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## Press Briefing

### What's New Summer 2012

This summer is set to be the most exciting ever, with the Diamond Jubilee and Olympic and Paralympic Games just around the corner, there's never been a more magical time to visit. See below for a huge selection of fantastic events, exhibitions, entertainment and more during the next few months in the capital.

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## Attractions

### London's Pleasure Gardens

Pleasure Garden's, June 2012

For 200 years Pleasure Gardens were central to London's social life. Long before the festivals of today, they were places where people converged to meet, debate, listen to music, watch shows, admire paintings and walk and drink. LPG will recreate this festival atmosphere as an ever-evolving creative playground for both young and old alike. Contact Ben Bailey on 020 7907 7130 /

[lpypress@exposure.net](mailto:lpypress@exposure.net)

### Green Chain Audio Guide

Green Chain (50 mile network), June 2012

The secrets of some of the Royal Borough's finest open spaces can now be discovered and enjoyed with help from a brand new audio trails guide. The free-to-download trails are a guide to some of landscapes that are linked by the Green Chain - a 50-mile network of paths that connects open spaces in Royal Greenwich and four other South East London boroughs. Contact 020 8921 5011 /

[dan.stephens@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:dan.stephens@greenwich.gov.uk)

### The Beach London

The Thames, Greenwich, June 2012

London will feature a permanent beach location on the Thames in Greenwich. The beach is to be Europe's largest man-made beach and will feature entertainment and hospitality. The organisers, Peninsula Festival, plan a number of music, and cultural events on the beach as well as exhibition sports such as beach handball and beach rugby. Contact [frank.dekker@peninsula-festival.com](mailto:frank.dekker@peninsula-festival.com)

## Gangster Tour of London

Various Locations, June 2012

The tour explores real life and film locations associated with London's criminal underworld. Actor Stephen Marcus guides this tour around the infamous Kray twin's stamping ground.

Highlights of the tour include seeing the pub used in The Krays which is smashed up by the Maltese boys and the location where Vinnie Jones's had his first day of filming for Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels. Contact Lewis Swan on 084 4247 1007 / [info@britmovietours.com](mailto:info@britmovietours.com)

## Royal Park Events

Royal Parks, June - August 2012

There are many events planned this summer including friends of Richmond Park walk, the London Green Fair in Regents Park, Art Antiques London in Kensington Gardens, Jazz in Greenwich Park and many more. Contact Joanna Hughes on 077 9151 0403 / [jhughes@royalparks.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:jhughes@royalparks.gsi.gov.uk)

## HMS Belfast

HMS Belfast, June - August 2012

HMS Belfast has planned many special events for this summer. These include, Signals at Sea (2nd June - 10th June), where you can participate in sending and decoding messages; HMS Belfast private Tours (June - August), where you can discover the ship and hear some quirky sailors tails; and many more. Contact Kate Crowther on 020 7416 5497 / [kcrowther@iwm.org.uk](mailto:kcrowther@iwm.org.uk)

## Southbank Centre Summer Festival

Southbank Centre, 01 June - 09 September 2012

Hundreds of international artists will converge on Southbank Centre this summer for its Festival of the World. Highlights from the UK include Bryn Terfel's uplifting four-day celebration of Welsh heritage and culture; and Unlimited, the largest single program of commissions by disabled and deaf artists ever undertaken in this country. Installations by artists from around the world include the reopening of the Queen Elizabeth Hall roof garden and weekly food markets. Contact 020 7921 0632 / [patricia.oconnor@southbankcentre.co.uk](mailto:patricia.oconnor@southbankcentre.co.uk)

## Secret Garden

Montague on the Gardens, 01 June - 07 September 2012

The 'Secret Garden', designed in association with floral designer and fragrance creator Kenneth Turner, will be the perfect place to take afternoon tea this summer, enjoy some Pimm's or an evening barbecue. Lanterns will lure guests through to an English garden decorated with birch, entwined and rambling Leanna vine and summer flowers such as roses and hanging wisteria. Contact 020 7201 3505 / [caroline.calvert@bookttcuk.com](mailto:caroline.calvert@bookttcuk.com)

## The Triumph of Pleasure: Vauxhall Gardens 1729 - 1786

Foundling Museum, 01 June - 09 September 2012

This summer, the Foundling Museum celebrates Vauxhall Gardens with the biggest UK exhibition on the Gardens in over 40 years. The Triumph of Pleasure: Vauxhall Gardens 1729 - 1786 will explore the Gardens, which for its visitors was an escape from daily realities and a re-affirmation of all the good things that life had to offer. The exhibition will display original works by Canaletto, Gainsborough, Hayman, Roubiliac and Rowlandson. Manuscripts and song sheets of works by Handel, Arne and J.C. Bach will be on display alongside contemporary engravings and other objects associated with the Gardens and with the Foundling Hospital. Contact 020 7841 3614 / [gemma@foundlingmuseum.org.uk](mailto:gemma@foundlingmuseum.org.uk)

## A new cultural destination for London opens: Serpentine Sackler Gallery

Serpentine Sackler Gallery, 17 June 2012

The Serpentine Gallery has been awarded a licence to establish a new gallery in The Magazine building situated on the north side of the Serpentine Bridge in Kensington Gardens to be designed by Zaha Hadid. The Serpentine Sackler Gallery, like the Serpentine Gallery, will be free of charge and accessible to all. Contact Rose Dempsey on 020 7298 1520 / [rosed@serpentinegallery.org](mailto:rosed@serpentinegallery.org)

## Olympian Greats Star in Madame Tussauds

Madame Tussauds, July 2012

Madame Tussauds London will pay tribute to great Olympians of the past and present with a new look interactive sporting zone. The area will feature new wax figures of three of 2012's brightest hopes, Jessica Ennis, Tom Daley and Usain Bolt, plus all time legends including Jesse Owens and Mohammed Ali, all featured in impactful themed sets with fun interactive elements. Guests will be able to join the world's fastest man, Usain Bolt, on a replica running track, step onto the winners' podium alongside Jessica Ennis, marvel at the dexterity of Tom Daley as he dives overhead. Contact Amy Williams on 020 7402 9966 / [amy@freerange.eu](mailto:amy@freerange.eu)

## VIP Transport on the Thames

Various locations, July 2012

Charles Matheson creator of London RIB Voyages will utilise their fleet of speedboat sightseeing vessels based at The London Eye on the Thames this summer to provide a VIP Olympic Thames transport solution. Drinks and entertainment are also provided. Contact Charles Matheson on 020 7928 7946 / [charlie@londonribvoyages.com](mailto:charlie@londonribvoyages.com)

## The Museum Sleepover

Stamford Bridge, 21 July 2012

The sleepover is an all-night extravaganza exclusively for junior supporters. Enjoy an evening of activities before falling asleep amongst some of the Club's greatest players in the Club's exciting new Museum. As night descends over Stamford Bridge, guests will embark on a behind the scenes tour of Stamford Bridge. Contact [jon.scammell@chelseafc.com](mailto:jon.scammell@chelseafc.com)

## Summer Exhibition 2012

Royal Academy of Arts, 04 - 12 August 2012

The Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition is the largest open contemporary art exhibition in the world, drawing together a wide range of new and recent work by established, unknown and emerging artists. The Summer Exhibition is a unique celebratory showcase for art of all styles and media, encompassing paintings, sculpture, photography, prints, architectural models, film, and artist's books. Historically, the exhibition has also provided an opportunity for Royal Academicians, many of whom are internationally renowned, to show their work. Contact 020 7300 5610 / [johanna.bennett@royalacademy.org.uk](mailto:johanna.bennett@royalacademy.org.uk)

## Exhibitions

### June Events

The Royal Observatory Greenwich, June 2012

The summer activities explore the historic, scientific and cultural relevance of transits and of humanity's quest to comprehend and measure the true size of the Universe. The June instalment of the thought-provoking Spacetalk series sees Dr Lewis Dartnell ask one of the biggest questions in the Universe: are we alone? The Across the Universe show continues in the newly refurbished Peter Harrison Planetarium, whilst the Measuring the Universe exhibition also runs throughout the month. The planetarium also screens Coral: Rekindling Venus by Australian artist Lynette Wallworth as part of the London 2012 Festival. A very different type of show for the planetarium, it is a unique example of digital contemporary art exploring the beauty and fragility of the world's coral reefs. Contact 020 7221 7883 / [william.kallaway@kallaway.com](mailto:william.kallaway@kallaway.com)

### Henry Moore 'Late Large Forms'

Gagosian Gallery, 01 June - 18 August 2012

Gagosian Gallery, in collaboration with The Henry Moore Foundation, present an exhibition of monumental sculptures by celebrated British sculptor Henry Moore. For the first time, some of these monumental works are to be presented within the gallery rather than outdoors, offering the chance for visitors to experience their forms in a radical new way. It was Moore's intention that these large-scale forms be interacted with, viewed close-up, and even touched. Contact Phoebe Moore on 020 7221 5000 / [phoebe@boltonquinn.com](mailto:phoebe@boltonquinn.com)

### David Nash at Kew

The Royal Botanic Gardens, 09 June 2012 - 14 April 2013

David Nash, one of the UK's most prolific sculptors, will produce and exhibit his work across the Gardens. The exhibition will open to members of the public, with sculptures, installations, drawings and film in place throughout the Gardens, glasshouses, and exhibition spaces. Nash will work at Kew on a 'wood quarry' - the first he will have done in ten years, creating new pieces for the exhibition using trees from the Gardens that have come to the end of their natural life. Contact Jo Maxwell on 020 8332 5681 / [pr@kew.org](mailto:pr@kew.org)

### BT Artbox Project

Throughout London, 18 June - 16 July 2012

Leading artists and designers from around the world have been invited to apply their individual talents to re-style that much-loved icon of British design, the traditional red telephone box. Each artist or designer will take delivery of a full-size, fibre-glass replica of the Sir Giles Gilbert Scott-designed original K6 telephone kiosk, which was introduced in 1936 to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the coronation of King George V. Participating artists include 2002 Turner prize winner Keith Tyson, Romero Britto and Royal Academician Professor of Sculpture David Mach, along with fashion designers Giles Deacon and Zandra Rhodes. Contact 020 3463 2082 / [digby.halsby@flint-pr.com](mailto:digby.halsby@flint-pr.com)

## Dickens and the Artists

Watts Gallery, 19 June - 28 October 2012

Dickens and the Artists will explore the significant connection between Charles Dickens and visual art. Dickens was interested in both contemporary artists and the art of the old masters which he viewed and commented on in his tours of Europe. Contact Andrew Churchill on 014 8381 3584 /

[marketing@wattsgallery.org.uk](mailto:marketing@wattsgallery.org.uk)

## Superhuman & Image Awards

Wellcome Collection, Euston, 20 June - 16 October 2012

Superhuman is an exhibition which examines the extraordinary lengths people go to in order to improve or enhance their performance. It will explore how human ability has been enhanced in the past; contemporary approaches to the subject and what those working at the forefront of human enhancement anticipate for the future. The Wellcome Image Awards 2012 are being held on the 20th June and will recognise the creators of the most informative, striking and technically excellent images acquired by the Wellcome Images picture library over the last 18 months, as chosen by a panel of judges. Free, contact Tim Morley on 020 7611 8612 / [t.morley@wellcome.ac.uk](mailto:t.morley@wellcome.ac.uk)

## Codebreaker - Alan Turing's life and legacy

The Science Museum, 21 June 2012

The exhibition will examine the achievements of the man whose influence on computer science is still felt today and whose wartime codebreaking helped take years off the length of World War II. The Science Museum will present the most extensive collection of Turing artefacts assembled under one roof, including machines he devised and devices that influenced him and his colleagues. Together, the collection will offer an indisputable argument for Turing's enduring global legacy. Free, contact 020 7942 4364 / [laura.singleton@sciencemuseum.org.uk](mailto:laura.singleton@sciencemuseum.org.uk)

## The Developing City Exhibition

The Walbrook Building, 21 June - 09 September 2012

The Developing City exhibition highlights the relationship between the architecture of the City of London and its success as one of the most important global trading centres. A headline, free entry, event of the London Festival of Architecture, this landmark public exhibition takes place at The Walbrook Building, designed by Foster + Partners and is organised by NLA - London's Centre for the Built Environment in association with the City of London Corporation. Contact 020 7269 9319 /

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## BP Portrait Award 2012

National Portrait Gallery, June 21 - 23 September 2012

The BP Portrait Award is the most prestigious portrait competition in the world, promoting the very best in contemporary portrait painting. With a first prize of £25,000, the exhibition has proved to be the launch pad for the careers of a number of successful portrait artists. Free, contact Neil Evans on 020 7312

2452 / [nevans@npg.org.uk](mailto:nevans@npg.org.uk)

## Fourth Master Paintings Week

Mayfair/ St James's, London, 26 June - 06 July 2012

Fourth Master Paintings is a collaboration between twenty-three leading dealers and three auction houses which offers an extraordinarily wide selection of European paintings dating from the 15th to the 20th centuries. New to Master Paintings Week in 2012 are Haldane Fine Art, Noortman Master Paintings and Theo Johns Fine Art Ltd. Each of the twenty-three participating galleries, all of which are in the heart of London's Mayfair and St James's, will stage a special exhibition or event or unveil new discoveries, emphasising the unrivalled expertise to be found in London. Contact 013 5927 1085 /

[info@suebond.co.uk](mailto:info@suebond.co.uk)

## Jamie's Union Jacks

Covent Garden, July 2012

Jamie Oliver's new restaurant is located in the market Building and will occupy 3,500 sq ft, over two floors in the North Hall of the Market Building. The ground-floor dining room will seat up to 108 guests around an open kitchen so that diners can watch the chefs at work whilst the lower level will be able to seat a further 50 diners. Contact [chloe.green@jamieoliver.com](mailto:chloe.green@jamieoliver.com)

## Shakespeare: Staging the World

British Museum, July 2012

The British Museum's exhibition, Shakespeare: Staging the World, will provide a unique insight into the emerging role of London as a world city around 1612 seen through the lens of Shakespeare's plays. Maps, prints, drawings, paintings, tapestries, arms and armour, coins and much more will retell



Shakespeare's stories to London in 2012 - a time when the whole world will once again focus on this truly global city. Contact Olivia Rickman on 020 7323 8394 / [orickman@britishmuseum.org](mailto:orickman@britishmuseum.org)

### **Designing 007- Fifty Years of Bond Style**

The Barbican, 05 July - 05 September 2012

This summer the Barbican marks the 50th anniversary of the James Bond film franchise, from 1962's DR NO to this year's SKYFALL, by creating an unique exhibition designed by Ab Rogers, curated by the Barbican and guest-curated by fashion historian Bronwyn Cosgrave and costume designer Lindy Hemming. With unprecedented access to EON's archive, Designing 007 - Fifty Years of Bond Style is a multi-sensory experience where screen icons, costumes, production design, automobiles, gadgets, special effects, graphic design, exotic locations, weapons, stunts and props combine to immerse the audience in the creation and development of Bond style over its auspicious 50 year history. Contact Dan Phelan on 077 6433 5244 / [danieljamesphelan@gmail.com](mailto:danieljamesphelan@gmail.com)

### **Foto8**

Foto8 Gallery, 07 July - 18 August 2012

Seeking work that communicates strong stories that help us to see the world differently the 150 most powerful images from photographers professional and amateur around the globe are then brought together for the highly anticipated, and free, summer show in London. Celebrated 'Fake Take' artist/photographer Alison Jackson is one of the judges for 2012 who will select a 'Best in Show' winner who receives £2000. Contact 020 7221 7883 / [rajina.gurung@kallaway.com](mailto:rajina.gurung@kallaway.com)

### **Metamorphosis: Titian 2012**

National Gallery, 11 July - 23 September 2012

Titian 2012 brings together a group of specially commissioned works by contemporary artists, poets, choreographers and composers in response to three of Titian's paintings - Diana and Actaeon, The Death of Actaeon and Diana and Callisto - all inspired by Ovid's poem Metamorphoses. In celebration of this occasion, every member of the ballet's company - over 100 dancers - will participate in the project. A special performance at the Royal Opera House on the 16th July will be simultaneously relayed to the public on a large screen in Trafalgar Square. In addition, the National Gallery has commissioned a group of well-known poets to explore Ovid's text and Titian's mythological paintings, and to respond with their own poems. Contact 020 7747 2420 / [karen.bosomworth@ng-london.org.uk](mailto:karen.bosomworth@ng-london.org.uk)

### **Bob Hope: A World of Laughter**

Greenwich Heritage Centre, 13 July - 28 October 2012

The Heritage Centre will be the third institution to host the touring Bob Hope exhibition which has been produced by the World Golf Hall of Fame & Museum with the support of the Bob & Dolores Hope Foundation. Contact Lindsey Evans on [lindsey@ktbpr.com](mailto:lindsey@ktbpr.com)

### **Tino Sehgal to create Turbine Hall commission for London 2012 Festival**

Tate Modern, 17 July - 28 October 2012

Tino Sehgal has been commissioned to create a work for Tate Modern's Turbine Hall as part of London 2012 Festival, the finale of the Cultural Olympiad. The artist's new work is one of two projects which are part of the Cultural Olympiad, the other being the Tate Movie Project, supported by the Legacy Trust UK, BP and CBBC, the nationwide film animation project for children which will culminate in the production of a fully animated film. The Tino Sehgal 2012 commission is part of The Unilever Series. For more information contact Duncan Holden on 020 7887 8731 / [duncan.holden@tate.org.uk](mailto:duncan.holden@tate.org.uk)

### **Bob Marley - Messenger**

Mezzanine Gallery, 24 July - 24 October 2012

Following a successful run at The Grammy Museum in Los Angeles, where it was on display for over three months, the exhibit will now be available to audiences from Britain and around Europe. Visitors will witness Bob Marley as a private, spiritual man, as a powerful performer who used his lyrics to give a voice to the disenfranchised and as a legend who has inspired legions of fans in the years since his death. Contact 020 8463 4320 / [roger.simmons@britishmusicexperience.com](mailto:roger.simmons@britishmusicexperience.com)

### **Designed to Win**

Design Museum, 25 July- 18 November 2012

An exhibition which celebrates the ways in which design and sport are combined, pushing the limits of human endeavour to achieve records and victories of increasing significance and wonder. From the design of F1 cars to running shoes, racing bikes to carbon fibre javelins, the quest for enhanced performance and function is endless. By examining celebrated sporting moments and the sense of shared celebration and spectacle, the exhibition will look at not just how design can influence sport but also how sport has influenced design, art and culture. Contact David Spires on 077 9866 7695 / [dspires@oakley.com](mailto:dspires@oakley.com)

## Another London: International Photographers capture City life 1930- 1980

Tate Britain, 27 July - 16 September

Brings together some of the most celebrated names in international photography, from Henri Cartier-Bresson to Eve Arnold, with less familiar photographers to explore the distinctive ways in which they saw and represented this unique location. Tate Britain will show over 150 classic photographs that depict the city and its communities from the 1930s to 1980s by photographers for whom London was a foreign city. Another London shows the city as a dynamic metropolis, richly diverse and full of contrast. Contact 020 7613 3306 / [press@rebeccaward.co.uk](mailto:press@rebeccaward.co.uk)

## The Olympic Journey: The Story of the Games

The Royal Opera house 28 July - 12 August 2012

BP, the Royal Opera House and The Olympic Museum in Lausanne have joined together to create a free exhibition telling the Olympic story through the endeavours of ancient and modern Olympians. It will include artefacts, animation, film and audio from The Olympic Museum in Lausanne. Contact 020 7212 9717 / [elizabeth.bell@roh.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth.bell@roh.org.uk)

## Designers in Residence & This is Design

Design Museum, 29 August 2012 - 27 January 2013

The programme includes a series of events, offering the designers the opportunity to interact and engage with the public, whilst using this platform as a test-bed for ideas, designs and innovations. Using key items from the collection, the display will also be supplemented with high-profile loans and new acquisitions. Contact Ashley Woodfield on 020 7940 8787 / [ashley@designmuseum.org](mailto:ashley@designmuseum.org)

## Events

### Adult Events Docklands

Museum of London Docklands, June 2012

The Museum of London, Docklands, have organised activities, walks and lectures specifically for their adult audience. These include Port of London Study group: self-directed meetings to share research ideas about the history, heritage and archaeology of the Port of London. (June 04 -25 June), Stories of the city with Craig Taylor: Craig Taylor's Londoners gives voice to a rich mix of the capital's inhabitants, from hedge fund managers to cabbies, beekeepers to tube announcers. (14th June), Walk: Take in delights from Indian sweetmeats to 1920s tube stations, and a visit to the Granada cinema with its magnificent Moorish interior. (21 June - 23 June). Contact Nicola Kalimeris on 020 7814 5511 / [nkalimeris@museumoflondon.org.uk](mailto:nkalimeris@museumoflondon.org.uk)

### WWT Events

London Wetland Centre, June - September 2012

Summer events include meeting the otters, joining experts for a dragon fly, samselfly and stag beetle walk, discovering record breaking animals, studying bats, creating traditional crafts and joining wetland warden team for a day. Contact 020 8409 4400 / [jamie.wyver@wwt.org.uk](mailto:jamie.wyver@wwt.org.uk)

### Danza Contemporánea de Cuba

Sadler's Wells, 01 June 2012

The event will return as part of a six week Dance Consortium UK tour following its first critically acclaimed visit in 2010. The programme consists of a triple bill of works that feature the company's trademark fusion of Afro Caribbean and Spanish dance styles and contemporary dance, including a rare opportunity to see George Céspedes' Mambo 3XX1. Contact 020 7863 8114 / [maxim.bendall@sadlerswells.com](mailto:maxim.bendall@sadlerswells.com)

### Olympia International Fine Art and Antiques Fair

Olympia Exhibition Centre, 07 June - 17 June 2012

The much-acclaimed destination for stylish buyers searching for one-off pieces this June will be the Olympia International Fine Art & Antiques Fair, which celebrates its 40th year. Influential trend-setters and buyers in the know attend the fair for inspiration and to create the zeitgeist look: a mixture of eclectic and high calibre pieces - both antique and contemporary - to be found at the fair. Contact Rachel Aled on 077 9073 2448 / [olympia@exclamationpr.co.uk](mailto:olympia@exclamationpr.co.uk)

### Mint Polo in the Park

Hurlingham Park, 08 June - 10 June 2012

MINT Polo in the Park invites ticket holders to spend an afternoon on the banks of the River Thames for another year of high-octane polo action at Hurlingham Park. Spend a summer's day at MINT Polo in the Park, complete with a Harrods Food Court, which will re-create some of the iconic Knightsbridge store's

food service area. The events include City Friday and Veuve Clicquot after party at The Hurlingham Club, Ladies Day and Finals Day. Contact 020 7936 5284 / [rachel@cityevents.uk.com](mailto:rachel@cityevents.uk.com)

## Open Garden Squares

200 communal gardens around London, 09 June - 10 June 2012

Open Garden Squares Weekend is held throughout London every June and organised by the London Parks and Gardens Trust. Around 200 communal gardens, many that are not usually open to the public, will be taking part ranging from the historic to the traditional through to roof gardens and allotments. Among the green spaces open especially for Open Garden Squares Weekend will be many of the much loved and popular gardens such as HMP Wormwood Scrubs; Eaton Square, Bonnington Square, Cable Street Community Gardens, The Regent's Park Allotment Garden, The Royal College of Physicians' Medicinal Garden, The Kensington Roof Gardens, Canons Park - George V Memorial Garden - which will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary and the National Trust's Carlyle's House. Contact Rachel Aked on 077 9073 2448 / [rachel@rachelaked.co.uk](mailto:rachel@rachelaked.co.uk)

## The Connoisseur's Fair

Kensington Gardens, 13 June - 20 June 2012

Art Antiques London, which incorporates The International Ceramics Fair and Seminar, is now in its third year. The fair's much praised lecture series is key to its continuing success. This year Art Antiques London particularly looks forward to welcoming Jonathan Marsden, Director of the Royal Collection as well as 70 of the world's leading art dealers. Contact Abi Gold on 020 7439 2822 / [press@cawdelldouglas.com](mailto:press@cawdelldouglas.com)

## Jewel East

Spitalfields, 15 June - 17 June 2012

This year Jewel East is a three-day event during Jewellery week (11-17 June) and will be the main 'discovery zone' for the week. Featuring a host of inspirational jewellery making workshops and demonstrations in the 'Make Do & Bend' zone, with London based jewellery schools and designers and is based in Spitalfields market. A free event open to the public, Jewel East visitors will be able to discover, buy and commission from an exciting selection of the most innovative work available in jewellery today. Contact Saskia Webster-Zazzi on 020 7375 2936 / [saskiawebster-zazzi@wellingtonmarkets.co.uk](mailto:saskiawebster-zazzi@wellingtonmarkets.co.uk)

## Celebrate the City

London, 21 June - 24 June 2012

Over the course of four very special days, thousands of people will be given the keys to the City of London, as the Square Mile opens its doors to reveal many of its secrets and treasures - it's a unique opportunity to find out why it's not as square as you might think! Events will include glittering exhibitions, City walks and talks, Livery Hall openings, family entertainment at the Cheapside Fayre, activities at the Barbican Centre and Museum of London, and music in the City's churches. Play some tunes on one of the golden street pianos that will mark the opening of the 50th anniversary of the City of London Festival or take part in the Midsummer street party at the climax of Spitalfields Music Summer Festival. Contact 020 7332 1452 / [andrew.buckingham@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.buckingham@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

## London 2012 Festival

All 33 London boroughs, 21 June - 09 September 2012

The Festival, announced by London 2012, is a 12-week celebration of the world's best music, theatre, dance, visual art, literature, film and fashion. In London, an unparalleled programme of free events is being planned by the Mayor's Office in partnership with artists and performers, across all 33 boroughs, to create an unforgettable experience for anyone in the city during the Festival. For more information visit [www.festival.london2012.com](http://www.festival.london2012.com)

## West End LIVE

Trafalgar Square, 23 June - 24 June 2012

For the first time the casts from every single one of London's world-famous musicals will hot-foot it from their theatres to Trafalgar Square to perform for the masses at London's free entertainment festival West End LIVE. The line-up will include the best of the West End's theatre including Billy Elliot the Musical, Jersey Boys and The Wizard of Oz. A variety of family activities with marquees will feature some of London's most popular attractions, museums and galleries. Contact Phil Hooks on 020 7557 6729 / [www.officiallondontheatre.co.uk](http://www.officiallondontheatre.co.uk)

## Pride London Festival

Soho, 23 June - 08 July 2012

This summer Soho is preparing for its own moment in the global spotlight - WorldPride 2012. The LGBT community, from across the globe, is expected to celebrate in the capital for two weeks of art, culture

and campaigning, culminating with the parade through central London on Saturday 7th July. Contact 084 4884 2439 / [andrew.sharratt@pridelondon.org](mailto:andrew.sharratt@pridelondon.org)

### **Canstruction at Canary Wharf**

Canary Wharf, London, 24 June - 07 July 2012

From 24 June, Canstruction at Canary Wharf will see world-leading architects and designers create giant sculptures from 40,000 cans of food throughout the famous business and shopping district, wowing the public and helping to feed people in need. Internationally acclaimed firms will be working against each other in an international design competition to create the colossal 'can' sculptures. On 27th June a panel of judges will select the champion. Contact Rosie Kempson on 020 7630 1411 / [rkempton@thecomunicationgroup.co.uk](mailto:rkempton@thecomunicationgroup.co.uk)

### **Hampton Court Palace Festival Finale**

Hampton Court Palace, 24 June 2012

After the phenomenal success of four solo albums and accompanying tours, John Barrowman returns to the concert stage, making Hampton Court Palace Festival his only London appearance for 2012. With a full band and dancers, John Barrowman will provide a spectacular finale to our 20th anniversary celebrations in the historic main courtyard of the magnificent Tudor Palace. Contact Anna Hope on 078 6750 0502 / [anna@akhcommunications.com](mailto:anna@akhcommunications.com)

### **Poetry Parnassus**

Southbank Centre, 26 June - 02 July 2012

Southbank Centre's Poetry Parnassus is set to be the largest poetry festival ever staged in the UK, bringing together a poet from each of the competing Olympic nations. 205 poets will come to Southbank Centre and tour the UK for a week-long celebratory gathering which will include, readings, workshops and a final gala event with all the poets. Contact 020 7921 0926 / [katie.toms@southbankcentre.co.uk](mailto:katie.toms@southbankcentre.co.uk)

### **Festivals**

St Martin's Courtyard, July - August 2012

Two festivals will be held over the summer. Global Food festival (14 July) is a feast of food, fun and frolics as all six international restaurants host tastings, demonstrations, cookery workshops and more in the courtyard. Silent Cinema is a mini international film festival with screenings taking place in August. Contact Nicole on 0207 287 9601

### **Hugh Laurie Tour Dates**

HMV Hammersmith Apollo, 02 July 2012

This summer sees Hugh Laurie and the Copper Bottom Band return to the UK to perform their biggest headline shows to date. Contact Andy Prevezer 020 7368 3550 / [andy.prevezer@warnermusic.com](mailto:andy.prevezer@warnermusic.com)

### **Kew the Music**

Kew Gardens, 03 - 08 July 2012

Kew the Music is an open-air picnic concert, performed against the backdrop of the magnificent Victorian Temperate House in the magical setting of Kew Gardens. Groups of friends and families can relax and enjoy an evening picnic in the stunning surroundings of the botanic gardens, whilst listening to world-class artists including, Will Young, James Morrison and Status Quo. Contact Ewan Thompson on 020 8743 6837 / [ewan@ewanthomsonpr.com](mailto:ewan@ewanthomsonpr.com)

### **Big Dance**

London 2012 Festival, 07 - 15 July 2012

Big Dance, in partnership with Arts Council England, is the world's biggest and most influential dance initiative. Over 2 million people have taken part in Big Dance since it began, with events taking place in unusual locations including shopping centres, parks, beaches, and more. Big Dance London includes major new events and continues to be co-ordinated through a partnership between: East London Dance, English National Ballet, Greenwich Dance, Sadler's Wells, Siobhan Davies Dance. Contact Katherine Yazhari on 020 7221 5000 / [katherine@boltonquinn.com](mailto:katherine@boltonquinn.com)

### **BBC Proms**

Royal Albert Hall, 13 July - 08 September 2012

Widely regarded as the world's largest music festival, the BBC Proms will be a major part of Festival 2012. It will feature new music, international orchestras and many of the world's leading soloists and conductors and there will be a particular focus on young performers and a celebration of music associated with London this year. For more information visit [www.bbc.co.uk/proms](http://www.bbc.co.uk/proms)

### **Eurostar Presents Traction**

Granary Square, 14 July 2012



Eurostar has organised a one off, one day festival- curated by internationally renowned DJ Giles Peterson. The unique event will bring together musical, dance and arts performers from across Europe for a festival to celebrate the diversity of European talent on London's doorstep. Contact 020 7843 5500 / [alexander.hoyle@eurostar.com](mailto:alexander.hoyle@eurostar.com)

### **Sail Royal Greenwich**

Gravesend to Greenwich, 25 July 2012

The Arrival Parade takes place on Wednesday, 25 July 2012 when an entire flotilla of around 20 Tall Ships will sail in convoy into London to inaugurate the spectacular maritime event Sail Royal Greenwich 2012. The all-inclusive catering package includes a reception with appetizers, canapés, drinks package and dinner while enjoying the stunning views from the ship's decks. Contact 020 3040 2350 / [antje.moor@sailroyalgreenwich.co.uk](mailto:antje.moor@sailroyalgreenwich.co.uk)

### **Camp in London & Eat festival**

Camp London, 26 July - 13 August 2012

Camp In London is a camping festival running from 26 July 2012 - 13 August 2012, for the duration of the Olympics. It will provide value for money with affordable, well-located camping complimented by sporting tournaments and an entertainment zone that will house a large outdoor screen, bar, stage and two feature festivals. Eat Festival from 1st - 5th August will feature some of the finest and most diverse offerings from the United Kingdom. Quality produce from organic farmers, cheese, wine and cider makers, bakers and curers, will be amongst the offerings. Contact Belinda on 020 3589 0827 / [marketing@campinlondon.com](mailto:marketing@campinlondon.com)

### **London Live Headliner**

Hyde Park, 12 August 2012

Blur have been announced as the headline act for the BT London Live Closing Ceremony Celebration Concert in Hyde Park, a unique concert celebrating the climax of the city's celebrations for the London 2012 Olympic Games. Contact London Live on [btlondonlive@ldcommunications.co.uk](mailto:btlondonlive@ldcommunications.co.uk)

### **Notting Hill Carnival**

Notting Hill, 26 - 27 August 2012

The award winning and internationally renowned Annual London Carnival rooted in the Caribbean tradition is a series of linked events from July to August that culminate in the large event on the streets of Notting Hill on August Bank Holiday. For more information contact NK Media on 020 7096 8888 / [info@nkmedia.co.uk](mailto:info@nkmedia.co.uk)

## **Entertainment, theatre and film**

### **Nomad**

Various locations, June - September 2012

The pop- up cinema will return to some of its favourite open-air venues with not only the best kit but also the best atmosphere. No matter where The Nomad appears, it will embrace and enhance each venue, offering new ways of seeing an uplifting range of films, from silver screen classics to cult, noir and silent, to mainstream guilty pleasures. Contact Clare Woodcock on 079 7637 3206 / [clare@clarepublicity.com](mailto:clare@clarepublicity.com)

### **Summer at the National Theatre**

National Theatre, June - October 2012

The National theatre is presenting two very special performances. Timon of Athens: World Shakespeare Festival, directed by Nicholas Hytner, with Simon Russell Beale in the title role, will run from July - October 2012 and The Last of the Haussmans: a new play by Stephen Beresford, directed by Howard Davies will play at the Lyttelton Theatre from June to September. Contact 020 7452 3232 / [andrew.sharratt@pridelondon.org](mailto:andrew.sharratt@pridelondon.org)

### **Activities at RHS Gardens**

RHS Gardens London, 02 - 17 June 2012

Witness the fabulous plants at last exploding into leaf and flower at RHS gardens this summer; with activities from lunches to teas, and gifts from plants to pots, there is something for all the family to enjoy; including the RHS Hampton Court Palace show, which takes place in July. Contact Nicola Osmond-Evans on 020 7821 3042 / [nicolaosmondevans@rhs.org.uk](mailto:nicolaosmondevans@rhs.org.uk)

### **Gatz**

Noel Coward Theatre, 08 June - 15 July 2012

GATZ (The Great Gatsby) is an eight-hour event performance of F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1925 seminal work on the fallibility of the American dream and is spread over four parts, including a long dining interval.

Contact John Bridge 020 7831 8105 / [john@made2010.com](mailto:john@made2010.com)

### **Taste of London**

Regent's Park, 21 - 24 June 2012

Taste of London is the capital's largest open air food and drink festival, bringing together not just restaurants and food and wine suppliers, but also interactive programmes on cooking and eating. Taste of London has always attracted culinary talent including Wolfgang Puck, Michel Roux Jr and Gordon Ramsay. This year, the festival celebrates the best of world class cuisine with a host of new international features. Contact Ellen Durrant on 020 7291 3000 / [taste@housepr.com](mailto:taste@housepr.com)

### **Get Into London Theatre**

21 June - 09 September 2012

The popular ticket promotion Get Into London Theatre is returning with booking now open for a wide choice of musicals, plays, dance and entertainment, with tickets priced from £10. With more than forty shows available there is something for everyone. Contact Alison Duguid on 020 7557 6727 / [alison@sciltma.co.uk](mailto:alison@sciltma.co.uk)

### **The Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra, West Side Story**

Royal Albert Hall, 22 - 24 June 2012

To celebrate fifty years since West Side Story's release, the film returns to the big screen in high definition. Experience this classic romantic tragedy dramatically brought to life on stage by The Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra conducted by Jayce Ogren. Contact Ben on 020 7494 3665 / [ben@thecornershoppr.com](mailto:ben@thecornershoppr.com)

### **Barbican Hall Upcoming Shows and Collaborations**

Barbican Hall / Village Underground, 22 June - 05 July 2012

The Barbican Hall has announced four exciting new shows as part of its contemporary music summer season. The events are as follows: Sun Araw & M. Geddes Gengras meet The Congos, Van Dyke parks with Briten Sinfonia and special guests Robin Pecknold and Daniel Rossen, Paul Heaton's The 8th and Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch: World Cities 2012. Contact 020 7382 6196 / [naomi.burgoyne@barbican.org.uk](mailto:naomi.burgoyne@barbican.org.uk)

### **City of London Festival 50th Anniversary**

Various locations, 24 June - 27 July 2012

City of London Festival, is celebrating 50 years in dramatic fashion with over 100 performances over 34 days in over 55 spectacular London venues. The Festival's theme, City of London - Trading Places with the World will be brought to life in the City's most iconic and historical spaces. Each event and performance acts as a new instalment in the story of the City taking the audience on journey that connects back to London's heart. Contact 020 7221 7883 / [maxim.bendall@kallaway.com](mailto:maxim.bendall@kallaway.com)

### **River Tour Service**

Westminster to Greenwich pier, 27 July - 09 September 2012

City Cruises has been working with the Olympic Delivery Authority to deliver a river cruise to the Equestrian events held at Greenwich Park. London 2012 spectators travelling with City Cruises downstream to Greenwich Pier can choose to embark at Westminster, London Eye (Waterloo) or Tower piers. Contact Sara Tauxe on 020 8395 5615 / [info@azurepr.co.uk](mailto:info@azurepr.co.uk)

### **The Retreat - City Festival**

The Brewery, 27 July - 12 August 2012

Ticket holders to these events can enjoy six exclusive areas - including a private outdoor park, fully transferable membership, an unlimited section of fine food and drinks, vintage cinema and large screens for Olympic viewing and late night DJ performances in the club. Contact 084 5143 1448 / [adam.pollington@thebrewery.co.uk@createsend1.com](mailto:adam.pollington@thebrewery.co.uk@createsend1.com)

### **Antony's Meltdown**

Southbank Centre, 01 - 12 August 2012

Audiences get the chance to encounter the musicians, performers and thinkers who have helped shape the life and art of Antony, lead singer with Mercury Award-winning Antony and the Johnsons. Antony's Meltdown is part of Southbank Centre's Festival of the World. Contact 020 7921 0676 / [miles.evans@southbankcentre.co.uk](mailto:miles.evans@southbankcentre.co.uk)

### **Theatre Kids Week**

Various theatres, 01 - 31 August 2012

Kids Week is introducing young people to live theatre. During Kids Week a child 16 and under can go free to any participating show when accompanied by an adult paying full price. Shows include The

Wizard of Oz, Shrek the Musical, Horrible Histories: Barmy Britain and The Tiger Who Came to Tea. Kids Week also offers a fantastic range of free activities, workshops and events. Contact Phil Hooks on 020 7557 6729 / visit [www.kidsweek.co.uk](http://www.kidsweek.co.uk)

## Shopping

### The Big British Bang in Store Entertainment

Selfridges, various weeks during the Olympic and Paralympic Games  
Selfridges will bring together under one roof (and across its four stores) some of the walking and talking symbols of British culture. Pearly Kings and Queens, Morris dancers and other colourful characters will all be mixing with customers as they go about their shopping, sharing with them stories about their eccentric lives lived in their relevant part of British history. Contact Bruno Barba on 020 7318 3204 / [bruno.barba@selfridges.co.uk](mailto:bruno.barba@selfridges.co.uk)

### Man about Regent Street

Regent Street, June 2012  
London W1 welcomes an exciting portfolio of brand new menswear shops located on Brewer Street bringing the total number of menswear focused stores in Regent Street to over fifty. Brands which constitute the line-up include heritage labels Wolsey and Woolrich. Burberry is also set to open and Superdry has recently opened its largest store in the world and will soon be joined by label Hollister. Contact Lucia Ruz on 020 7287 9601 / [lucia.ruz@sisteris.com](mailto:lucia.ruz@sisteris.com)

### Visit Stratford App

June 2012  
Putting itself on the digital map, Stratford in the East End of London is launching a free app highlighting the vast array of things to do during the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Created by Stratford Renaissance Partnership and the London Borough of Newham in collaboration with London & Partners, the 'Visit Stratford' app is a 'must see' guide to this remodelled part of the city. The Visit Stratford app is free to download for both iPhone and Android users from Monday 14th May 2012. Download directly from the Apple App Store and Google Play or alternatively from [www.stratfordlondonapp.com](http://www.stratfordlondonapp.com). Contact 020 8555 7065 / [jamie.hodge@srpstratford.com](mailto:jamie.hodge@srpstratford.com)

## Hotels

### Bukhara Brought to London

Sheraton Park Tower, Knightsbridge, 17 May - 01 June 2012  
Last chance to experience India's most coveted culinary restaurant; brought to London for the very first time. Open for only two weeks, acclaimed ITC Hotels corporate chef Manjit Gill will introduce guests, residents and the local community to signature dishes such as Sikandari Raan, Murgh Malai Kebab and the not-to-be-missed Dal Bukhara. Contact Louise Ferrall on 020 7349 7059 / [itc@verypcc.com](mailto:itc@verypcc.com)

### Summer of Love

Generator Hostel London, 08 June - 08 July 2012  
Generator Hostel London will transform its social spaces into a pop up park with grass, deck chairs and sun loungers. City sightseers can enjoy a homemade smoothie on the inside green of Generator Hostel London, while relaxing from the hustle and bustle of the day's activities. In addition, the famous Generator Bar will be transformed into an International Sports Bar during the summer. Contact 020 7380 3582 / [ilka.salzmann@generatorhostels.com](mailto:ilka.salzmann@generatorhostels.com)

### ME London Hotel Opens

ME Hotel Aldwych, July 2012  
High-end experience-based personality hotels, ME has announced the opening of their flagship hotel - ME London - situated in Aldwych, the heart of the city. ME is a new concept for hotels which has taken the belief that each hotel should respond to the cultural landscape of the city with which it engages. Design, international cuisine, the latest technology and cutting edge music all have an important role to play. Contact 020 7631 1000 / [jo.berry@luchfordapm.com](mailto:jo.berry@luchfordapm.com)

### Safestay

Elephant & Castle, July 2012  
Setting a new benchmark in safe, stylish and affordable accommodation in London, Safestay will open its first in a line of new contemporary hostels. With prices starting at £18 a night, the 74 room, 407-bed hostel will be based at John Smith House, close to Elephant & Castle underground station and many of Central London's tourist attractions. Contact Charlotte Fraser on 079 3037 0175 / [info@pilot-pr.com](mailto:info@pilot-pr.com)

## A Taste of Noma

Claridge's, Mayfair, July 2012

René Redzepi, head chef of Noma in Copenhagen (twice voted best restaurant in the world), joins forces with the Mayfair hotel this summer. For 10 days, Redzepi will be creating a five course menu at Claridge's which will reflect his signature flavours and dishes from Noma, using local, seasonal British ingredients. Contact Simon Neggers on 075 9596 3172 / [sneggers@claridges.co.uk](mailto:sneggers@claridges.co.uk)

## Camping at the Games

Various locations, July - August

Temporary tent only campsites have been set up at community sports grounds in London to offer accommodation with free parking less than 30 minutes from Olympic Venues from £10 per adult and £5 per child. Contact 012 5227 9123 or [katie@campingninja.com](mailto:katie@campingninja.com)

## World Food Marathon

Andaz, Liverpool Street, 02 - 27 July 2012

In anticipation of the upcoming 2012 London Olympics, Andaz Liverpool Street Hotel will be hosting a World Food Marathon. The hotel's resident chefs will be offering a daily dish, each one representing a different country and capturing the spirit of the Games. With over 40 nationalities making up the Andaz team, the hotel employees came together to share their heritage through food, working closely with the chefs to create quintessentially local dishes. Contact 020 7618 5061 / [fiona.pouchard@andaz.com](mailto:fiona.pouchard@andaz.com)

## Sporting Tipples

Park Plaza Hotels, 23 July - 09 September 2012

This summer, to celebrate the once-in-a-lifetime sporting occasion; Park Plaza Hotels & Resorts has unveiled five themed cocktails and 'mocktails' including; Bolt Out Of The Blue (a powerful long cocktail with a Caribbean burst), the Finishing Line (a summery short with lots of flare and panache) and many more. Cocktails from £7.95. Contact 020 7953 8780 / [tryphena.greenwood@rooster.co.uk](mailto:tryphena.greenwood@rooster.co.uk)

## London Room Sale

Travelodge, 26 July - 09 September 2012

The biggest hotelier in London will offer 25,000 rooms priced from £55 - £95 in 53 hotels across the capital in time for the 2012 Olympic Games. Locations include: Stratford, City Airport, Docklands, Tower Bridge, and Greenwich. Contact Emma Arthurs on 018 4435 8703 / [emma.arthurs@travelodge.co.uk](mailto:emma.arthurs@travelodge.co.uk)

## The Met Loves the Games

The Metropolitan Hotel, 27 July - 09 September 2012

Enjoy watching all the action Met-style in one of our private event spaces or sought after 10th floor suites with unique views of Hyde Park and the London skyline. The Met's package includes private room hire, private butler service, a cocktail, wine, upon arrival, a Charcuterie and Farmhouse cheese board and post event exclusive access to the Met Bar. Contact 020 7447 1014 / [katie.sainsbury@como.bz](mailto:katie.sainsbury@como.bz)



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