

What's New September 2012

The celebratory spirit of the Olympic and Paralympic Games is set to continue in London throughout September with a host of new exhibitions, events and entertainment on offer.

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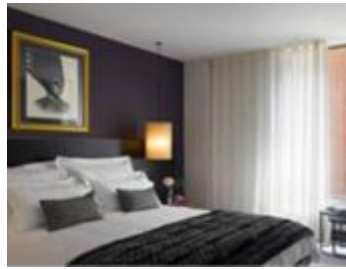
'Let It Be' opens its doors



Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the world's most successful rock'n'roll band, The Beatles.

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The new, South Place Hotel



South Place is a new 80-bedroom, design-focused hotel from D&D, the group behind some of London's best restaurants. [Read more...](#)

London Design Festival



September marks the 10th anniversary of London Design Festival, celebrating quality, imagination and innovation in design. [Read more...](#)

Attractions

St. James Theatre, London's newest theatre, opens

St. James Theatre, September 2012

St. James Theatre, the first newly built theatre complex in central London in 30 years, will open to the public in September 2012. Rising from the site of the former Westminster Theatre at 12 Palace Street, in the heart of Victoria, the space will include a 312 seat theatre, a studio space, brasserie and bar. David Gilmore, Artistic Director, and James Albrecht, Assistant Artistic Director, will produce a varied programme to include musicals, comedies and classic revivals as well as offering a London venue to touring and regional productions. For more information visit www.stjamestheatre.co.uk or contact kasey@thecornershoppr.com

Royal Albert Hall Afternoon Tea Tour

Royal Albert Hall, 07 and 21 September 2012

What could be more English than full afternoon tea served in the sumptuous surroundings of one of the Royal Albert Hall's rooms overlooking the Albert Memorial and Kensington Gardens? For selected dates only, the Hall is offering the chance to enhance the Front of House tour with this quintessentially English experience. An engaging and informative guide takes visitors on a personal journey through this iconic building, bringing to life its fascinating history and sharing some of its secrets followed by afternoon tea. For more information visit www.royalalberthall.com / or contact ellenm@royalalberthall.com / 020 7959 0500 ext. 3004

The Household Cavalry Museum re-opens

The Household Cavalry Museum, 07 September 2012

The Household Cavalry Museum is re-opening on 7 September 2012. The London attraction has been

temporarily closed since 18 June 2012 to accommodate the Olympic Games Beach Volley Ball Competition which is being held outside the museum on Horse Guards Parade. The museum is rapidly acquiring a well-deserved place amongst London's must see attractions. Unlike any other military attraction it offers a rare opportunity to take a 'behind-the-scenes' look at the ceremonial and operational role of the Household Cavalry. Through a large glass screen visitors can view troopers attending to their horses in the working stables of The Queen's Life Guard. Other attractions on offer include a dazzling display of uniforms, weapons, horse furniture and rare highly prized artefacts. For more information visit www.householdcavalrymuseum.co.uk or contact hswilliamson@aol.com / 01483 415890

Events

E17 Art Trail

Walthamstow, 01 – 16 September 2012

Art in all its forms will be popping up all over Walthamstow from 1 -16 September 2012. Step inside neighbours' houses, enjoy art on shop walls, hanging from trees, in estate agents' windows, in galleries and gardens, on pavements and in pubs. Almost 3,000 people have contributed to this year's programme of over 350 event listings to surprise, entertain and amaze residents and visitors to Walthamstow in the eighth annual E17 Art Trail. The full programme will also be available online from 4 August, visit www.e17arttrail.co.uk or contact penny@artillery.org.uk / 07714 538358

Mayor of London's Thames Festival

River Thames, 08 & 09 September 2012

The Thames Festival marks the closing weekend of the London 2012 Games and the city's final celebration of an amazing year for London. The Mayor's Thames Festival is one of Europe's most spectacular free festivals celebrating the rich cultural diversity of London with music, dance, interactive art, performances, river races and an illuminated night carnival and river firework finale. The Festival's iconic illuminated Night Carnival takes place on the Sunday evening and brings together over 2,000 dancers, drummers and masqueraders along London's Victoria Embankment. For more information visit www.thamesfestival.org / or contact 07946278480 / s.kidby@thamesfestival.org

Carnaby Style Night with GQ

Carnaby Street, 13 September 2012

Shoppers are invited to the exclusive Carnaby Style Night to enjoy 20% discount in over 100 shops, restaurants and bars in the capital's coolest shopping destination, along with live music, complimentary drinks and free activities. GQ will be hosting their first ever pop up shop on Carnaby Street where you can meet the GQ fashion team and get style tips from the experts. Take a look at the fashion picks of the season, selected from Carnaby stores by the GQ team. GQ associate editor Robert Johnston will be hosting 10-minute trend talks every hour. There will also be a micro Monkey Shoulder bar for shoppers to enjoy a VIP one on one session with their in-house mixologist. For more information visit www.carnaby.co.uk or contact sarah.mole@sisteris.com / 020 7287 9601

London Design Festival - 10th anniversary

London, 14 – 23 September 2012

September 2012 sees the London Design Festival, one of the most important events on the global design calendar, mark its 10th anniversary. This year, when the global spotlight is firmly on London, the Festival will present a programme that will more than equal the quality, imagination and innovation that it has demonstrated for the last decade. London Design Festival is launching the inaugural Global Design Forum (18 September) at Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design. The Forum will be a stimulating and intensive one-day event to set the global agenda for design. Townhouse is another new feature of this year's festival – located in a Georgian house in Belgravia, Townhouse will see a rich diversity of contemporary design curated by Jan Withers. Other key London Design Festival locations include: Trafalgar Square, Victoria & Albert Museum as well as up to 250 smaller exhibitions, installations, talks and events. www.londondesignfestival.com / or contact 020 7420 1700 / ldfteam@camronpr.com

Barbican presents Transcender Festival in September

The Barbican, 17 September 2012

The Barbican's contemporary music autumn season begins in September with the acclaimed Transcender Festival, a series of concerts that offers a look at transcendental, devotional, spiritual, hypnotic and psychedelic music. It explores music designed to transport the listener, to conjure trances or summon states of ecstasy. This year's festival includes artists from Iran, United States, Iraq and Armenia, and features a rare collaboration between Iranian maestro Hossein Alizadeh and one of Armenia's greatest musicians, Djivan Gasparyan, a celebration of Iraqi music, the Sun Ra Arkestra led by Marshall Allen and a hypnotic multimedia collaboration featuring Oneohtrix Point

Never, Reliquary House at LSO St Luke's. For more information visit www.barbican.org.uk/transcender or contact 0207 382 7169 / ann.berni@barbican.org.uk

The Great Gorilla Run

Around London, 22 September 2012

Join London's best all-costume charity fun run – 1,000 people, all dressed as gorillas and going ape for a day. Since the first Great Gorilla Run in 2003, thousands of people have donned their gorilla suits and run, jogged or walked the 7km City and Bankside fun run route that takes in sights such as Tower Bridge and The Tate Modern. For more information visit www.greatgorillarun.org or contact 0207 916 4974

Be Open Sound Portal, London Design Festival 2012

Trafalgar Square project, 19 - 23 September 2012

This year, Be Open, the new global initiative to foster creativity and innovation, and the London Design Festival are co-producing a project in Trafalgar Square that focuses on the idea of 'design you can't see'. Taking as its basis the idea of sound as a means of conveying memory and evoking emotion, the Be Open Sound Portal will be an immersive space in the centre of the square that will take visitors on an intriguing journey. The Portal will transport visitors to inaccessible places and remote environments through a series of three-dimensional soundscapes created by leading musicians and sound designers. For more information visit www.beopenfuture.com or contact tanianudelman@beopenfuture.com

LAPADA Art & Antiques Fair Berkeley Square

Berkeley Square, 19 – 23 September 2012

The LAPADA Art & Antiques Fair Berkeley Square has quickly earned its reputation as one of the UK's most important art and antiques fairs. The fourth annual edition, from 19 to 23 September 2012 in the heart of Mayfair, takes place during London's busy design season and is the first major antiques fair of the Autumn. The six-day event attracts some 15,000 local and international visitors, connoisseurs of fine art and design. Around 95 of the UK's top art and antiques dealers, alongside a select few European specialists, exhibit for sale sophisticated and stylish works of art from the ancient to the contemporary. For more information visit www.lapadalondon.com or contact pr@pipparoberts.com / 01707 262 089

Countryside Live – Family Weekend

WaterWorks, Lee Valley Regional Park, E10, 29 – 30 September 2012

Countryside Live takes place at the WaterWorks, part of the 10,000 acre, 26-mile long Lee Valley Regional Park, which offers a unique combination of riverside trails, country parks, nature reserves and urban oases which are free and open to the public 365 days of the year. This family friendly country fair is a fantastic day out and a unique opportunity to experience and discover the countryside through hands on activities, demonstrations, live shows and arena events and all in the shadow of Olympic Park, right in the heart of east London. With over 40 different exhibitors, experience traditional country pursuits including willow weaving, corn dolly making and woodturning. For more information contact MRosenberg@leevalleypark.org.uk / 01992 709 830

Hotels

South Place

City of London, September 2012

South Place is an 80-bedroom, design-focused property, due to open in September 2012. The hotel's rooftop terrace will offer 7th-floor views of the City of London. South Place aims to bring something different to the hotel scene in London. Combining the buzz of D&D London's restaurants, Conran-designed interiors and specially commissioned work by contemporary London artists, South Place looks set to be 'more meet than sleep' than most London hotels. Handy for Liverpool Street commuters will be the two restaurants, including a brasserie on the ground floor, plus bars from hotel owner the D&D London group, which owns restaurants including London's Bluebird and Coq d'Argent. www.southplacehotel.com for more information contact holly@bacchus-pr.com / (0)20 8968 0202

Entertainment, theatre and film

James Cousins, New Adventures Choreographer Award showcase

Sadler's Wells, 07 September 2012

Selected from hundreds, James Cousins is the winner of the inaugural New Adventures Choreographer Award (NACA). The evening features three world premieres. Cousins' There We Have Been is a duet which takes inspiration from the climax of the 1957 novel, Jealousy by Alain Robbe-Grillet and Everything and Nothing is a dynamic collaboration between James Cousins,

lighting designer Lee Curran and set designer Colin Falconer. The piece is performed to an original score fusing electronic and classical sound worlds by composer Seymour Milton. For more information visit www.sadlerswells.com or contact 020 7637 8866 / simon@rawpr.co.uk

Roald Dahl Day with Michael Rosen

Cottesloe BS, National Theatre, 08 September 2012

A morning of brilliant stories about Roald Dahl, celebrating his birthday and a new book about him, Fantastic Mr Dahl, written by the former Children's Laureate and poet Michael Rosen. For more information visit www.nationaltheatre.org.uk or contact lmorrison@nationaltheatre.org.uk / 020 7452 3232

The Bartered Bride/ A Night at the Chinese Opera

British Youth Opera, Sadler's Wells Peacock Theatre, 08 – 15 September 2012

British Youth Opera celebrates its 25th anniversary with two new productions in association with Southbank Sinfonia. Smetana's comic masterpiece, inspired by folk tales from his native Bohemia, tells of The Bartered Bride whose arranged marriage is thwarted by her true love's cunning. A Night at the Chinese Opera is a colourful depiction of China in the time of Kublai Khan, Marco Polo and the 'Orphan of Zhao', whose tragic tale of military invasion and personal vendetta is mirrored by Judith Weir's theatrically turbo-charged comic-opera-within-an-opera. For more information visit www.byo.org.uk or contact 020 7815 6090 or santesm@lsbu.ac.uk

Let It Be marks The Beatles 50th anniversary

Prince Of Wales Theatre, from 14 September 2012

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the world's most successful rock'n'roll band, live in London's West End. Let It Be is a spectacular theatrical concert jam-packed with over 20 of The Beatles' greatest hits. Relive The Beatles' meteoric rise from their humble beginnings in Liverpool's Cavern Club, through the heights of Beatlemania, to their later studio masterpieces with live performances of early tracks including Twist and Shout, She Loves You and All My Lovin', as well as global mega-hits Yesterday, Hey Jude, Come Together and, of course, Let It Be. For more information visit www.letitbelondon.com or contact stephen@thecornershoppr.com / 020 7831 7657

San Francisco Ballet, Three Mixed Bills

Sadler's Wells, 14 - Sunday 23 September 2012

San Francisco Ballet has a worldwide reputation for its vast and rich repertory, performed by some of the finest ballet dancers today. This autumn, the company arrives in London to present three programmes over two weeks, performing some of its most popular works of recent years. For more information visit www.sadlerswells.com or contact debra@henrymoorestudio.co.uk / 020 7483 1950

Private Peaceful

Theatre Royal Haymarket, 18 – 29 September 2012

Michael Morpurgo's Private Peaceful plays for a strictly limited 16 performances at the Theatre Royal Haymarket from 18 September 2012. Directed and adapted for the stage by Simon Reade, Private Peaceful, Private Tommo Peaceful is a young First World War soldier awaiting the firing squad at dawn. During the night he looks back at his short but joyful past growing up in rural Devon; and the battles and injustices of war that brought him to the front line. For more information visit www.trh.co.uk or contact 020 7292 8330 / janine.shalom@premierpr.com

The Tiger Lillies perform Hamlet

Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre, 18 – 21 September 2012

Eccentric three piece band The Tiger Lillies come to Southbank Centre with the UK premiere of their new show, The Tiger Lillies perform Hamlet. Co-produced by Southbank Centre and Danish theatre company Republique, the show combines new music, circus acts, giant puppets and video projections to give a macabre twist to Shakespeare's classic tale of the Danish prince. For more information visit www.southbankcentre.co.uk or contact 020 7921 0917 / Lara.Delaney@southbankcentre.co.uk

ZooNation Dance Company

Peacock Theatre, Sadler's Wells, 20 September – 13 October 2012

Following in the footsteps of the company's 2006 smash hit Into the Hoods, Some Like It Hip Hop unites sensational dancing with a clever and engrossing storyline. The show returns to the Peacock Theatre for a limited run ahead of its first UK tour, having been nominated for multiple awards including two Olivier Awards and a South Bank Sky Arts Award. With a nod to Billy Wilder's film and Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, it tells a comical tale of love, mistaken identity, cross-dressing and revolution; all played out in ZooNation's trademark style of hip hop, comedy and physical theatre. For more information visit www.sadlerswells.com or contact 020 7863 8125 / caroline.ansdell@sadlerswells.com

This House

Cottesloe Theatre, National Theatre, 25 September – 1 December 2012

This House, a new play by James Graham, will open at the Cottesloe Theatre on 25 September. Directed by Jeremy Herrin, the cast includes Phil Daniels, Philip Glenister and Julian Wadham. The drama is set in 1974; the UK faces economic crisis and a hung parliament. In a culture hostile to cooperation, it's a period when votes are won or lost by one, when there are fist fights in the bars and when sick MPs are carried through the lobby to register their vote. It's a time when a staggering number of politicians die, and the building creaks under idiosyncrasies and arcane traditions. Set in the engine rooms of Westminster, This House strips politics down to the practical realities of those behind the scenes. For more information visit www.nationaltheatre.org.uk or contact 020 7452 3233 / mshippen@nationaltheatre.org.uk

Jazz Nights in the Cafe in the Crypt

St Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesdays through September 2012

Café in the Crypt St Martin-in-the-Fields plays host through September to some of the UK's top jazz musicians and singers. Get ready for jazz, swing, ska and rock and roll. Zena James' heartfelt, unpretentiousness and lustrous vocals giving a fresh interpretation to soul-laden jazz and Santi, a bright-toned and nimble trumpeter performing world-class improvisation. For more information visit www.smitf.org or contact julie.emig@smitf.org / 020 7766 1115.

Exhibitions

The English Flower Garden by Paul Cummins

Southbank Centre, 31 August – 09 September 2012

Around 15,000 hand-thrown ceramic flowers made by artist Paul Cummins creates a quintessentially English garden at Southbank Centre this month. Paul Cummins is gaining an international reputation for his delicate ceramic flowers that are individually crafted and Majolica glazed. Mounted on steel rods, they sway in the breeze and create eye-catching displays that mimic natural flowers. This beautiful, distinctive works is the culmination of a UK tour as part of the London 2012 Festival, three of which are in London. For more information visit www.southbankcentre.co.uk or contact press@southbankcentre.co.uk

Astronomy Photographer of the Year

Royal Observatory, Greenwich, September 2012 – 17 February 2013

The Royal Observatory's hugely popular Astronomy Photographer of the Year exhibition returns in September 2012 to celebrate the very best in astronomy photography from around the world. More details and previous winning images can be found at www.nmm.ac.uk/astrophoto or contact jstewart@nmm.ac.uk / 020 8312 6732

The 2012 Designers in Residence

Design Museum, 5 September 2012 – 27 January 2013

Celebrating new and emerging design talent, the Design Museum's annual 'Designers in Residence' 2012 programme opens in September. Now in its fifth year, the residency demonstrates the museum's commitment to showcasing the next generation of design talent. This year's residents will be Freya Sewell, Harry Trimble and Oscar Medley-Whitfield, Lawrence Lek and Yuri Suzuki. Finalists were asked to respond to the brief 'Thrift' and to explore the idea of economy and resourcefulness in an object, an environment or an experience. For more information visit www.designmuseum.org or contact Ashley@designmuseum.org / 020 7940 8787

The Tanks: Art in Action

Tate Modern, 11 – 16 September 2012

Haegue Yang's mobile sculptures, Dress Vehicles, will be displayed in The Tanks. The wheeled structures are formed from domestic clothes horses and blinds, animated with moving lights and projected images. The audience is invited to work with the sculptures to choreograph their own movements in the space, creating a relationship between viewer and object as they 'dance' together. Yang will also work with a number of performers to choreograph moving the sculptures. These performances will be staged at various times throughout the week-long installation. For more information visit www.tate.org.uk or contact pressoffice@tate.org.uk / 020 7887 8730

Pre-Raphaelites: Victorian Avant-Garde

Tate Britain, 12 September – 13 January 2013

Combining rebellion and revivalism, scientific precision and imaginative grandeur, the Pre-Raphaelites constitute Britain's first modern art movement. This exhibition will bring together over 150 works in different media, including painting, sculpture, photography and the applied arts, revealing the Pre-Raphaelites to be advanced in their approach to every genre. Led by Dante Gabriel Rossetti,

William Holman Hunt and John Everett Millais, the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood (PRB) rebelled against the art establishment of the mid-nineteenth century, taking inspiration from early Renaissance painting. For more information visit www.tate.org.uk or contact pressoffice@tate.org.uk / 020 7887 8730

Everything was moving: photography from the 60s and 70s

Barbican Art Gallery, 13 September 2012 – 13 January 2013

This major photography exhibition surveys the medium from an international perspective, and includes renowned photographers from across the globe, all working during two of the most memorable decades of the 20th Century. everything was moving: photography from the 60s and 70s tells a history of photography, through the photography of history. It brings together over 350 works, some rarely seen, others recently discovered and many shown in the UK for the first time. everything was moving opens at Barbican Art Gallery on 13 September 2012. For more information visit www.barbican.org.uk or contact press@barbican.org.uk / 020 7382 7321

Walking Home, Simon Armitage

British Library, 14 September

Part journal, part nature writing and part autobiography, Simon Armitage's heroic and sometimes hilarious travelogue Walking Home: Travels with a Troubadour on the Pennine Way combines prose and poetry as Armitage recounts his 256-mile epic walk along the Pennine Way. Contemplative, moving and droll, it is a unique narrative from one of our most loved writers. For more information visit www.bl.uk or contact press-and-pr@bl.uk

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