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What's New | December 2016

London's autumn season will be packed with blockbuster exhibitions, world-class performing arts and much more. Please read on for our highlights...

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Exhibitions

Robert Rauschenberg

Tate Modern, 1 December 2016 – 2 April 2017

Organised in collaboration with New York's MoMA and in close dialogue with the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, this exhibition will be the first posthumous, retrospective survey of this US artist's work since 1997. Each chapter of his career will be represented by major works, including rare loans and graphic screen prints. A selection of his 'Combines', the famous collection that presents a hybrid between painting, sculpture, and graphic screenprints will also be on display. All of his work signals an early commitment to political activism. For more information contact kate.moores@tate.org.uk

New Openings

Mathematics: The Winton Gallery

Science Museum, 8 December 2016

This new gallery, curated by David Rooney, will explore how mathematicians, with their tools and ideas, have helped to shape the modern world. Designed by the world-renowned Zaha Hadid Architects, the stories told in the gallery will span 400 years of human ingenuity, from the Renaissance to the present day, with objects ranging from intriguing hand-held mathematical instruments to a 1929 experimental aircraft.

For more information contact pressoffice@sciencemuseum.org.uk

Entertainment

Up & Down

London Coliseum, 6 – 10 December 2016

Eifman Ballet returns, with the UK premiere of Artistic Director Boris Eifman's awe-inspiring ballet. Based on F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel, Up & Down follows the rise and fall of a promising young psychoanalyst and one of his patients. Combining theatrical dance with jazz music from the likes of George Gershwin and Alban Berg, this special visit, to celebrate the company's 40th anniversary, offers the opportunity to experience this beautiful and tragic story in a multi-dimensional way.

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RENT

St James Theatre, 8 December 2016 – 28 January 2017

Jonathan Larson's ground-breaking Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning musical stops off in London as part of a UK tour, to celebrate the show's twentieth anniversary. This new production is choreographed by Lee Proud, with musical direction by Phil Cornwell. The much-loved score features songs such as 'Seasons of Love', 'Take Me or Leave Me', 'What You Own' and 'One Song Glory'.

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Jóhann Jóhannsson

Barbican, 9 December 2016

Icelandic composer Jóhann Jóhannsson returns to the Barbican, presenting a concert with a choral emphasis, reflecting his current interest in working with voices. The concert will feature a mixture of music from his latest album *Orphée*, choral pieces, and material from his recorded back catalogue. He will be joined on stage by his usual live band; an amplified string quartet with Jóhannsson himself on keyboard – as well as Britten Sinfonia Voices under conductor Eamonn Dougan.

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Frankly Sinatra

Indigo at the O2, 9 December 2016

Considered to be the world's best Frank Sinatra tribute artist, Stephen Triffitt, is coming to town to celebrate the golden anniversary of Ol' Blue Eyes' most famous recording – Sinatra Live at the Sands. This brand-new production features many of the songs from the classic album, performed just the way they were back in 1966. Regarded as the definitive Sinatra live performance, packed with 22 tracks including many of his best-known hits, it will guarantee a trip down memory lane.

For more information contact kcomben@entertainers.co.uk

The Magic of Motown

Indigo at the O2, 10 December 2016

Join the party as this show celebrates its 10th birthday. Revel in hit after hit as more than thirty-six classics are revived amid a flurry of glittering costume changes, starring all of the dazzling dance moves and talent of the original artists. Head down for a night of boogying, and enjoy listening to the sounds of legendary, solid-gold artists such as the Supremes and Jackson 5.

For more information contact kcomben@entertainers.co.uk

Events

Revolution Cycling Champions League Final

Lee Valley VeloPark, 2 – 3 December 2016

See the stars from the track and road compete for this cycling title. Twelve elite teams will compete in the Champions League, which is made up of five qualifiers and seven World Tour teams. Enjoy watching the best in the sport battle to win, in a mix of afternoon and evening sessions that include; Elite Sprinting, Future Stars and an Elite Women's Championship. For more information contact anna@facepartnership.com

A 'Band of Brothers'? Lord Puttnam on Comradeship in War Films

Imperial War Museum, 12 December 2016

Lord Puttnam, film producer of *The Killing Fields* and *Memphis Belle* will explore how and why camaraderie is a recurring and essential part of successful war films. Illustrated by film clips, Lord Puttnam will examine how the deliberate organisation of military units reflects the importance of a 'band of brothers' in real war zones.

The talk will be followed by a Q & A chaired by Torin Douglas, who spent 24 years as the BBC media correspondent. For more information contact efry@iwm.org.uk

Hotels

The Good Hotel

Newham's Royal Docks, December 2016

Built on a large, floating platform, this will be London's first floating hotel, with 148 rooms. The mission of this not-for-profit hotel, is to invest in the local community, and encourage unemployed people back into work, while offering premium and luxury accommodation to guests. After being transported from its current base in Amsterdam, the project is to remain in London for five years. For more information contact

press@goodhospitality.org

Food & Drink

Inamo*265 Hampstead Road, 1 December 2016*

Camden will be the latest venue for the growing, Asian-fusion dining company Inamo. Known for their compelling interactive tables, diners have complete control over their dining experience, and can place orders at their own convenience. The Camden branch will be the first in the company to offer al fresco dining with a garden and a roof terrace, and the menu will be complete with both popular favourites, and brand-new dishes crafted on an outdoor Japanese inspired robata grill.

For more information contact press@inamo-restaurant.com

Bar + Block*Kings Cross, 5 December 2016*

Hail the return of the high street steak this November, as Bar + Block, located in the new King's Cross development, will offer high-quality steaks at high-street prices. From classic cuts all hand cut to order, diners can also be treated to a weekly rotating steak special, as decided by the Butcher's Block. Wash down your meal with a delectable craft cocktail from the extensive menu.

For more information contact alice@rochecom.com

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