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## What's New in London | April

This April, London has plenty of activities and events for visitors to experience. Read on for our highlights...

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### Exhibitions

#### **Here Be Dragons**

*Kew Palace, Opens 1 April 2018*

To mark the re-opening of the Great Pagoda at Kew this summer, Kew Palace will be hosting *Here Be Dragons*, an exhibition aimed at younger visitors. Children will be able to explore the subject dragons and 'dragonologists', and take part in a trail around the Royal Botanic Gardens. For more information, contact [press@hrp.org.uk](mailto:press@hrp.org.uk)

#### **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 70 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. For more information, contact [press@ng-london.org.uk](mailto:press@ng-london.org.uk)

#### **Fashioned from Nature**

*V&A Museum, 21 April 2018 – 27 January 2019*

Exploring the relationship between fashion and nature from 1600 to the present day, this will be the first UK exhibition to examine the environmental impact of fashion over more than 400 years. Stylish dresses 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. For more information, contact [press.office@vam.ac.uk](mailto:press.office@vam.ac.uk)

#### **Capital Design**

**Capital Design***London Transport Museum's Depot, Acton, 21 – 22 April 2018*

For one weekend, London Transport Museum's Depot in Acton will open its doors to visitors, giving them a rare opportunity to explore a treasure-trove of over 320,000 artefacts from London's transport history.

*Capital Design* will showcase multiple talks, tours, interactive displays and family activities. For more information, contact [press.office@ltmuseum.co.uk](mailto:press.office@ltmuseum.co.uk)

**Rodin and the Art of Ancient Greece***British Museum, 26 April – 29 July 2018*

Auguste Rodin was known as one of most innovative sculptors of the modern era and took his inspiration from the works of Phidias who carved the sculptures on the Parthenon. In collaboration with the Musée Rodin, the British Museum will explore how Rodin admired the art of antiquity – particularly ancient Greece – above all others. For more information, contact [communications@britishmuseum.org](mailto:communications@britishmuseum.org)

**Fields of Battle, Lands of Peace: 1918 – 2018***Guildhall Yard, 30 April – 28 May 2018*

This photography exhibition will commemorate the role played by people of all backgrounds from over fifty countries during World War I. Large landscape images explore the theme of reconciliation by capturing how time and nature have eased the scars of war on the battlefields of the Western Front and how the impact and consequences of this global conflict affected all nations and societies involved. For more information, contact [andrew.buckingham@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.buckingham@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

## Shopping, Events and Activities

**Market Halls Fulham***Fulham, April 2018*

Market Halls will be a brand-new line of markets that will redesign unloved public spaces into bustling marketplaces. The first to launch will be Market Halls Fulham, which will be housed in an ornate and well-preserved entrance hall of an Edwardian Underground station in Fulham Broadway. The venue will be opening with ten kitchens, one bar and seating for 180. For more information, contact [isabel@tablepr.com](mailto:isabel@tablepr.com)

**Sandown Antiques Fair***Sandown Park Racecourse, 3 April – 4 December 2018*

Following the success of the Sunbury Antiques Fair in Kempton Park, a new market will be opening in Sandown this April. The fair will be held every first Tuesday of the month, and will offer furniture, gold and silverware, jewellery, ceramics and more. For more information, contact

[edwardcruttenden@sunburyantiques.com](mailto:edwardcruttenden@sunburyantiques.com)

**London Games Festival***Across London, 5 – 15 April 2018*

This festival features multiple events across the city celebrating video games and gamers. The lineup of events for the festival will include Now Play This, EGX Rezzed, Games Finance Market, The Bafta Games Awards, HUB and The Games Character Cosplay Parade. For more information, contact

[roz.tuplin@games.london](mailto:roz.tuplin@games.london)

**Underbelly Festival***Southbank Centre, 6 April – 30 September 2018*

Stretching throughout the summer, the Underbelly Festival returns for the 10th year with a fun-packed programme of circus acts, theatre, cabaret, comedy, music and children's shows. Visitors can also feast on street food from the riverside vendors and grab a drink at one of London's biggest outdoor bars. For more information, contact [gregor@borkowski.co.uk](mailto:gregor@borkowski.co.uk)

**Sonica***King's Place, 20 – 21 April 2018*

In April, Glasgow's biennial sonic art festival Sonica is hitting London for a two-day taster of experimental art and installations. This year's line-up includes *Slow Pixel*, an installation involving 176 snails, and *Infinite Lives*, a surreal sonic science laboratory inhabited by robots and sea monkeys. For more information, contact [ruth.marshpr@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.marshpr@gmail.com)

**Virgin Money London Marathon 2018***Across London, 22 April 2018*

Since 1981, the London Marathon has been an extraordinary annual event for charity, with amateurs and professionals taking to the streets of the city to raise money. Cheer on the runners or simply watch the race unfold. For more information contact [media@londonmarathonevents.co.uk](mailto:media@londonmarathonevents.co.uk)

**The Listening Party: Paul Purgas***Somerset House, 26 April 2018*

*The Listening Party* will be a new series of events that will bring together a range of artists and musicians, to discuss the unique cultures that underpin their practice. The first event will be with sound, performance and installation artist Paul Purgas, who will be discussing some of the influences that have helped shape his work. For more information, contact [press@somersetshouse.org.uk](mailto:press@somersetshouse.org.uk)

## Entertainment

**Jim Steinman's Bat Out of Hell – The Musical***Dominion Theatre, 2 April – 28 July 2018*

Jim Steinman's *Bat Out of Hell – The Musical* returns to the Dominion Theatre following successful runs in Manchester and Toronto. The streets are heating up as young, rebellious leader Strat falls in love with Raven, the beautiful daughter of the most powerful man in post-apocalyptic Obsidian. For more information

...nator, the soulful daughter of the most powerful man in post-apocalyptic Britain. For more information, contact [amanda@amandamalpass.com](mailto:amanda@amandamalpass.com)

### Pressure

*Park Theatre, 4 – 28 April 2018*

D-Day, June 1944. The Allied forces led by General Eisenhower are poised to launch. 350,000 lives at stake and the decision of whether or not to attack comes down to the most important weather forecast of all time. *Pressure* stars Olivier Award-winner David Haig, who plays Scottish meteorologist Group Captain James Stagg. Previews from 28 March. For more information, contact [arabella.neville-rolfe@target-live.co.uk](mailto:arabella.neville-rolfe@target-live.co.uk)

### Simian Mobile Disco with Deep Throat Choir and Fatima Al Qadiri presents Ja7eem

*Barbican, 4 April 2018*

Simian Mobile Disco will take to the Barbican stage to present a live performance of their forthcoming album *Murmurations* featuring the Deep Throat Choir. *Murmurations* features a return to traditional arrangements and extensive use of vocals. For more information, contact [rachel.coombes@barbican.org.uk](mailto:rachel.coombes@barbican.org.uk)

### The Way of the World

*Donmar Warehouse, 5 April – 26 May 2018*

Lady Wishfort's (played by Linda Bassett) sprawling, dysfunctional family are driven by desire –there's everything to lose and six thousand pounds to gain. An exposing, satirical comedy where everyone needs to win just to get by. Previews from 29 March. For more information, contact [office@joallanpr.com](mailto:office@joallanpr.com)

### Strictly Ballroom

*Piccadilly Theatre, 11 April – 21 July 2018*

Award-winning writer Baz Luhrmann presents 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 find his true calling in dance, and also find his true love. Previews from 16 March. For more information, contact [amanda@amandamalpass.com](mailto:amanda@amandamalpass.com)

### Tina – The Tina Turner Musical

*Aldwych Theatre, 17 April – 16 June 2018*

A new jukebox musical based on the life and music of Tina Turner is coming to the West End. Produced by Stage Entertainment, *Tina* is written by Katori Hall and dramatises her life story set to a familiar soundtrack of hit songs which include What's Love Got to Do with It, Proud Mary, River Deep Mountain High and Simply the Best. Previews from 21 March. For more information, contact [theatre@premiercomms.com](mailto:theatre@premiercomms.com)

### Absolute Hell

*National Theatre, 18 April – 23 May 2018*

*Absolute Hell* is set in a Soho den in the hangover from World War II, where members drink into the darkness, night after night. Lying, fighting and seducing, these lost souls and bruised lovers struggle from the rubble of war towards an unknown future. Joe Hill-Gibbins returns to the National Theatre to direct a large ensemble in this new production. For more information, contact [vkington@nationaltheatre.org.uk](mailto:vkington@nationaltheatre.org.uk)

### Confessions at the Tower of London

*Tower of London, 19 April, 24 May and 28 June 2018*

The Tower's Poet in Residence for 2018, Innua Ellams, will curate a series of poetry, spoken word and performance events with Confessions at the Tower. Hear live performances from award-winning poets, beatboxers, essayists and storytellers as they explore stories inspired by the Tower's 1000 year history. For more information, contact [press@hrp.org.uk](mailto:press@hrp.org.uk)

### Nine Night

*National Theatre, 21 April – 25 May 2018*

Natasha Gordon's debut play *Nine Night* is a touching and very funny exploration of the rituals of family. Gloria is gravely sick. When her time comes, the celebration begins; the traditional Jamaican Nine Night Wake. But for Gloria's children and grandchildren, marking her death with a party that lasts over a week is a test. Nine nights of music, food, sharing stories – and an endless parade of mourners. For more information, contact [rgreenwood@nationaltheatre.org.uk](mailto:rgreenwood@nationaltheatre.org.uk)

### 4:48 Psychosis

*Lyric Hammersmith, 24 April – 4 May 2018*

Philip Venables' opera *4.48 Psychosis* will return to the Lyric Hammersmith this April. Despite the dark nature of its subject, *4.48 Psychosis* is a work that contains humour and warmth as well as tremendous emotional power. Previews from 23 April. For more information, contact [office@joallanpr.com](mailto:office@joallanpr.com)

## Hotels

### Hotel Indigo London – 1 Leicester Square

*Leicester Square, April 2018*

In the heart of London's West End, this new boutique hotel from the Indigo hotel group will feature rooms that evoke the glamour of the West End and views over Leicester Square. The venue will also have a rooftop pan-Asian restaurant that is inspired by 1920s Shanghai with oriental cocktails and sharing plates. For more information, contact [europecommsrequests@ihg.com](mailto:europecommsrequests@ihg.com)

### Z Hotel Tottenham Court Road

*Tottenham Court Road, April 2018*

The newest addition from Z Hotels will be in the heart of Soho, within walking distance to local shopping and the new Crossrail station opening in December 2018. The rooms will offer a modern interior, complete with facilities such as a 40 inch TV with Sky, complimentary WiFi and air conditioning. For more information,

contact [zhotels@brightergroup.com](mailto:zhotels@brightergroup.com)

## Food and Drink

### Cocktails in the City

*Marylebone, 5 – 7 April 2018*

This three-day celebration of cocktails will bring together pop-ups from different venues, from five-star hotels to speakeasies. Visitors will be able to sample drinks, discover new hot spots and find out how to mix drinks. For more information, contact [andrew@boutiquebarshow.com](mailto:andrew@boutiquebarshow.com)

### London Coffee Festival

*Old Truman Brewery, 12 – 15 April 2018*

A coffee-lovers paradise featuring over 250 artisan coffee and gourmet food stalls, tastings and demonstrations from world-class baristas, interactive workshops, street food, coffee-based cocktails, live music, DJs, art exhibitions and much more. For more information contact [info@londoncoffeefestival.com](mailto:info@londoncoffeefestival.com)

### Ekte Nordic Kitchen

*Bloomberg Arcade, April 2018*

This brand new establishment will offer a selection of traditional Nordic dishes, including Smørrebrød (open-faced sandwiches on rye bread), Scandinavian pastries and a number of breakfast options such as charcuterie, gravalax and eggs. For more information, please contact [bloomberg@purplepr.com](mailto:bloomberg@purplepr.com)

### Andrew Wong Restaurant

*Bloomberg Arcade, April 2018*

The owner of Michelin Star establishment Wong will be opening his second restaurant in the all-new Bloomberg Arcade. This premium eatery will feature an all-day dining menu with a creative twist on classic Chinese dishes. For more information, contact [info@awong.co.uk](mailto:info@awong.co.uk)

### Din Tai Fung

*West End, April 2018*

Din Tai Fung is opening an establishment in the West End, following successful runs across the globe. The restaurant is best known for their xiaolongbao buns - also known as steamed soup dumplings. The flavours of the dumplings on offer will include truffle and pork, pork and crab and more. For more information, contact [dintaifung@breadtalk.com](mailto:dintaifung@breadtalk.com)

### VIVI

*Oxford Street, April 2018*

VIVI will be bringing retro dining to Oxford Street's Centre Point, with a 'nostalgia' themed menu. Key dishes will include chicken à la king served with warm biscuits, cauliflower cheese croquettes with slow roasted tomatoes and banana splits. For more information, contact [media@centrepoint.org](mailto:media@centrepoint.org)

### Hicce

*Central London, April 2018*

Pip Lacey, the former head chef at Café Murano, will be opening her own restaurant in the heart of the city. The venue will focus on modern British cuisine, with Japanese and Norwegian influences, all cooked on a wood-fired grill. For more information, contact [helene@cuffcommunications.com](mailto:helene@cuffcommunications.com)

### Neptune

*Bloomsbury, April 2018*

This new restaurant will focus on British seafood, serving up breakfast, lunch and dinner, with brunch on weekends. The venue will feature a sizeable oyster and shellfish bar in the centre of the room and a cocktail bar. For more information, contact [neptune@purplepr.com](mailto:neptune@purplepr.com)

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