ten teams, with each team playing the other nine teams, and the top four teams progressing to a knockout stage of semi-finals and a final.

www.icc-cricket.com/

UEFA Euro 2020

June – July 2020

Held across 13 different European cities in the summer of 2020 as UEFA marks the 60th anniversary of the continent's top national-team competition. The European Qualifiers – running from March to November 2019 – will send 20 competitors to the tournament, namely the top two teams in each of the ten qualifying groups. The Semi-Finals and Final will be played at Wembley Stadium in England.

www.uefa.com/uefaeuro-2020/index.html

World Championships Gymnastics

2022

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/sports/community-sports-programmes/major-sporting-events>

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