

# What's New in London | March

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

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# **Exhibitions**

# Victorian Giants: The Birth of Art Photography

National Portrait Gallery, 1 – 20 March 2018

This major new exhibition brings together, for the first time, the works of four of the most celebrated figures in art photography: Lewis Carroll, Julia Margaret Cameron, Oscar Rejlander and Clementina Hawarden. These four artists embody some of the very best in photography of the Victorian era. For more information, contact nevans@npg.org.uk

# Somewhere in Between: Four Collaborative Projects

Wellcome Collection, 8 March – 27 August 2018

This exhibition looks at the importance of collaboration, finding solutions and challenging perspectives. Somewhere in Between brings together works by four contemporary artists, who have worked together with scientists to explore what lies beneath, beyond and between, and question what it means to be human in the 21st century. For more information, contact e.philippou@wellcome.ac.uk

### The EY Exhibition Picasso 1932 - Love, Fame, Tragedy

Tate Modern, 8 March – 9 September 2018
This landmark exhibition will take 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 paintings, sculptures and works on paper will demonstrate his prolific and restlessly inventive character. For more information, contact pressoffice@tate.org.uk

#### Joan Jonas

Tate Modern 14 March - 5 August 2018

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Experience the largest exhibition of Jonas's work ever held in the UK. Jonas's early works from the late 1960s will be shown alongside recent installations dealing with topical themes such as climate change and extinction. Visitors will be able to discover her landmark installations including Organic Honey, The Juniper Tree and Reanimation. For more information, contact pressoffice@tate.org.uk

#### Tacita Dean: STILL LIFE

National Portrait Gallery, 15 March – 28 May 2018

This major new exhibition will focus on portraiture primarily through the medium of 16mm film. The exhibition will be the first in the Gallery's history to be devoted to the medium of film, and also reveals Tacita Dean's own longstanding and personal interest in portraiture as a genre. For more information, contact nevans@npg.org.uk

#### Royal Society of British Artists Annual Exhibition 2018

Mall Galleries, 21 – 31 March 2018

The Royal Society of British Artists (RBA) is dedicated to promoting the highest standards of skill in painting, sculpture, printmaking and drawing. Sourced from member artists and through open submission, the exhibition will include selected work from schools and colleges around the country. The show also includes entries from the finalists of the Society's prestigious Rome Scholarship award, as well as work produced by the recipient of the Rome Scholarship from the previous year. For more information, contact info@mallgalleries.com

#### The Great British Seaside

National Maritime Museum, 23 March – 30 September 2018
The nation's love affair with the seaside will be celebrated in the National Maritime Museum's special exhibition for 2018, which will showcase beach photography by some of Britain's best known photographers. From the 1960s to present day, this event will feature works from the likes of Martin Parr, Tony Ray-Jones, David Hurn and Simon Roberts. For more information, contact press@rmg.co.uk

#### Hope to Nope: Graphics and Politics 2008 – 2018

Design Museum, 28 March – 12 August 2018

Hope to Nope will explore the diverse methods that have been used to construct and communicate political messages over the past ten years. As traditional media rubs shoulders with the hash-tag and the meme, never has graphic design been more critical in giving everyone a political voice. For more information, contact media@designmuseum.org

# Century of the Child: Nordic Design for Children 1900 to Today

V&A Museum of Childhood, 30 March – 2 September 2018

Opening in Easter 2018, Century of the Child: Nordic Design for Children 1900 to Today will gather the best and most progressive Nordic designs, architecture and art for children. The exhibition will feature Nordic Icons including Arne Jacobsen, IKEA, Alvar Aalto, BabyBjörn, Tetra Pak and Helly Hansen. For more information, contact press.office@vam.ac.uk

# **Events and Activities**

# The Spring Knitting and Stitching Show

Olympia London, 1 – 4 March 2018
The Spring Knitting and Stitching Show will host over 200 companies who will be selling various craft supplies including fabrics, threads, yarns, cross stitch kits, ribbon, sewing machines and more. The event will also provide many practical workshops for attendees to take part in. For more information, contact chloe.georgiou@upperstreetevents.co.uk

#### The Cauldron Magical Cocktail Experience

Stoke Newington, 2 – 31 March 2018
This immersive cocktail-making class will take inspiration from the fantasy and science-fiction genres. Guests will be able to wield magic wands, wear robes and discover the skills of mixology to brew drinkable elixirs that will smoke, bubble and change colour. For more information, contact press@thecauldron.io

#### The Big Half

Across London, 4 March 2018

Created by London Marathon Events Ltd, in partnership with Sported, The Big Half is a new one day festival centred around the half marathon distance. This event will aim to be a celebration of the wonderful cultural diversity of the great city of London, featuring food, music and sporting activities in various boroughs. For more information, contact media@londonmarathonevents.co.uk

# **Head of the River Race**

Central London, 11 March 2018

The Head of the River Race is one of the London's longest-running sporting traditions. Every spring, 400 crews from around the globe take to the waters of the Thames to compete in this historic boating event. The annual event will see hundreds of boats, each manned by eight crew, row over the 4.25 mile long (6.8km) championship course from Mortlake to Putney. For more information, visit www.horr.co.uk

Chambers of Flavour V3 Hoxton, 13 – 29 March 2018

This interactive dining experience will take place in a secret location in Hoxton, and will feature theatre performances, a multimedia art installation and an adventure course for participants to experience. The venue requests diners to dress up to suit the eccentric style of the event. For more information, contact machine@chambersofflavour.co.uk

#### St Patrick's Day in London

*Trafalgar Square, 16 – 18 March 2018*The London St Patrick's Day festival is now in its 16th year and historically attracts over 125,000 people to several events, including a one day parade and festival in central London and Trafalgar Square. It has become a destination event, which showcases the best of Irish food, music, song dance, culture and arts. For more information, contact mayorspressoffice@london.gov.uk

# The Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race

River Thames, 24 March 2018

First raced in 1829, the Boat Race is one of the oldest sporting events in the world. Watched by thousands along the banks of The Tideway, located between Putney and Mortlake in south London, this unique sporting event will see two strong squads of athletes competing against each other. For more information, contact maria@profsports.com

#### **London Landmarks Half Marathon**

Central London, 25 March 2018

The London Landmarks Half Marathon is a brand new, closed road, central London run. It is the only half marathon to go through both the City of London and City of Westminster. 10,000 runners will start on Pall Mall, finish by Downing Street and have fabulous views of London's most iconic landmarks. For more information, contact support@llhm.co.uk

#### **Goblet of Fire**

Warner Bros. Studio Tour London - The Making of Harry Potter, 30 March - 23 September 2018 The Goblet of Fire from the Harry Potter film series will return to the Great Hall for the first time since filming ended with live demonstrations showing visitors how the parchment pieces were propelled out to reveal the Triwizard champions. Many new props and costumes from the Triwizard Tournament will also be on display. For more information, contact press@wbstudiotour.co.uk

### **Entertainment**

# Fanny & Alexander

The Old Vic, 1 March – 14 April 2018

Ingmar Bergman's Fanny & Alexander is translated to the stage by BAFTA award-winning writer Stephen Beresford and Old Vic Associate Director Max Webster. Amongst the gilded romance and glamour of 1900s Sweden, siblings Fanny and Alexander's world is turned upside down when their widowed mother remarries the iron-willed local bishop. Previews from 21 February. For more information, contact Joanna.Down@oldvictheatre.com

# Vincent Simone & Flavia Cacace: Tango Moderno New Wimbledon Theatre, 1 – 3 March 2018

Tango Moderno will be coming to the New Wimbledon Theatre as part of its UK tour. Dance partners for over two decades, world champions and West End stage stars Vincent and Flavia fuse together Ballroom, Latin, and Argentine tango for this contemporary dance show. For more information, contact hollyconlay@theambassadors.com

#### **Summer and Smoke**

Almeida Theatre, 2 March – 7 April 2018

Rebecca Frecknall will direct Summer and Smoke, Tennessee Williams' intoxicating classic about love, loneliness and self-destruction. 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. Previews from 24 February. For more information, contact amilward@almeida.co.uk

#### The Inheritance

The Young Vic, 2 March - 19 May 2018

The Inheritance makes its debut at the Young Vic in this two-part play. A generation after the worst of the AIDS crisis, what is it like to be a young gay man in New York? How many words are there now for the different kinds of pain, the different kinds of love? For more information, contact sophiewilkinson@youngvic.org

#### From Ibiza to the Norfolk Broads

Jackson Lane Theatre, 6 – 10 March 2018

Following a successful run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2017, From Ibiza to the Norfolk Broads tells the story of a mega-fan of David Bowie. Martin is a boy with problems - an illness no-one understands and a head full of sound and vision. So when an unexpected gift arrives on his birthday, Martin embarks on a thrilling journey in the footsteps of his obsession. For more information, contact chloe@chloenelkinconsulting.com

#### The Great Wave

National Theatre, 10 March – 14 April 2018

On a Japanese beach, teenage sisters Hanako and Reiko are caught up in a storm. Reiko survives while Hanako is lost to the sea. Their mother, however, can't shake the feeling that her missing daughter is still alive, and soon family tragedy takes on a global political dimension. Set in Japan and North Korea, Francis Turnly's epic new thriller is directed by Artistic Director of the Tricycle Theatre, Indhu Rubasingham. For more information, contact mparker@nationaltheatre.org.uk

# **Best of Broadway**

Royal Albert Hall, 14 March 2018

Showcasing the finest shows on Broadway and in the West End, Best of Broadway will feature a new lineup of artists and music from West End favourites. New for this year will be a tribute to the award-winning scores from timeless Disney musicals, including Aladdin, The Lion King, and Beauty and the Beast. For

more information, contact rickb@royalalberthall.com

#### La Traviata

London Coliseum, 16 March - 13 April 2018

In his debut production as ENO Artistic Director, Daniel Kramer directs a production which contrasts spectacular party scenes with tender, intimate moments. Verdi's masterpiece will feature one of the most iconic, romantic and tragic scores of all time. For more information, contact mediaenquiries@eno.org

# **Caroline or Change**

Hampstead Theatre, 19 March – 21 April 2018

An Olivier Award winning musical with an original, highly eclectic and uniquely American score, Caroline or Change creates an uplifting and profound portrait of America at a time of momentous social upheaval. It tells the story of the Gellman family and their African-American maid, Caroline, in 1963 Louisiana and her struggles to keep her family afloat. Previews from 12 March. For more information, contact office@joallanpr.com

#### The Plough and the Stars

Lyric Hammersmith, 20 March – 7 April 2018

Following a sell-out season at the Abbey Theatre as part of the 100th anniversary celebrations of the 1916 Easter Rising, The Plough and the Star's comes to the Lyric Hammersmith. The residents of a Dublin tenement shelter from the violence that sweeps through the city's streets. A revolution that will shape the country's future rages around them. What kind of Ireland awaits them? Previews from 15 March. For more information, contact office@joallanpr.com

Phoenix Theatre, 26 March – 23 June 2018
Following a successful UK and international tour, Chicago will be returning to the West End after a five year absence. Roxy Hart has always wanted to be a star but can't quite seem to catch a break. Things seem poised to change when she is arrested for the murder of her lover. Roxy decided to become the media's new darling and begins vying for the spotlight, and the attention of the lawyer Billy Flynn, with her idol, nightclub performer and accused double-murderess Velma Kelly. For more information, contact matthew@damsellconsulting.co.uk

# The Marriage of Figaro

London Coliseum, 29 March – 14 April 2018

Mozart's masterpiece The Marriage of Figaro 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. For more information, contact mediaenquiries@eno.org

# Hotels

# Hotel Indigo London - Aldgate

Aldgate, March 2018

Hotel Indigo is expanding with a new Aldgate property. This new hotel will offer 212 rooms, all complete with free WiFi, a complimentary locally-stocked mini fridge and 24 hour room service. The hotel restaurant will serve a contemporary menu and cocktails. For more information, contact europecommsrequests@ihg.com

### **Moxy London Heathrow**

Heathrow, March 2018

This new addition for Heathrow airport will have a total of 414 rooms and 23 suites. The hotel will also offer continental breakfasts and an evening bar, as well as free WiFi and a fitness centre. For more information, contact newsroom@marriott.com

#### The Principal

Bloomsbury, March 2018

Opening in a Grade II listed building, this 334-room property will restore the history and grand interior of the original 1898 hotel. The Principal will feature a living room space called Palm Court, as well as several eateries including a seafood restaurant, a vintage bar and a coffeehouse. For more information, contact georgie.griffiths@theprincipalhotel.com

# Restaurants and Nightlife

#### Hero of Maida

Maida Vale, March 2018

From March the former Truscott Arms will be reopened as the Hero of Maida, with hearty cuisine bringing a new chapter for the traditional pub. Guests can expect seven-hour slow-roasted shoulder of lamb with rosemary, alongside a best-in-class traditional roast beef with all the trimmings. For more information, contact lois@anteaterpr.com

#### Swingers

Oxford Street, March 2018

The newest Swingers will be opening up in the former BHS flagship building off Oxford Street, and will be entered via a secret entrance on an adjacent street. The venue will offer visitors the chance to play crazy golf and browse various street food vendors. For more information, contact meri@merimancepr.com

#### nanaga-ya

Islington, March 2018

The popular ramen bar Kanada-Ya will be opening a new branch in Islington, following the success of its sister restaurants in Covent Garden and Piccadilly. The eatery will offer new items on the menu, such as gyoza, plus an extended sake menu and a new list of cocktails inspired by Japan. For more information, contact <a href="mailto:andrea@weareclearcomms.com">andrea@weareclearcomms.com</a>

#### Cinnamon Kitchen Battersea

Battersea, March 2018

This new addition to the Cinnamon Kitchen venture will offer Indian-inspired cuisine with a modern twist. Food on offer will include aubergine with sesame, tamarind and peanut crumble and green spiced monkfish. The bar will also have a spice-infused cocktail list. For more information, contact <a href="mailto:info@cinnamon\_kitchen.com">info@cinnamon\_kitchen.com</a>

#### Cornerstone

Hackney Wick, March 2018

Tom Brown, the former head chef at Michelin-star restaurant Outlaw in Knightsbridge, will be opening his first solo restaurant. The venue will specialise in seafood and include dishes such as pickled porthilly oysters with celery and horseradish and octopus cooked in cider with an apple and lentil dressing. For more information, visit <a href="https://cornerstonehackney.com">https://cornerstonehackney.com</a>

#### Mr White's English Chophouse

Whitechapel, March 2018

Marco Pierre White will be opening a contemporary Chophouse on New Road in Whitechapel. The venue will specialise in serving joints of meat including steaks, grills and chops. The menu will combine English classics with French flair, reflecting White's cultural heritage. For more information, contact lara@grifcopr.com

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