

# LONDON & PARTNERS

## What's New in London | March

The arrival of March signals the beginning of the spring season – bringing along warmer days, festive celebrations and, of course, plenty of new openings! Caffeine lovers will be thrilled by the return of the London Coffee Festival, while culture vultures can look forward to the opening of the much anticipated Van Gogh exhibition at Tate Britain. With so much to choose from, you'll be marching into spring after reading this month's list of events...

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### New Openings

#### Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

*Tottenham, March 2019 TBC*

Exciting times ahead for Tottenham Hotspurs and fans alike, as the dazzling new stadium is set to open in March 2019. The stadium will feature an on-site brewery, a cheese room and a whopping 60 food and drink outlets, taking inspiration from London's vibrant street food market scene. For more information, visit [www.tottenhamhospur.com](http://www.tottenhamhospur.com)

### Events

#### International Women's Day

*Seven Dials, 4 – 10 March 2019*

Seven Dials will celebrate International Women's Day in March with a stellar line-up supporting the official 2019 theme of #BalanceforBetter, collaborating with influential women including feminist activist, Scarlett Curtis and trans activist and founder of Nail Transphobia, Charlie Craggs and a host of independent brands. An exclusive Seven Dials x International Women's Day hub will open for the week and will offer people a place where equality and body positivity is celebrated and encouraged. For more information, contact [zoe.kusnierz@sisterlondon.com](mailto:zoe.kusnierz@sisterlondon.com)

### **Affordable Art Fair**

*Battersea Evolution, 7 - 10 March 2019*

Whether you're a seasoned collector or curious to see what it's all about, this fair offers the chance to dip your toes into the world of the contemporary art market. Since its launch in 1999, the Affordable Art fair has taken the world by storm as thousands of art lovers descend upon the fair to browse and buy thousands of original contemporary paintings, sculptures, photographs and prints in a relaxed and friendly environment. For more information, contact [press@affordableartfair.com](mailto:press@affordableartfair.com)

### **St. Patrick's Day Festival**

*Trafalgar Square, 15 – 17 March 2019*

Now approaching its seventieth year, the St Patrick's Day Festival is a lively celebration of all things Irish, showcasing the best of food, music, song, culture and dance. A hugely popular celebration, it attracts more than 125,000 people to events across London, including the parade and festival in iconic Trafalgar Square. This year's theme is #LondonIsOpen. Join in the festivities as the parade sets off at midday from Piccadilly. For more information, contact [mayorspressoffice@london.gov.uk](mailto:mayorspressoffice@london.gov.uk)

### **Head of the River Race**

*River Thames, 30 March 2019*

One of London's longest running sporting traditions, the Head of the River Race is rowed annually in March from Mortlake to Putney on the Tideway in London. Up to 400 crews of eights take part, making it one of the highest participation events in London. Get some friends together and prepare to cheer on your favourite crew. For more information, see [www.horr.co.uk/wordpress/](http://www.horr.co.uk/wordpress/)

### **WWF Earth Hour**

*Carnaby Street, 30 March 2019*

Carnaby will be switching off its lights and installations from 8.30-9.30pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March in celebration of Earth Hour, including the Giant Plug and Bulbs on Ganton Street and 'Shaida Walking' on Broadwick Street. Look out for WWF's takeover of the iconic Carnaby Street arch with an exclusive wildlife design, plus events and promotions in stores and restaurants throughout the 14 streets of Carnaby, all raising awareness of the pledges being made around the globe to help protect our planet. For more information, contact [zoe.kusnierz@sisterlondon.com](mailto:zoe.kusnierz@sisterlondon.com)

### **London Coffee Festival**

*Old Truman Brewery, Brick Lane, 28 – 31 March 2019*

The London Coffee Festival will return from 28 - 31 March 2019 bringing with it an array of exciting events for those who know their flat white from their latte, or those who are simply interested to learn more about the coffee journey, from bean to cup. Featuring over 250 artisan coffee and gourmet food stalls, tastings and demonstrations from world-class baristas, interactive workshops, street food, coffee-based cocktails, live music, DJs, art exhibitions and so much more. For more information, visit

<https://www.londoncoffeefestival.com/Home>

## Attractions

### Cutty Sark Carnival

*Cutty Sark, 2 – 3 March 2019*

Dress to impress at Cutty Sark's Carnival, inspired by the ship's journeys to Brazil whilst she was sailing under the Portuguese flag as the Ferreira. Suitable for ages 4 and over, this is the perfect event for all the family. For more information, contact [press@rmg.co.uk](mailto:press@rmg.co.uk)

### Bear Grylls Interviews Sir Ranulph Fiennes

*Southbank Centre, 6 March 2019*

Named by Guinness World Records as 'the world's greatest living explorer', Sir Ranulph Fiennes has spent his life in pursuit of extreme adventure. Join him in conversation with fellow adventurer Bear Grylls as they celebrate Fiennes' 75<sup>th</sup> birthday and discuss the new edition of his bestselling autobiography, 'Mad, Bad, And Dangerous to Know' at this one-off event perfect for those explorers amongst you. For more information, contact

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## Exhibitions

### The Renaissance Nude

*Royal Academy of Arts, 3 March – 2 June 2019*

Trace the development of the nude through some of the great masters of the Renaissance. Bringing together works by artists such as Titian, Raphael, Michelangelo, Leonardo, Dürer and Cranach, the exhibition sheds light on a visual tradition at its most vital moment. For more information, contact [press.office@royalacademy.org.uk](mailto:press.office@royalacademy.org.uk)

### Kaleidoscope

*Saatchi Gallery, 15 March – 5 May 2019*

Saatchi Gallery presents Kaleidoscope, a new exhibition featuring the works of nine international contemporary artists working across a variety of mediums, including Laura Buckley's interactive large-scale kaleidoscope Fata Morgana. For more information, contact [press@saatchigallery.com](mailto:press@saatchigallery.com)

### Sorolla: Spanish Master of Light

*The National Gallery, 18 March – 7 July 2019*

Known as the 'master of light' for his iridescent canvases, this is a rare opportunity to see the most complete exhibition of Joaquín Sorolla y Bastida's (1863 – 1923) paintings outside of Spain. This is the first UK exhibition of Spain's Sorolla in over a century. For more information, contact [press@ng-london.org.uk](mailto:press@ng-london.org.uk)

### **The EY Exhibition: Van Gogh and Britain**

*Tate Britain, 27 March – 11 August 2019*

Bringing together 45 works by Vincent van Gogh, this exhibition reveals how the artist was inspired by Britain and how he inspired British artists. *Van Gogh and Britain* presents the largest collection of Van Gogh's paintings in the UK for nearly a decade and also looks at the British artists who were inspired by Van Gogh, including Francis Bacon, David Bomberg, and the young Camden Town painters. For more information, contact [pressoffice@tate.org.uk](mailto:pressoffice@tate.org.uk)

## **Entertainment & Theatre**

### **Disney Broadway Hits**

*Royal Albert Hall, 1 – 2 March 2019*

For over two decades, Disney on Broadway has astonished millions worldwide with theatrical magic that amazes and entertains. Following sell-out performances in 2016, Disney's Broadway Hits returns to the world-famous Royal Albert Hall. For more information, contact [rickb@royalalberthall.com](mailto:rickb@royalalberthall.com)

### **The Best of John Williams**

*Southbank Centre, 3 March 2019*

Nothing can compare to the iconic film scores of John Williams. From the theme of Jurassic Park to the unforgettable opening of Star Wars, this concert will be packed full of the Hollywood heavyweight's most celebrated and iconic music. For more information, contact [press@southbankcentre.co.uk](mailto:press@southbankcentre.co.uk)

### **Betrayal**

*Harold Pinter Theatre, 5 March – 1 June 2019*

One of Pinter's best-known plays, *Betrayal* is set to return to the West End starring Tom Hiddleston at the Harold Pinter Theatre. The plot of the play covers the seven-year extramarital affair between two characters, Emma and Jerry, who would meet in secret at a flat. The play is unique due to its reverse chronology – a piece of innovative storytelling by a Nobel Prize-winning playwright. For more information, contact [press@londontheatre.co.uk](mailto:press@londontheatre.co.uk)

### **WOW – Women of the World**

*Southbank Centre, 8 – 9 March 2019*

Women of the World (WOW) is an annual arts and science festival that celebrates the achievements of women and girls across the world. For 2019, WOW will present an exciting programme, including conversations with American political activist and author Angela Davis (8 March – International Women's Day) and with renowned author Naomi Klein (9 March) and two full afternoons: *WOW: What Now?* and *WOW: What's Next?* led by Judy Kelly. For more information, contact [press@southbankcentre.co.uk](mailto:press@southbankcentre.co.uk)

## **MOVE IT**

*ExCel London, 8 – 10 March 2019*

MOVE IT is the world's biggest dance event, bringing together nearly 30,000 people from the performing arts community in a celebration of all forms of dance and the performance arts. With incredible performances on the Main Stage, classes and seminars ranging from beginner to advanced level and a shop for all your dancing gear, this is one not to miss. For more information, visit <https://www.moveitdance.co.uk/>

## **Richard III**

*Alexandra Palace, 13 – 31 March 2019*

After decades of civil war, the nation hangs in the balance. Enter Richard, Duke of Gloucester, to change the course of history. Tom Mothersdale will play Shakespeare's iconic villain, in a revelatory new production directed by Headlong Associate Artist John Haidar. For more information, contact [press@alexandrapalace.com](mailto:press@alexandrapalace.com)

## **Undetectable**

*King's Head Theatre, 13 March – 6 April 2019*

*Undetectable* is a tender, funny and uplifting love story between dream boy Lex and bright spark Bradley. With wisdom, wit and honesty, Tom Wright's bold new play explores the intricate emotions, moral dilemmas and personal demons we all take to bed with us. For more information, contact [info@amandamalpass.com](mailto:info@amandamalpass.com)

## **The Rubenstein Kiss**

*Southwark Playhouse, 13 March – 13 April 2019*

Amid the Cold War and with McCarthyism at its height, the world watched as Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sent to the electric chair for allegedly passing US atomic secrets to the Soviet Union – protesting their innocence to the last moments. Inspired by this haunting true story, James Philips' award-winning play *The Rubenstein Kiss* comes to Southwark Playhouse in its first London revival. For more information, contact [susie.safavi@southwarkplayhouse.co.uk](mailto:susie.safavi@southwarkplayhouse.co.uk)

## **Blue Planet II: Live in Concert**

*The O2, 17 March 2019*

Following the success of the BAFTA award-winning BBC One television series *Blue Planet II* presented by Sir David Attenborough, BBC Studios and FKP Scorpio are proud to present *Blue Planet II: Live in Concert*. It will involve a selection of stunning visuals from the television series, highlighting the natural wonders of our blue planet in breath-taking detail on a 4k Ultra HD LED screen and will be accompanied by the original immersive music score by a full symphony orchestra. For more information, contact [pressoffice@o2.com](mailto:pressoffice@o2.com)

## **After Edward**

*Shakespeare's Globe, 21 March – 6 April 2019*

A daring new play written specifically for the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse in response to Christopher Marlowe's *Edward II*, *After Edward* welcomes us into a chaotic world of pride and shame; a place where Queer politics collide with imagined and personal experience. For more information, contact [claudia@draperconway.com](mailto:claudia@draperconway.com)

## Food & Drink

### Orasay

*Notting Hill, March 2019*

Launched by chefs Jackson Boxer and Andrew Clarke, Orasay is a 50-cover dining room in Notting Hill which will showcase the exceptional produce of the British Isles, with a particular focus on the seafood of the pure, rich waters off the Western Isles of Scotland. For more information, contact [natalie@bacchus.agency](mailto:natalie@bacchus.agency)

### Bob Bob Cité

*Leadenhall Building, Aldgate, 25 March 2019*

Set to occupy the entire third floor of 'The Cheese grater' this long-awaited follow-up restaurant to cult Soho venue Bob Bob Ricard promises more 'press for champagne', alongside cooking provided by well-known chef, Eric Chavot. When it finally arrives, one thing is certain: it won't be subtle! For more information, contact [info@joriwhitepr.co.uk](mailto:info@joriwhitepr.co.uk)

### Master Wei

*Bloomsbury, March 2019*

This is the next restaurant from the Guirong Wei, the chef behind the popular Chinese restaurant, Xi'an Impression. Featuring some of the favourites from the original restaurant by Arsenal's Emirates stadium as well as more traditional dishes, the new restaurant will specialise in Shaanxi cuisine. For more information on Guirong Wei's current menu, visit <http://xianimpression.co.uk/>

## Hotels

### The Park Hotel

Located in the heart of Teddington, this Grade II listed 43-bedroom hotel, restaurant and pub, located just moments away from the tranquil setting of Hampton Court Palace and Bushy Park, will be transformed to showcase its original 19th century beauty with grand fireplaces and cosy corners. For more information, contact [nalika@rochecom.com](mailto:nalika@rochecom.com)

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