

What's new in London for September 2016

Events/Activities

Totally Thames 2016

River Thames, 1st - 30th September 2016

Totally Thames festival celebrates its famous waterway with a 30-day programme of river-inspired events. The Thames is brought to life throughout the month with an exciting season of arts, cultural and river events that span the 42-mile stretch of the river. Last year's festival featured more than 150 events with everything from large-scale art installations to thrilling river races – so get ready to dive into a month-long celebration of river-themed fun in London. For more information, contact:

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Meatopia

Tobacco Dock, 2nd September 2016

For its fourth year, the celebration of butchery and booze will include an opening night of music combined with hulking slabs of meat. Visitors can expect whole roasted beasts, trucker caps, fun music, dancing, a dedicated craft beer section, plus lives demos from 25 chefs creating bespoke dishes. Big names this year include; Francis Mallmann, Yotam Ottolenghi, the Hoppers team, Ramuel Scully and more. Tickets do not include any food and the queues can be hefty, so make sure you arrive early with your “meatbuck” tokens. For more information, contact gemma@gemmabell.com

Weekend Space Cadets

Royal Observatory Greenwich, weekends throughout September 2016

Each weekend, enjoy family workshops and participate in a varied range of activities related to space science and space exploration, from the International Space Station, to the latest discoveries about the Solar System and the wider universe. For more information, contact press@rmg.co.uk

Spitfire 10km Run

RAF Museum London, 3rd September 2016

To commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Britain, the RAF museum is hosting another charity 10km run. Last year, over 600 runners helped to raise over £6,000 for the museum's Historic Hendon Appeal. This year, start your race in the shadow of one of the RAF spitfires, through the iconic Bomber Hangar and around the iconic Lancaster, before being awarded a well-deserved exclusive Spitfire medal. For more information, contact

ajay@rafmuseum.org

Parallel London 2016

Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, 4th September 2016

A new mass participation event, Parallel London, brings together thousands of people from around the country to join in a unique, fully accessible large-scale disability-led experience. There will be a range of running distances to choose from, so whether you run, wheel or walk, Parallel London has something for everyone. The event will also showcase a range of disability-led fun and interactive environments including: active lifestyle, family, arts and culture, technology and food and drink. So, whether you're participating or spectating, you'll be entertained for the whole day. For more information, contact contact@parallellondon.com

Horniman Carnival!

Horniman Museum, 4th September 2016

To conclude the museum's Festival of Brazil, and in association with Gandaia Arts, celebrate in a true carnival atmosphere at a free afternoon of parades, concerts, pop-up performances, Brazilian music, workshops and food. For more information, contact amckay@horniman.ac.uk

Silent Cinema

ZSL London Zoo, 6-10th September 2016

Animal lovers can watch their favourite films surrounded by animals this September, as ZSL London Zoo bring a huge screen to the great outdoors. Family favourites include, Jumanji and The Lion King, and guests will also enjoy private twilight tours from the Zoo's safari guides around specially-chosen enclosures. Movie fans will sit back on the lawn in complete silence, with the films broadcast via FM radio headsets, and enjoy a range of gourmet grub. For more information, contact tina.campanella@zsl.org

The London Flower Show

Osterley Park and House, 8th - 11th September 2016

Enjoy a four-day festival of gardens, flowers and plants in Osterley House and Park. As well as 20 show gardens, trade stands and floral displays, there is a dedicated kids space, plus a chance to sample fresh fruit and veg entries in the produce-growing competition. For more information, contact alex@bebemedia.co.uk

Uncloning the Ripper

London Dungeon, 8th, 15th and 22nd September 2016

Find out how modern day forensics could have shed more light on the identity of one of the world's most infamous serial killers at this exclusive evening event, in partnership with Forensic Outreach. Strictly for adults only, guests will enjoy a gin based cocktail on arrival before gaining insight into forensics and serial killer psychology - expect thrills and surprises around every corner. For more information, contact chloe.couchman@merlinentertainments.biz

Vintage Summer Steam: Heritage Train Trips

Amersham Train Station, 10th & 11th September 2016

Combine nostalgic steam train travel with tea and cake, as you enjoy a vintage tea experience at Amersham station, after travelling on a beautifully restored steam train. Delicious treats will be served by 'Jam and Tea' staff dressed in vintage clothes, and music from the 1940s will add to the atmosphere. Choose from a selection of journeys between Amersham, Wembley Park and Harrow-on-the-Hill. For more information, contact candice.jones@ltmuseum.co.uk

Hackney One Carnival

Hackney, 11th September 2016

The Hackney One carnival returns with spectacular costumes, energetic dancing, sound systems and live music from around the world. More than twenty carnival and community groups will join residents in celebration of Hackney's thriving cultures and outstanding creativity, in a procession weaving its way through the borough. The carnival will feature Hackney's best young musicians, an all-day play area in Gillett Square and a carnival party on Ridley Road with global food, arts and crafts. For more information, contact Jenny.Leighton@Hackney.gov.uk

Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Festival

Greenwich, 14th - 18th September 2016

Dozens of tall-masted sailing ships will grace the East End of the Thames for this five-day festival. It's a chance to grasp just how busy and vital the Thames used to be as the quickest

trade route out and into the city, and how stunning it would have been to stand bankside and witness huge vessels swim past. Visitors can even climb on board, as well as enjoy gigs, parades, firework displays and other entertainments. For more information, contact info@sailroyalgreenwich.co.uk

Open House London

Various Venues, 17th - 18th September 2016

This is a hugely popular, capital-wide annual festival of architecture which celebrates its twenty-fourth anniversary in 2016 and takes place over the weekend. The festival allows access to hundreds of buildings usually closed to the public – private homes, government buildings, historic sites, educational establishments and many others. For more information, contact press@open-city.org.uk

London Design Festival

Various Locations around London, 17th – 25th September 2016

One of this year's highlights will be a crazy golf course in Trafalgar Square designed by top British creatives Paul Smith, Mark Wallinger, Tom Dixon and the late Zaha Hadid. Other projects include Baboushka Boxes that reference London's housing crisis in Notting Hill, a 20 metre moving metallic ribbon in the V&A's Tapestry Gallery and a dynamic installation in the courtyard of the Black Cultural Archives. Eight 'Design Districts' will offer their own line-up of events and exhibits, which showcase local artists and creative industries. For more information, contact ldfteam@camronpr.com

FutureFest

Tobacco Dock, 18th – 19th September 2016

The themes of this year's weekend festival include; love, play, work and thrive, and they are introduced through a range of immersive experiences, compelling performances and radical speakers. Confirmed speakers include multi-award winning stage designer Es Devlin, restaurateur Oliver Peyton, composer and artist DJ Spooky, musician and producer Brian Eno and novelist Will Self. For more information, contact media@nesta.org.uk

London Fashion Weekend AW16

Saatchi Gallery, 22nd – 25th September 2016

Saatchi Gallery will be transformed into an exclusive fashion experience, brimming with designer catwalk shows, pop-up shops, hair and beauty, and educational panels. If you like what you see on the catwalk, get your seasonal wardrobe fix from designer brands during the weekend, often at discounted prices. There will also be free insider talks from key editors, stylists and experts, as well as beauty treatments, manicures and massages for those looking for a spot of pampering. For more information, contact zoe@zoepr.com

New Scientist Live

Excel London, 22nd – 25th September 2016

Experience the latest, best and most provocative science covering all areas of our lives and universe, at New Scientist Live in London's Excel. This is a four-day festival full of ideas and discovery from the team behind the world's most popular science weekly magazine. The show features four immersive zones including Brain & Body, Technology, Earth and Cosmos, as well as talks from experts and more than 200 exhibitors. For more information, contact newscientistlive@kaper.uk.com

Pearly Kings and Queens Harvest Festival 2016

Guildhall Yard, 25th September 2016

At this festival, which celebrates the bounty of the autumn harvest, there will be traditional entertainment at Guildhall before a parade towards St Mary-le-Bow church for a service of thanksgiving. You can expect marching bands, donkeys and a host of colourful characters at

this event, which raises money for the Whitechapel Mission. For more information, contact pearlysociety@gmx.co.uk

Anniversaries

100th Anniversary of Roald Dahls Birth, September 2016

Born on 13th September 1916, Roald Dahl captured the imagination of children around the world with his popular tales including James and the Giant Peach, Matilda, The Witches, Fantastic Mr Fox, The Twits and the BFG. To celebrate his life and works, indulge in a Matilda-themed afternoon tea at Scoff & Banter following a matinee of the award winning musical at the Cambridge theatre. For more information, contact EHLmedia@edlman.com

Exhibitions

Jutland 1916: WWI's Greatest Sea Battle

National Maritime Museum, throughout September 2016

As part of the museum's commemoration of World War One, this exhibition marks the centenary of the largest naval battle of the conflict – the Battle of Jutland. Involving 279 ships on 31 May 1916, the North Sea was subject to a major clash between the British Grand Fleet and the German High Seas Fleet. The exhibition takes visitors through the lead-up to the battle, the action during, and also uncovers stories of the aftermath, from the incredibly personal accounts of the sailors and their families, to the broader views of the nations and navies on either side of the conflict. For more information, contact press@rmg.co.uk

Björk Digital

Somerset House, 1st - 23rd October 2016

Icelandic icon Björk collaborated with some of the finest visual artists and programmers in the world, while constantly pushing boundaries in the arts, technology and music worlds. In this immersive virtual reality exhibition, visitors can explore never-before-seen work by Björk, as well as a range of films and apps. Celebrating the European premiere of the exhibition, Björk is also holding a one-off concert performance at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday 21st September. For more information, contact anna.meacham@purplepr.com

Makers at Menier

The Menier Gallery, 6th-10th September 2016

Showcasing the work from 2016 MA Graduates, current MA postgraduates and BA undergraduate students from UCA School of Craft and Design, this is an opportunity to celebrate the exceptional talent of students from one of the UK's leading specialist universities. Using a wide range of materials and techniques, including Ceramics, Glass, Textiles, Metalwork, Jewellery and Product Design, visitors are encouraged to meet the artists and makers to discuss their work in depth. For more information, contact loisbellew@aol.com

Maggi Hambling – Touch: works on paper

The British Museum, 8th September 2016 – 29th January 2017

As one of Britain's foremost contemporary figurative artists, Hambling's work spans across all media, in painting, printmaking, sculpture and installation. Drawing however, is at the heart of her practice, and this exhibition focuses on the concept of a deep connection with the subject being drawn. Discover a wealth of Hambling's drawings and prints, from early student etchings, to portraits of famous faces – many of which have never before been exhibited. For more information, contact communications@britishmuseum.org

So you say you want a revolution? Records and Labels 1966-70

V&A, 10th September 2016 - 26th February 2017

This major exhibition will explore the era-defining significance and impact of the late 1960s upon life today. From global civil rights, multiculturalism, environmentalism, consumerism, computing and communality to neo-liberalist, politics, you will discover how the world we live in today has been vitally influenced by five revolutionary years, particularly 1966-70. The exhibition will investigate the upheaval, the explosive sense of freedom, and the legal changes that took place. For more information, contact l.hawes@vam.ac.uk

The EY Exhibition: Wilfredo Lam

Tate modern, 14th September 2016 – 8th January 2017

The Wilfredo exhibition lies between East and West surrealism and tradition, Africa and the Caribbean and Europe and America. Lam's career covers academics in 1920s Madrid, an encounter with cubism and surrealism in Paris, collaboration with Andre Breton and others in Marseille in 1940, and his engagement with Caribbean intellectuals in Martinique, Haiti and Cuba during and after the Second World War. His work, which defined new ways of painting for the new world, was greeted with consternation and acclaim in New York. For more information, contact pressoffice@tate.org.uk

The Middle – Tom Ellis

Wallace Collection, 15th September – 27th November 2016

After a four-year consideration of the museum's large collection of fine and decorative art, British artist Tom Ellis responds to their unique and eclectic display in a new, site-specific exhibition which promises to be fascinating. The exhibition includes works on an ambitious scale, representing the range of techniques employed by the artist; comprising sculpture, figurative paintings and furniture hybrids shown in combination, which offers an exciting new way of engaging with and viewing the collection. For more information, contact chloe@pelhamcommunications.com

Bedlam: the asylum and beyond

Wellcome Collection, 15th September – 15th January 2017

Through the lens of the Bethlem Royal Hospital, this exhibition will consider how the experience of mental illness and notions of madness have been shaped over centuries, and imagine what the future might hold. Visitors will encounter scenes from successive incarnations of Bethlem, as well as other models of care from elsewhere in the UK and Europe. Revealing fascinating facts behind psychiatry and the ever-expanding marketplace of treatments and therapies in the post-asylum world, discover a range of film installations and illustrations. For more information, contact e.philippou@wellcome.ac.uk

Insight Astronomy Photographer of the Year 2016

Royal Observatory Greenwich, from 17th September 2016

This free exhibition displays the spectacular winning images from this year's competition in the Observatory's Astronomy Centre. From distant galaxies, to our Milky Way and neighbouring planets, the entries reflect our enduring fascination with the night sky. For more information, contact press@rmg.co.uk

Victorians Decoded: Arts and Telegraphy

Guildhall Art Gallery, 20th September – 22nd January 2017

Inspired by the first successful laying of Transatlantic Telegraph Cable 150 years ago, this exhibition will help visitors to understand art in the Victorian period, and the impact of telegraphy on the artistic imagination and wider social consciousness. The transatlantic cable reduced communication time considerably, and artists responded to this newly connected world in a range of visual ways. Building on previous exhibitions at Guildhall, this is an ongoing commitment to explore the relevance of nineteenth century collections to the twenty-first century. For more information, contact leanne.o'boyle@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Abstract Expressionism

Royal Academy, 24 September 2016 - 2 January 2017

For the first time since 1959, the abstract expressionism movement as a whole will be represented in one landmark show in London. It is an opportunity to re-evaluate an artistic phenomenon and understand the breadth of a movement that gave New York its artistic identity. For more information, contact press.office@royalacademy.org.uk

Entertainment**No Man's Land**

Wyndham's Theatre, 8th September – 17th December 2016

Ian McKellen returns to the West End stage this September, in Sean Mathias' highly acclaimed production of Harold Pinter's play. See how the tales of two ageing writers unfold, as they become increasingly inebriated at a local Hampstead pub, and watch how a power game between two men becomes suddenly interrupted by the return of two very sinister characters. For more information, contact ben@thecornershoppr.com

Things I Know To Be True

Lyric Hammersmith, 10th September – 1st October 2016

A new commission written by leading Australian writer Andrew Bovell, this is a beautifully touching, yet funny and bold story of a family and marriage through the eyes of four grown siblings, struggling to define themselves beyond their parents' love and expectations. Bovell, considered to be one of Australia's greatest storytellers, has announced an all-star cast. For more information, contact hannahc@thecornershoppr.com

OCD Love by L-E-V

Sadler's Wells, 19th-20th September 2016

New to the Sadler's Wells stage and stars of Israel's thriving dance scene, Sharon Eyal and Gai Behar bring L-E-V's latest work, OCD LOVE to London. Set to live music and performed to deep, pulsing, tribal grooves, the show examines love that always misses and lovers out of sync. The space of the stage is well explored to show themes of the heart through the lens of OCD. For more information, contact eugenie.dunster@sadlerswells.com

iD by Cirque Éloize

The Peacock, 20th September – 8th October 2016

Canadian contemporary circus group Cirque Éloize returns to the West End with an exciting, family-friendly production that fuses circus acts, street dance and hip-hop into one action packed show. The stage is alive with infectious energy as fifteen cast members perform against a kaleidoscope of video projections. Combining music, theatre and dance, this show will transport audiences to a vibrant urban streetscape. For more information, contact dan.macarthur@sadlerswells.com

The Libertine

Theatre Royal Haymarket, 22nd September – 3rd December 2016

Directed by Olivier and Tony Award-winning Terry Johnson, see Dominic Cooper in Stephen Jeffreys' major revival. This sexually charged masterpiece tells the story of the second Earl of Rochester – a charismatic poet and playwright with a legendary appetite for excess. He is forced to reconsider everything he thinks and feels however when a chance encounter with an actress at the Playhouse sends him reeling. With a cast of highly credited actors, don't miss the West End run. For more information, contact: ben@thecornershoppr.com

Restaurants

Eneko at One Aldwych

Opens 1st September 2016

The restaurant will feature Eneko Atxa's fun and inventive, modern interpretation of Basque cuisine. Starters feature the Txerri Boda Pork Festival - a flavoursome trio of Iberico ham and mushroom duxelle in milk bread, suckling pig brioche and pigs trotter bocata. Main courses include Basque-style hake tempura, red pepper sauce and parsley emulsion. Highly creative vegetarian dishes include, dressed beetroot tartare as well as bomba rice risotto with Idiazabal pesto. For more information, contact emma@rochecom.com

Dominique Ansel Bakery

Elizabeth Street opens 2nd September

Dominique Ansel Bakery is one of the most popular bakeries in New York - and a great deal of that is down to them creating the behemoth donut/croissant mash-up, The Cronut. And now they're coming to London. Confirmed treats coming to the city are: The Cronut, DKA, The Cookie Shot and Frozen S'mores. We can also expect to see new exclusive creations made from local British ingredients. For more information, contact press@dominiqueansel.com

Elystan Street

Chelsea, opening September 2016

Insisting that he has 'unfinished business with food' a partnership between Phil Howard and Rebecca Mascarenhas, has seen them partner up again to open Elystan Street. The new restaurant located in the former home of Tom Aikens, will see Howard start a new adventure after 25 years at a successful Mayfair eatery. Diners have been told to expect, delicious, clean, ingredient-led dishes, full of vitality. For more information, follow them on Twitter @ElystanStreet

Anzu

St James' Market, opening September 2016

Opening in the new St James development is Anzu, a premium Japanese brasserie from the people behind Tonkotsu, and a partnership between Emma Reynold and Kensuke Yamada. The main event is the daily Teishoku set lunch – steamed rice, pickles and miso soup, with a choice of main courses including; miso cured salmon, wagyu, katsu or tempura. While this is one of Japan's most popular dishes, there is also a traditional a la carte menu available. For more on Tonkotsu, follow them on Twitter @tonkotsulondon

Ormer Mayfair

The Flemming Hotel Mayfair, opening September 2016

Celebrated Michelin starred chef Shaun Rankin's much anticipated restaurant will take inspiration from the St Helier shores with a distinctive Mayfair Twist, befitting its new luxury location. Ormer Mayfair will be a true celebration of British heritage, seamlessly drawing together the freshness of foraged herbs, English wines and seasonal produce from land and sea with the history of the iconic Mayfair hotel in which it is set. Light and refreshing dishes such as hand-dived scallops fresh from the Channel Islands or Jersey lobster ravioli in a crab and lemongrass bisque are set to be popular dishes. For more information, contact emma@rochecom.com