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What's New in London | August

Kick off the summer in London with a carnival of sun - soaked events, from festivals to open air theatre! Read on for our top picks...

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Events

Barack Room Ballads

National Army Museum, 25 – 27 August 2018

Youth Music Theatre UK and the Belfast Ensemble in association with the National Army Museum present *Barrack Room Ballads*, a vivid, emotionally-charged musical work inspired by Kipling's First World War poems, exploring the soldier's experience. A unique event that weaves music, literature, history and theatre projection into a bespoke performance at the National Army Museum. For more information, contact pr@nam.ac.uk

Flotsam Weaving

Cutty Sark, Sammy Ofer Gallery, 4 – 5 August 2018

Scouring the British coastline for flotsam, artist-in-residence Jo Atherton collects fishing line netting and other orphaned objects to make beautiful pieces of art. Join Jo in this arts and crafts workshop where she talks about her beachcombing activities and learn how discarded objects can be transformed into intricate prints and vibrant tapestries. For more information, contact press@rmg.co.uk

Entertainment

Carmen La Cubana at Sadler's Wells

Sadler's Wells, 1 – 19 August 2018

Carmen La Cubana is a seductive new musical featuring Bizet's classic score flavoured with authentic Cuban styles. Inspired by Oscar Hammerstein II's Broadway hit *Carmen Jones*, Christopher Renshaw (The

King and I) directs this UK premiere, mixing opera with salsa, mambo, rumba and cha-cha-cha and including musical favourites such as Habanera. For more information, please contact caroline.ansdell@sadlerswells.com

London Craft Beer Festival

Tobacco Dock, 3 – 5 August 2018

London Craft Beer Festival is returning to the capital with its biggest and best line-up yet. Famous for incredible food, brilliant beats, and a world-class roster of international and home-grown brewing talent, the Festival will feature over 65 hand-picked brewers, representing only the very best from all over the world. For more information, please contact katy.stollery@getlux.co.uk

London Tequila Festival

Acklam Village Market, 4 August 2018

The London Tequila Festival returns this summer offering the chance to browse 30 different kinds of tequila and make friends around the piñata. Tacos are on standby, as is a 'tequila bible' to guide you through this boozy journey. For more information, please contact info@thetequilafestival.co.uk

Circus Sampler

Somerset House, 4 - 5 August 2018

Somerset House joins forces with a resident-based company, visual theatre producers Crying Out Loud, to present Circus Sampler, the biggest free outdoor contemporary circus event in central London celebrating 250 years since Philip and Patty Astley pioneered circus in the capital. For more information, contact press@somersethouse.org.uk

Waltham Forest Mela

Chestnuts Field, Waltham Forest Town Hall, 5 August 2018

A celebration of the sights, sounds and spicy aromas of South Asia, this event will be a showcase of traditional and modern music, dance, Asian-style street theatre and a range of arts and crafts. Fashion enthusiasts from across the borough will take to the catwalk in a fusion fashion show on the day. For more information, contact media@walthamforest.gov.uk

The Great British Beer Festival

Olympia, 7 – 11 August 2018

Packing the halls with revelry for the seventh year in a row, The Great British Beer Festival will be living up to its reputation as 'Britain's ultimate beer festival'. With over 900 real ales and other craft beers, real ciders and perries, fine wines and gin served from over 30 bars, there will be a drink for everybody. For more information, contact press@camra.org.uk

Film4 Summer Screen at Somerset House

Somerset House, 9 – 22 August 2018

Film4 Summer Screen at Somerset House – the stunning open-air cinema in central London – returns for a fortnight this August. All films in this year's festival line-up reflect on the theme of 'dreams, fantasies, nocturnes and reveries'. The distinguished selection features inspirational stories of ambition, freedom and equality, celebrations of love, nostalgia and desire, and some of the most fantastical narratives and scenery ever seen on screen. For more information, contact press@somersethouse.org.uk

Ladbroke's Challenge Cup Final

Wembley Stadium, 2 August 2018

See the pinnacle of the Rugby League season as the country's best two sides battle it out for the trophy in the Ladbroke's Challenge Cup Final at Wembley Stadium. This historic knock-out tournament is the only one of its kind to feature clubs from all levels of the sport, from small grassroots clubs to the country's best professional teams. For more information, contact commercial@wembleystadium.com

51st State Festival

Trent Park, 4 August 2018

For its fourth year, 51st State Festival returns to Trent Park, the country house estate in Cockfosters. The one-day festival honours all the wonderful varieties of house music across multiple stages hosted by top sound systems and club nights. For more information, contact mikeesva@gmail.com

Club Swizzle

Roundhouse, 4 – 26 August 2018

Club Swizzle is a night of entertainment, filled with comedy, circus and cabaret. It's a melee of outrageous cabaret, air-defying acrobatics and infectious musical revelry, backed by a band with a repertoire as big as its bar tab. With no rules and no regrets, there's no place like it. For more information, contact press@roundhouse.org.uk

Walking with Dinosaurs – The Arena Spectacular

The O2 Arena, 14 – 19 August 2018

Walking with Dinosaurs – The Arena Spectacular brings the extinct animals back to life at The O2. Watch them walk and hear them roar in this popular family show that has been seen by more than nine million people around the world. The show features 18 life-sized creatures, that use cutting-edge technology, to create a realistic dinosaur experience in London. For more information, contact communications.team@theo2.co.uk

DragWorld UK

Olympia London, 18 - 19 August 2018

Drag World UK hosts more than 20 queens, including fan favourites from throughout Europe and the US, you will have the chance to meet your idols. Enjoy special appearances from the stars of RuPaul's Drag Race alongside Jinx Monsoon, Bebe Zahara Benet, Farrah Moan as well as YouTube sensation Biblegirl. For more information, contact info@themiraroup.com

Britney Spears at the O2*The O2 Arena, 24 – 26 August 2018*

Legendary pop icon Britney Spears has announced that for the first and only time, her record-breaking Las Vegas show, "Britney: Piece of Me", will visit Europe; stopping at The O2. This tour follows Britney's record-breaking, four-year headlining residency, "Britney: Piece of Me" at The AXIS at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino, where Britney received rave reviews from both critics and fans alike since opening in December 2013. For more information, contact communications.team@theo2.co.uk

South West Four*Clapham Common, 25 – 26 August 2018*

South West Four celebrates its 15th edition this summer with performances from over 100 artists across 10 stages including Chase & Status Live (Celebrating 15 years), Marshmello, Craig David presents TS5, Dizzee Rascal, Andy C, MK, Wilkinson, Sigma, DJ EZ, Armin Van Buuren, Galantis + many more. For more information, contact press@locknloadevents.com

Notting Hill Carnival*Notting Hill, 25 – 27 August 2018*

London's biggest street party, Notting Hill Carnival, is set to fill the streets of west London with Caribbean colours, music and flavours. Watch elaborate floats and colourful costumed performers wind their way through the streets in the carnival parade, dance to the sound of steel bands and calypso music, and visit the tempting food stalls along the route. For more information contact office@nhcarnival.org

Exhibitions**Serpent and Shadow at Royal Academy of Arts***Royal Academy of Arts, 16 August – 31 December 2018*

The institutional context of a cast of Laocoön inspires this exploration of visibility and obscurity within art practices, narrated through historic objects from the Collection and artworks by RA Schools students. For more information, contact press.office@royalacademy.org.uk

Theatre**Broken Wings***Theatre Royal Haymarket, 1 – 4 August 2018*

An autobiographical account of Kahlil Gibran's first love, Broken Wings is a musical adaptation of the iconic poet's 1912 masterpiece. This moving new musical is written by Middle Eastern duo Nadim Naaman and Dana Al Fardan, and directed by Bronagh Lagan. For more information, contact info@trh.co.uk

Bring It On*Southwark Playhouse, 2 August – 1 September 2018*

Tony Award nominated Broadway musical Bring It On The Musical, a universal coming-of-age story that mixes competitive cheerleading, high school politics and teenage romance, is to be produced by The British Theatre Academy. For more information, contact susie.safavi@southwarkplayhouse.co.uk

Aristocrats*Donmar Warehouse, 2 August – 22 September 2018*

Lyndsey Turner returns to the Donmar following *Faith Healer* and *Philadelphia, Here I Come!* to direct Brian Friel's haunting play about a generation whose past threatens to obliterate its future. For more information, contact office@joallanpr.com

The Three Musketeers at St Paul's Church*Covent Garden, 2 August – 2 September 2018*

This summer in the grounds of St Paul's Church in Covent Garden, join d'Artagnan on her secret mission to be the first female Musketeer. Paul-Ryan Carberry directs Daniel Winder's adaptation of Alexandre Dumas's classic novel as it's never been seen before. For more information, contact marketing@iristheatre.com

The Merchant of Venice*Fulham Palace, 3 August 2018*

Against the historic backdrop of Fulham Palace, enjoy Shakespeare's gripping The Merchant of Venice. International award-winning Illyria promise a production to keep the audience on the edge of their seats! For more information, contact communications@fulhampalace.org

Spiral*Park Theatre, 7 August – 1 September 2018*

Following her debut play 'Dangling', a harrowing exploration of child abuse, Abigail Hood's new play is another intense drama. It follows a family struggling in the aftermath of a teenager's disappearance. Staged by Veritas Theatre Company, cast includes Abigail Hood and Jasper Jacob. For more information, contact arabella.neville-rolfe@target-live.co.uk

The Merchant of Venice at Westminster Abbey*Dean's Yard, 8 – 9 August 2018*

Dean's Yard provides the beautiful backdrop for a production of William Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice, presented by the international award-winning open-air theatre company, Illyria. For more information, contact press@westminster-abbey.org

Emilia*Globe Theatre, 10 August – 1 September 2018*

This world premiere will reveal the life of Emilia: poet, mother and feminist. Commissioned specifically for Shakespeare's Globe, this time, the focus will be on this exceptional woman who managed to outlive all the men the history books tethered her to. For more information, contact claudia@draperconway.com

Dinosaur World Live*Regent's Park Open Air Theatre, 14 August – 9 September 2018*

Dare to experience the dangers and delights of Dinosaur World in this interactive new show for all the family. Grab your compass and join our intrepid explorer across uncharted territories to discover a pre-historic world of astonishing dinosaurs in Regent's Park Open Air Theatre. For more information, contact chloe@thecornershoppr.com

The Rise and Fall of Little Voice*Park Theatre, 16 August – 15 September 2018*

A timid and brilliant young woman, Little Voice has a hidden talent - she can sing like the greatest divas of the 20th Century. Funny, brutal, beautiful and sad, Jim Cartwright's timeless and ultimately uplifting tale is a comic tragedy about finding your voice in a noisy world. For more information, contact arabella.neville-rolfe@target-live.co.uk

Food and Drink**Carnaby Street Eat***Carnaby, 11 August 2018*

The free-entry street food festival returns for its fifth and biggest year this summer. Experience London's most vibrant restaurants, bars and coolest cafés al fresco for an ultimate summer street party. Taste affordable signature dishes and cocktails for one day only, at food stalls and trucks serving exclusive £5 taster dishes. For more information, contact bethan.harris@sisterlondon.com

Farmer J*24-32 King William Street, August 2018*

Farmer J is opening its second home and will be kicking off events with their signature fieldtrays, with influences from the Mediterranean and further afield. Guests will be able to wake up the fork with salt beef hash browns, charred flank steak and spicy shakshuka. For more information, contact hello@farmerj.com

Nanban Picnics*Brixton, August 2018*

MasterChef winner Tim Anderson's Japanese restaurant Nanban is plating up sunshine soul food and packing it to-go with two new offerings – ready-packed picnics and a fresh new summer menu. Sit in the buzzing Brixton neighbourhood spot or take the picnic to a sun-soaked space of choice, be it nearby Brockwell Park, Clapham Common, Peckham Rye or your own backyard. For more information, contact press@nanban.co.uk

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