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What's New in London | November

November in London sees Christmas lights beginning to twinkle, cosy scarves and jumpers re-emerging from the wardrobe and the capital's skies lit by spectacular fireworks displays for Britain's Bonfire Night. Don't wait, grab yourself a cuppa and read on for our top seasonal picks...

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Events

The Regent Street Motor Show

Regent Street, 3 November 2018

The Regent Street Motorshow is a showcase of 125 years of motoring including veteran, vintage, classic and modern-day cars. There will be something for everyone at this unique event, which will involve the complete pedestrianisation of Regent Street, from Piccadilly Circus to Oxford Street. You can expect interactive displays, a family friendly environment and all the cars you could ever dream of. For more information, contact rsmsmedia@mpacreative.com

Alexandra Park Fireworks Festival

Alexandra Palace, 4 November 2018

See London's skyline light up with spectacular fireworks at Alexandra Palace's award-winning fireworks festival. The display is preceded by a fierce and fiery parade: watch fire eaters, animatronics, drummers, flame jets and more tell the story of the phoenix's rebirth from the flames in this year's March of the Phoenix Parade. For more information, contact dan.austin@alexandrapalace.com

Blackheath Fireworks

Blackheath, 4 November 2018

Thousands of revellers will flock to beautiful Blackheath for one of the biggest firework displays in the capital. What's more, it's free! The funfair will be open from 12pm and you'll find a variety of

food stalls and a bar open from 5pm. For more information, contact media.relations@lewisham.gov.uk

The Lord Mayor's Show

City of London borough, 10 November 2018

The annual Lord Mayor's Show takes place in the central borough of the City of London (not to be confused with the whole of London!) and will celebrate the appointment of the new Lord Mayor of the borough with a parade across the city. With the famous procession taking place in the morning, the event will also offer guided walks, activities and exhibitions before closing the day off with a magnificent firework display over the Thames. For more information, contact

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EFG Jazz Festival

Across London, 16 November – 25 November 2018

The EFG Jazz Festival is the capital's biggest pan-city music festival, taking place annually in November. Widely acknowledged for delivering world-class artists and emerging stars, the Festival continues to take jazz to a massive audience. Presenting 2,500 artists across 60 venues, more than 250 shows take place in London's best concert halls and arts centres, including the Southbank Centre, Royal Albert Hall, Barbican Centre, Ronnie Scott's and more. For more information, contact sallyreeves@btinternet.com

Attractions

Oxford Street Christmas Lights

Oxford Street, 9 November – 31 December 2018 (TBC)

You know that Christmas really is on its way when Oxford Street is transformed by glittering lights and enchanted shoppers. This year, a competition was launched by New West End Company (NWECC) for new design ideas from designers and architects from all over the world to ensure that the 2018 display is the most spectacular to date. With 40 million visitors expected to come and see the vibrant display, we can't wait to see how they look. For more information, contact

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Christmas in Leicester Square

Leicester Square, 9 November 2018 – 6 January 2019

The fun returns as Christmas in Leicester Square transforms the centre of bustling London into a wintry wonderland including traditional Christmas markets with hand-crafted goods and delicious food and drinks. There'll also be a Santa's grotto where children can meet the man himself, plus a whole host of fantastic shows in the beautiful surrounds of a traditional 1920s 'spiegeltent'. For more information, contact elizabeth@underbelly.co.uk

Skate at Somerset House with Fortnum & Mason

Somerset House, 14 November 2018 – 13 January 2019

On 14 November, Somerset House heralds the start of the festive season as its neoclassical courtyard transforms into the capital's quintessential winter destination. The signature 40ft Christmas tree welcomes visitors, who can learn the art of skating at 'Skate School' or discover new music at 'Skate Lates', which features leading DJs and artists on rink-side decks. Housed in the West Wing, Fortnum's Lodge is the place to relax & sample delicious dishes après-ski. For more information, contact press@somersethouse.org.uk or for enquiries about Fortnum & Mason, contact press@sevendialspr.com

Hogwarts in the Snow

Warner Bros. Studio Tour London, 17 November 2018 – 27 January 2019

Harry Potter fans rejoice, Hogwarts in the Snow will be returning to conclude 2018 with a touch of magical festivity. The makeover will see part of the Great Hall transformed for the Yule Ball, the Gryffindor common room dressed for the season and a blanket of filmmaking snow covering the Hogwarts castle model. Visitors will even be able to touch samples of the different types of 'snow' used during production, each selected for its ability to float like falling snow, crunch under foot or glisten in the light like ice. For more information, contact press@wbstudiotour.co.uk

Christmas at Kew

Kew Gardens, 22 November 2018 – 5 January 2019

This Christmas, Kew Gardens will once again transform into a magical after dark explosion of festive colour, as visitors embark on an illuminated trail inspired by the Gardens themselves. The festive voyage will begin, as is tradition, with an incredible archway and visitors can then expect to see 300 illuminated origami boats floating on the lake as well as the famous tunnel of lights being taken to a whole new level in the veritable 'Cathedral of Light'. For more information, contact pr@kew.org

Winter Wonderland

Hyde Park, 22 November 2018 – 6 January 2019

Festive fanatics can step into the ultimate yuletide utopia this November as Winter Wonderland returns to London's Hyde Park on 22nd November 2018 with a host of awe-inspiring new attractions including Ice Sculpting Workshops, Peter Pan On Ice, Teletubbies Christmas Show and the return of The Magical Ice Kingdom with a sparkling new theme – 'The Enchanted Forest.' Open daily from 10am – 10pm, merry-makers can also expect the UK's biggest outdoor ice rink, the return of Zippos Circus and Cirque Berserk with all new shows, and stand-up comedy lates at the Circus MegaDome, plus Bar Hütte festive karaoke booths. For more information, contact winterwonderland@wcommunications.co.uk

Marvel Avenger's S.T.A.T.I.O.N

Excel London, 29 November 2018 – 31 March 2019

This highly anticipated multi-room experience offers fans of all ages the opportunity to delve into the super-workings and back-story of each of The Avengers as they train to become an agent of the STATION – an acronym of Science Training and Tactical Intelligence Operative Network. Guests will step inside the popular films and become part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe storyline, whether trying to lift Thor's hammer or taking a sneaky peak at Bruce Banner's Lab. For more information, contact keir@strike-media.com

Art and Exhibitions

Klimt/Schiele: Drawings from the Albertina Museum, Vienna

Royal Academy of Arts, 4 November 2018 – 3 February 2019

This will be the first exhibition in the UK to focus exclusively upon the fundamental importance of drawing in the relationship between Gustav Klimt and Egon Schiele - Austria's two most famous artists. The exhibition will comprise around 100 unique works on paper by Klimt and Schiele, including sketches for allegorical paintings, landscapes, portraits and nudes as well as examples of sketchbooks, graphic designs, lithographs and photographs. For more information, contact press.office@royalacademy.org.uk

Lorenzo Lotto: Portraits

National Gallery, 5 November 2018 – 10 February 2019

Discover the expressive sensitivity and immediacy of Lorenzo Lotto's portraits in the first UK exhibition of its kind. Celebrated as one of the greatest portraitists of the Italian Renaissance, Lorenzo Lotto uniquely portrayed a cross section of middle-class sitters, among them clerics,

merchants, and humanists. Featuring documents that have survived from Lotto's own account books, this exhibition will provide extraordinary insight into the artist's individualistic style and the people he portrayed. For more information, contact press@ng-london.org.uk

Home Futures

Design Museum, 7 November 2018 – 24 March 2019

From furniture to robotics, to the sharing economy and nomadic lifestyles, this exhibition will explore new forms of domestic behaviour and the designs that enable them. It will combine seminal design pieces with commissioned installations that speculate about new ways of living. For more information, contact media@designmuseum.org

I am Ashurbanipal: king of the world, king of Assyria

British Museum, 8 November 2018 – 24 February 2019

This major exhibition will explore the world of ancient Assyria through the life and legacy of its last great ruler, King Ashurbanipal. Over 200 extraordinary objects excavated from all corners of what was the ancient Assyrian empire reveal how one of the greatest Assyrian monarchs stamped an indelible mark on the history of the world. For more information, contact communications@britishmuseum.org

Russia: Royalty & the Romanovs

The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, 9 November 2018 – 28 April 2019

This exhibition will tell the story of the familial, political, diplomatic and artistic associations between Britain and Russia and their royal families from the mid-16th century to the World Wars. The unique relationship between the two countries is explored through portraits, sculpture, photographs and archival documents. For more information, contact press@royalcollection.org.uk

Seen and Heard: Victorian Children in the Frame

Guildhall Art Gallery, 23 November - May 2019

This November, Guildhall Art Gallery will stage the exhibition *Seen and Heard: Victorian Children in the Frame*, a display of works exploring the concept of childhood throughout the 19th century. *Seen and Heard: Victorian Children in the Frame* will feature works primarily selected from the City of London Corporation's permanent collections, as well as including key loan pieces from the likes of Tate Britain and the Royal Academy. The exhibition will explore some of the background to these pictures, as well as some of the problematic issues they raise upon further examination. For more information, contact visit@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Theatre & Entertainment

Summer and Smoke

Duke of York's Theatre, 10 November 2018 – 19 January 2019

The West End transfer of Tennessee Williams' intoxicating and rarely staged classic *Summer and Smoke* follows a sold-out and critically lauded run at the Almeida Theatre. 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. For more information, contact emma@emmahollandpr.com

Hadestown

National Theatre, 13 November 2018 – 26 January 2019

Following record-breaking runs at New York Theatre Workshop, *Hadestown* comes to the National Theatre prior to a Broadway run in 2019. With music, lyrics and a book by musician Anaïs Mitchell, *Hadestown* is about a couple: a songwriter called Orpheus and his muse Eurydice.

Eurydice is tempted into the industrial underworld of Hades town and Orpheus is sent on a quest to save her. For more information, contact press@nationaltheatre.org.uk

King Tut: A Pyramid Panto

King's Head Theatre, 24 November 2018 – 6 January 2019

Charles Court Opera return to the King's Head Theatre with their eleventh fun-filled, festive extravaganza, King Tut. Firmly established as a bona fide Christmas tradition in the capital, don't miss what promises to be one of the wackiest, wittiest pantos in town. For more information, contact boxoffice@kingsheadtheatre.com

A Christmas Carol

Old Vic Theatre, 27 November 2018 – 19 January 2019

Back by popular demand, Matthew Warchus' big-hearted, smash hit production of Charles Dickens' immortal classic A Christmas Carol returns to the Old Vic this November, adapted for the stage by Jack Thorne (Harry Potter and the Cursed Child). Filling the auditorium with mince pies, music and merriment, this unique staging immerses the audience in this uplifting story. For more information, see oldvictheatre.com

Seussical the Musical

Southwark Playhouse, 27 November – 29 December 2018

Immersion Theatre is bringing Tony Award winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty's feelgood show Seussical the Musical to the Southwark Playhouse for the Christmas season. Co-conceived by Monty Python's Eric Idle and based on the ever-popular Dr Seuss books the show is a feel-good musical which manages to tackle topical issues of bullying, unrequited love and inclusivity. For more information, contact press@immersiontheatre.co.uk

Food & Drink

Pizza Pilgrims London Bridge

London Bridge, November 2018

Not only will this new pizzeria have an outdoor terrace, it will be situated in one of the iconic London Bridge arches, with trains passing over head. Guests are invited to get creative and design their very own artwork on their pizza box. The most impressive #pizzaboxart efforts will be rewarded with free pizza and the privilege of having their pizza box hung on the pizzeria walls. For more information, contact i.cox-willmott@gemmabellandcompany.com

Provisioners

Tower Bridge, November 2018

In partnership with new boutique-style hotel The Dixon (see below), this restaurant will offer a relaxed, stylish and welcoming space. The interior is inspired by modern design movements, artists' homes and European café culture. Provisioners' adjoining café will project an Italian vibe, with signature coffee blends roasted in-house, before turning into a wine, aperitivo and charcuterie bar in the evening. For more information, see thedixon.co.uk

Cakes and Bubbles

Hotel Café Royal, November 2018

Famed chef Albert Adrià returns to London to launch his first permanent establishment outside of his native Spain, at the luxurious Hotel Café Royal. Adrià, also known as the world's best pastry chef, will offer a carnival of wow-factor desserts - from his signature 'cheese cake' to his egg flan, air waffle and doughnut creations. For more information, contact luis.neves@hotelcaferoyal.com

Tapas Brindisa Battersea

Unit 25, Battersea Power Station, November 2018

Marking the 30th anniversary of Brindisa, the latest outpost will be part of the Battersea Power Station development. Aside from the spectacular setting and views, you can expect the usual impeccably-sourced Spanish produce, plus a dedicated cheese and charcuterie bar. For more information, contact hola@brindisakitchens.com

Hotels**The Dixon**

Tower Bridge, November 2018

This new Marriott Autograph Collection hotel is inspired by the character and culture of SE1. The Dixon, named after the Grade II-listed building's original Edwardian architect aims to attract a younger crowd and will be inspired by the edgy character and culture of the neighbourhood around Tower Bridge. The hotel's cultural offering will support the local art community. For more information, see thedixon.co.uk

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