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What's New in London | July

Summer is on its way and London's cultural calendar is once again jam packed with activities for everyone. Please read on for our highlights...

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New Openings

Prince and Patron

State Rooms, Buckingham Palace, 21 July - 30 September 2018

To mark the 70th birthday of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales this year, visitors to the Summer Opening of the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace will enjoy a special display featuring a number of works of art personally selected by His Royal Highness. The Prince's favourite pieces will be shown alongside works created by young artists supported by three charities which he has founded and is patron of: The Royal Drawing School, The Prince's Foundation School of Traditional Arts and Turquoise Mountain. For more information, contact press@royalcollection.org.uk

Life in the Dark

Natural History Museum, 13 July - 6 January 2019

This family-friendly exhibition will delve into the darkest corners of earth to reveal a vibrant, buzzing ecosystem as rich and diverse as any fuelled by sunlight. Utilising the latest scientific and technological advances, the Museum has researched into a huge variety of specimens and species previously inaccessible, revealing more about life on our planet and inspiring a love of nature. For more information, contact press@nhm.ac.uk

Exhibitions

Sounds and Sorcery celebrating Disney Fantasia at The Vaults

The Vaults, Waterloo, 3 July - 30 September 2018

In celebration of Mickey Mouse's 90th birthday, The Vaults' maze of underground tunnels is transformed with a series of extraordinary installations inspired by the 1940s Disney film 'Fantasia'. The multisensory experience brings Fantasia's classical score to life by combining new recordings of iconic songs, including The Sorcerer's Apprentice and The Rite of Spring, with 3D projections, spectacular lighting and incredible sets. For more information, contact su-ann@thecornershoppr.com

The Head & The Load: William Kentridge

Tate Modern, Bankside, 11 - 15 July 2018

Tate Modern joins forces with 14-18 NOW, the UK's arts programme for the First World War centenary, to commemorate the significant contribution of African men and women in this conflict. The world premiere of this major new work is performed against the dramatic backdrop of Tate Modern's Turbine Hall. William Kentridge's most ambitious project to date combines music, dance, film projections, mechanised sculptures and shadow play to create an imaginative landscape on an epic scale. For more information, contact pressoffice@tate.org.uk

Evolving Landscapes: Photography Exhibition at the OXO Gallery

gallery@oxo, Oxo Tower Wharf, 18 - 21 July 2018

Evolving Landscapes is an upcoming photography exhibition, created by Light and Land, looking at how landscape photography has evolved and developed over the last 25 years. It will feature the work of 20 photographers, including Light & Land founder Charlie Waite, Joe Cornish, Antony Spencer, Valda Bailey and many more. The exhibiting photographers have helped push landscape photography in creative and incredibly beautiful new directions over the past 25 years. For more information, contact

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Shopping, Events and Activities**Regent Street Summer Streets**

Regent Street, 1 - 22 July 2018

For the first four Sundays in July, Regent Street is stopping traffic for the popular Summer Streets series. The month-long event combines themes of culture, style and wellness with food and drink. Shops and restaurants from Oxford Circus to Piccadilly Circus take part with a range of activities, entertainment and food and drink offerings. For more information, contact regentstreet@tcs-uk.net

Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships 2018

Wimbledon, 2 - 15 July 2018

Wimbledon, the famous tennis tournament and the most watched event in the Grand Slam calendar, returns this summer bringing thousands of visitors to the All England Club with the live action played out on big screens at Murray Mound and all over London. Many tennis pros covet the Wimbledon crown above all others and the grass surface makes for fast, breathless duels. For more information, contact

public.relations@aeltc.com

RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show

Hampton Court Palace, Surrey, 2 - 8 July 2018

Held within the grounds of Henry VIII's palace - where he built one of the finest gardens in the world - the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show is a highlight of London's summer calendar. Coming into bloom in July, the flower show brings with it the Butterfly Dome, where you can wander through thousands of free-flying butterflies; the Show Gardens, a favourite each year with a spectacular selection to give you garden-envy; and Family Saturday, packed with activities such as sowing seeds, a fun trail, story-telling and cookery classes. For more information, contact pressoffice@rhs.org.uk

The RAF100 Aircraft Tour London

Horse Guards, Whitehall, Westminster, 6 - 9 July 2018

Meet members of the Royal Air Force in an interactive STEM/Techno Zone and learn more about how the next generation Air Force is being created. There will be a variety of aircraft on display including the Royal Aircraft Factory BE2c Biplane, Supermarine Spitfire MkXVI and the Gloster Meteor F4- the actual aircraft that captured the world air speed record of 616 mph in 1946. For more information, contact RAF100-Press@mod.gov.uk

Art Night 2018

Southbank Centre / Vauxhall / Nine Elms, 7 July 2018

With highlighted projects curated by the Hayward Gallery exhibitions team, Art Night will take place in iconic and off-the-beaten-track venues along a trail that runs from Southbank Centre, through Vauxhall and Nine Elms, and Battersea Power Station. Artworks will be sited across a dozen exceptional and historic sites along the trail, from cultural landmarks such as the Hayward Gallery and the Garden Museum, to more unusual spaces including New Covent Garden Market, the British Interplanetary Society, Embassy Gardens, and the iconic Battersea Power Station. For more information, contact megan@un-ltd.london

Naseer Shamma Quartet - Spirits

Barbican Hall, 11 July 2018

One of the world's pre-eminent oud players and composers, Naseer Shamma brings his quartet to the Barbican in a performance titled Spirits. Combining the sounds and musical heritage of Persia, South Asia, Pakistan and Europe, Spirits features oud, guitar, sitar and tabla. For more information, contact

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Astronomy and Islam: Astronavigation

Peter Harrison Planetarium, Royal Observatory Greenwich, 14 July 2018

This special planetarium show features the New Crescent Moon and the history of studying it. Held before the predicted sighting of the next New Crescent Moon, a Royal Observatory Greenwich astronomer will

guide visitors through the steps to observe this phase, discuss the difficulties in defining a first sighting and will provide a general overview of the sky this month. For more information contact press@rmg.co.uk

RideLondon FreeCycle

The Mall, Westminster, 28 July 2018

RideLondon FreeCycle kicks off Britain's biggest bike festival, Prudential RideLondon, by allowing cyclists of all abilities the rare chance to ride through traffic-free streets across central London. The family friendly event is expected to include around 70,000 riders in the eight mile loop, with bands and stilt bikes along the way. For more information contact media@ridelondon.co.uk

NYO Jazz with Dianne Reeves

Bury St Edmunds, The Apex, 31 July 2018

This special gig forms part of the first-ever European concert tour by Carnegie Hall's National Youth Jazz Orchestra of the USA, directed by renowned trumpeter Sean Jones, showcasing American music for big band from Basie and Ellington to today's jazz greats. The band will be joined by one of the world's preeminent jazz vocalists, five-time Grammy Award winner, Dianne Reeves. For more information, contact beth.sinden@serious.org.uk

Entertainment

Greenwich Music Time

Old Royal Naval College, 3 - 8 July 2018

The four-day open air festival set within the grounds of the Old Royal Naval College returns for a fifth year with Emeli Sande, Sir Tom Jones and Steps. All concerts are held in the magnificent surroundings of Sir Christopher Wren's twin-domed riverside masterpiece, overlooking the Thames and lit by the big city lights of Canary Wharf. For more information, contact infor@baxterpr.com

Somerset House Summer Series with American Express

Somerset House, 5 - 15 July 2018

One of the undisputed highlights of the UK's festival season, Somerset House Summer Series with American Express returns to London from 5 to 15 July 2018. As ever, the Summer Series continues to champion new and emerging voices with award-winning artists, such as Jorja Smith and Sigrid performing in the courtyard of Somerset House. For more information, contact juliebland@familypr.co.uk

Barclaycard presents British Summer Time

Hyde Park, 6 - 14 July 2018

British Summer Time is back for two weekends of live music and free entertainment in Hyde Park with open air movie nights and tennis screenings, street food stalls and daytime DJs. Roger Waters, Eric Clapton, Michael Bublé and Bruno Mars play live at British Summer Time Hyde Park, which returns for a sixth year in 2018 with another impressive line-up of big names in rock and pop. Playing Hyde Park on Saturday 14th July 2018, Brit and Grammy Award winner Bruno Mars will be joined by special guest, Khalid. For more information, contact BSTpress@outside-org.co.uk

Justin Timberlake: The Man of The Woods Tour

The O2 Arena, 9 - 11 July 2018

Following the release of his highly anticipated album Man of the Woods and his Pepsi Super Bowl LII Halftime Show performance, Justin Timberlake is stopping at The O2 for The Man of The Woods Tour. The shows are taking place on Monday 9 and Wednesday 11 July 2018. For more information, contact communications.team@theo2.co.uk

Kew the Music

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 10 - 15 July 2018

Sing away your summer nights at Kew the Music picnic concerts at the historic Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Acts include Steps, The Gipsy Kings featuring Nicolas Reyes and Tonnino Baliardo, The Human League, Boyzone, and Jools Holland and his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra. For more information, contact pr@kew.org

Barry Humphries: Weimar Cabaret

Barbican Theatre, Soho, 11 - 29 July 2018

Weimar Cabaret is a celebration of Barry Humphries' lifelong passion and fascination with the music of the Weimar Republic. The legendary entertainer, best known for as Dame Edna Everage, sets aside his alter ego to share witty anecdotes and irreverent asides as he narrates in his own inimitable style. He's joined by cabaret diva Meow Meow and will be accompanied by the Aurora Orchestra. For more information, contact freddie.todd-fordham@barbican.org.uk

River Stage Festival 2018

National Theatre, South Bank, 13 July - 12 August 2018

The big red River Stage returns this summer with an exciting and eclectic mix of weekend takeovers. The free outdoor festival includes a line-up of live music, dance, DJs, family workshops, club nights and theatre, and features takeover weekends from East London's The Glory, HOME Manchester, Sadler's Wells, Non-Classical and the National Theatre. For more information, contact adalmo@nationaltheatre.org.uk

Lovebox

Gunnersbury Park, 13 - 14 July 2018

After thirteen years at Victoria Park, Lovebox moves to its new West London home in Gunnersbury Park for its 16th year, with a star-studded line-up including legendary rap group Wu-Tang Clan, Childish Gambino, N.E.R.D and Skepta. For more information, contact alexgerrity@familypr.co.uk

Citadel Festival

Gunnersbury Park, 15 July 2018

Australian psych-rockers Tame Impala headline Citadel festival with CHVRCHES and The Horrors also on the line-up, as the laid back one-day festival follows in the footsteps of Lovebox and moves to a new West London location, Gunnersbury Park, this July. For more information, contact alexgerrity@familypr.co.uk

Kaleidoscope Festival 2018

Alexandra Palace, Wood Green, 21 July 2018

This summer, Alexandra Palace presents brand new music and arts festival, Kaleidoscope. As the first festival of its kind at the North London venue, with far reaching views of the city, there's live music from The Flaming Lips, The Go! Team, Ghostpoet, Mystery Jets, alongside DJ sets from the likes of The 2 Bears, Norman Jay MBE, Don Letts and others. For more information, contact kaleidoscope@wearefullfat.com

Ealing Jazz Festival 2018

Walpole Park, London, 28 - 29 July 2018

Afrobeat pioneer and iconic drummer Tony Allen leads this year's Ealing Jazz Festival line-up, which will see the best classic and contemporary jazz performers take over Ealing's Walpole Park this summer. The Ealing Jazz Festival champions the very best established and emerging acts from the UK and around the world. A mainstay of the jazz calendar for over two decades, it is hosted in Ealing's picturesque Walpole Park and will run on 28th and 29th of July. For more information, contact katie@namepr.co.uk

Theatre**The Lehman Trilogy**

National Theatre, South Bank, 1 July – 1 August 2018

Director Sam Mendes returns to the National Theatre with Ben Power's English version of The Lehman Trilogy. The play, told in three parts, follows the story of a family and a company that changed the world. Simon Russell Beale, Adam Godley and Ben Miles play the Lehman Brothers, their sons and grandsons. For more information, contact ehardy@nationaltheatre.org.uk

Exit the King

National Theatre, South Bank, 1 July – 1 August 2018

Patrick Marber (Three Days in the Country, Hedda Gabler) directs his new version of Exit the King with a cast including Rhys Ifans (Notting Hill, A Christmas Carol) in the title role and Indira Varma (Game of Thrones, Man and Superman) as his first Queen. For more information, contact mparker@nationaltheatre.org.uk

As You Like It

Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, 6 - 28 July 2018

Set against the backdrop of Regent Park's Open Air Theatre, the audience is transported into the magical Forest of Arden for Shakespeare's comedy As You Like It. Directed by Max Webster, with beautiful new music by Charlie Fink (former frontman of Noah and the Whale), this warm, open-hearted production promises adventure, sibling rivalry, mistaken identity and romance. For more information, contact office@joallanpr.com

A Monster Calls

Old Vic Theatre, 7 - 25 July 2018

Patrick Ness's piercing novel A Monster Calls is brought to The Old Vic stage in a powerful new adaptation by visionary director Sally Cookson. On publication, A Monster Calls became a bestseller with its dazzling insight into love, loss and healing. It garnered huge critical acclaim, including an unprecedented double-win of the Carnegie and Greenaway Medals for outstanding children's literature and illustration. For more information, contact office@joallanpr.com

Food and Drink**Ichiba comes to Westfield London**

Unit 0220, Relay Square, Westfield London, 14 July 2018

This July sees the opening of Europe's largest Japanese Food Hall – Ichiba – in Westfield London, Shepherd's Bush. The 17,400-sq. ft. flagship store will feature food stations dedicated to freshly prepared and cooked food including ramen, curries and sushi. The main food hall will offer a large range of Japanese staples and kitchen essentials, from rice, miso and tea, to a wide selection of sake and confectionery, alongside books, beauty products and handpicked ceramics from the leading craft prefectures. For more information, contact bianca@wearememo.com

Custard

4 Duchess Walk, Tower Bridge, July 2018

A new "bakery and wine bar" concept from Harneet and Devina Baweja, the team that brought you Gunpowder. The bakery will be inspired by the old coffee houses of Kolkata and will serve breakfast and lunch daily with pre- and post-theatre snacks available until late. For more information, contact irena@kitchencommunications.com

Caravan Fitzrovia

152-156 Great Portland Street, Fitzrovia, July 2018

The latest branch of Caravan is to open on Great Portland Street taking over Yalding House, the former home of BBC Radio 1. It will be an all-day restaurant and will showcase the all new 'Caravan-To-Go' brand. For more information contact becky@caravanrestaurants.co.uk

VIVI at Centre Point

Centre Point, Covent Garden, July 2018

Inspired by the 1960s, re-birthing Centre Point's 1960s nostalgia, the menu at VIVI is unapologetically nostalgic

Inspired by the 1960s, echoing Centre Point's 1966 completion, the menu at VIVI is unashamedly nostalgic British comfort food. Housed in the distinctive 385 foot tall building in Oxford Street, VIVI is an all-day restaurant at Centre Point, occupying the main floor of the bridge link overlooking the square and Oxford Street. For more information, contact hello@vivirestaurant.com

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