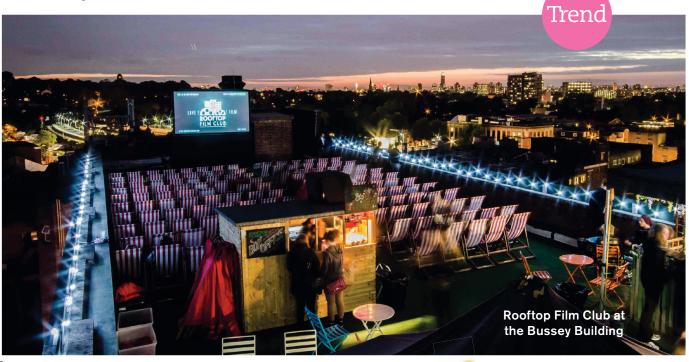


ENTERTAINMENT

By Jo Caird



Watch big-screen stars under starlight

Enjoy films in the open air this summertime. Nomad Cinema is a roving pop-up operation presenting classic films at unusual outdoor locations across London. This month, Bloomsbury's Coram Secret Garden provides the backdrop for Hairspray (13 Aug), followed by Queen's Park for Jurassic Park (16 Aug), Bushey Park for Labyrinth (22 Aug) and Fulham Palace for *Dirty Dancing* (28 Aug). You can bring a picnic or buy food and drinks on site (whereisthenomad.com).

For another outdoor cinema experience, the 18th-century neoclassical courtyard at Somerset House is home to Film4 Summer Screen, which is returning for its 10th birthday with an exciting programme of

classic, cult and contemporary films (7-20 Aug; p. 77). This year kicks off with the UK premiere of French drama Two Days, One Night (7 Aug), while a host of familiar favourites range from E.T. (19 Aug) to François Truffaut's first feature film, The 400 Blows (18 Aug).

Catching the moonbeams elsewhere, you'll find the Rooftop Film Club at the Queen of Hoxton in Shoreditch, The Roof Gardens in Kensington and the Bussey Building (above) in Peckham Rye. Audiences, equipped with wireless headphones, can watch movies as they gaze at London's twinkling skyline. The full programme is about to be announced, so visit rooftopfilmclub.com.



Get ready for scares on screen

If there's one film event in London that will tempt you indoors this summer, it's got to be Film4 FrightFest (21-25 Aug; p. 77). This annual horror-fantasy festival now takes over the enormous Vue West End cinema in Leicester Square for the first time. Expect a lot more screens, better seats, scores of truly scary screenings, premieres and other extraspecial events.

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In rep: In repertoire – so the days or times

of performances might alternate.

Transport symbols: see Contents (p. 5) for key.

MUSICALS & PERFORMANCE BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL

THE BODYGUARD

THE BOOK OF MORMON

This satire, about two hapless missionaries, is from the writers of TV's South Park. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £37.50-£150. Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1D 6AS. 0844 482 5110. bookofmormon london.com. ← Leicester Square. Key 38.

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

FAMILY Roald Dahl's tale of an ordinary boy and an extraordinary confectioner. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £25-£94. Theatre Royal Drury Lane, Catherine Street, WC2B 5JF. 0844 858 8877. charlieandthechocolatefactory. com. • Covent Garden. Key 45.

THE COMMITMENTS

Based on the film and book, an Irish music fan forms a soul band with amateurs. Tues-Sun 7.30pm; Sat & Sun 3pm. Tickets £10-£85. Palace Theatre, 109 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 5AY. 0844 412 4656. thecommitments london.com.

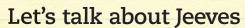
◆ Leicester Square. Key 33.

DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS

JERSEY BOYS

The Olivier Award-winning story of US pop stars Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Tues-Sat 7.30pm; Tues & Sat 3pm; Sun 5pm. Tickets £22.50-£85. Piccadilly Theatre, 16 Denman Street, W1D 7DY. 0844 871 7630. jerseyboys london.com. ← Piccadilly Circus. Key 35.

DISNEY'S THE LION KING



'There are boring bits in every play,' says the lovable but clueless Bertie Wooster to his unflappable valet, Jeeves. Fortunately, in this instance, our hero is incorrect: there are no boring moments in Jeeves & Wooster in Perfect Nonsense (p. 73). Adapted from the novels of the great English writer PG Wodehouse, this clever three-man farce tells of Bertie's attempts to steal a piece of silverware for his ferocious Aunt Dahlia, save his friend Gussie's relationship and avoid the

The premise, that Jeeves, Bertie and his aunt's butler are themselves putting on a play, provides plenty of opportunities for theatrical devices, and a chance for Jeeves to shine.

ire of amateur fascist dictator Roderick Spode.



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THE GERSHWINS' PORGY AND BESS

LAST CHANCE To 23 Aug: The Gershwins' musical masterpiece featuring the hit song Summertime. Tickets £25-£55. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thurs & Sat 2.15pm. Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NWI 4NU. 0844 826 4242.

LET IT BE

To 20 Sep: Hit show celebrating the music of The Beatles, featuring their hit songs. Mon & Wed-Sat 7.30pm; Sat 3pm; Sun 3.30pm & 7pm. Tickets £15-£65. Garrick Theatre, 2 Charing Cross Road, WC2H 0HH. 0844 412 4662. letitbelondon.com.

← Leicester Square. Map B2.

MAMMA MIA!

A tribute to the music of ABBA, with a feelgood story set on a Greek island. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thurs & Sat 3pm. Tickets £15-£67.50. Novello Theatre, Aldwych, WC2B 4LD. 0844 482 5115. mamma-mia.com. Covent Garden. Key 30.

MATILDA THE MUSICAL

FAMILY Roald Dahl's comic tale about a girl with magic powers (p. 78). Tues 7pm; Wed-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm; Sun 3pm. Tickets £20-£85. Cambridge Theatre, Seven Dials, WC2H 9HU. 0844 412 4652. matildathemusical.com. Ovent Garden. Key 8.

LES MISÉRABLES

Long-running musical, set in post-Revolutionary France. Mon-Sat 7.30pm;

Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £10-£94. Queen's Theatre, 51 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 6BA. 0844 482 5160. lesmis.com/uk. ← Piccadilly Circus. Key 39.

MISS SAIGON

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A new version of the popular love story, which is loosely based on the opera Madame Butterfly and set during the Vietnam War. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £20-£67.50. Prince Edward Theatre, 28 Old Compton Street, W1D 4HS. 0844 482 5151. miss-saigon.com. Leicester Square. Key 37.

ONCE

Romance blooms between a busker and a single mother in this award-winning musical. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 3pm. Tickets £19.50-£95. Phoenix Theatre, 110 Charing Cross Road, WC2H 0JP. 0844 871 7629. oncemusical.

THE PAJAMA GAME

To 13 Sep: Based on Doris Day's film. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 3pm. Tickets £18-£85. Shaftesbury Theatre, 210 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2H 8DP. 0844 871 7627. shaftesbury-

THE PHANTOM **OF THE OPERA**

A mysterious masked man haunts the Paris Opera House in this gothic romance. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £21-£95. Her Majesty's Theatre, 57 Haymarket, SW1Y 4QL. 0844 412 2707/0161 385 1138. thephantomoftheopera.com. Piccadilly Circus. Key 19.

STOMP

A multi award-winning fusion of theatre, dance, comedy and percussion. Performers improvise with everyday items, including dustbin lids and lighters. Mon & Fri 8pm; Thurs & Sat 3pm & 8pm; Sun 3pm & 6pm. Tickets £26-£52.50. Ambassadors Theatre, West Street, WC2H 9ND. 0844 811 2334. stomplondon.com. Leicester Square. Key 2.



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Get bargain tickets from the TKTS booth at The Clocktower in Leicester Square (pictured above. Map C5. tkts.co.uk).

For assisted performances and more, you can order the free Access London Theatre brochure from the Society of London Theatre on 020 7557 6700 (solt.co.uk).

THRILLER LIVE

Non-stop hits and razor-sharp choreography celebrate the music of Michael Jackson and the Jackson 5. Songs include Billie Jean. Tues, Fri & Sun 7.30pm; Sat 4pm & 8pm; Sun 3.30pm. Tickets £26.50-£84. Lyric, 29 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 7ES. 0844 482 9674. thriller live.com. ← Piccadilly Circus. Key 25.

WICKED THE MUSICAL

This multi award-winning show tells the back story of the witches from The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm.



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Tickets £15-£95. Apollo Victoria Theatre, 17 Wilton Road, SW1V 1LG, 0844 826 8000.

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1984

LAST CHANCE To 23 Aug: Compelling adaptation of George Orwell's dystopian novel. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £10-£52. Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Avenue, WC2N 5DE. 020 7359 4404. 1984

THE 39 STEPS

Comic version of the 1935 Alfred Hitchcock film where a man is pursued by secret agents. Mon-Sat 8pm; Wed 3pm; Sat 4pm. Tickets £15-£65. Criterion Theatre, 218-223 Piccadilly Circus, SW1Y 4XA. 0844 847 1778. love39 steps.com. OP Piccadilly Circus. Key 10.

ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA

LAST CHANCE To 24 Aug: One of the world's classic love stories. Check for performance times. Tickets £5 (standing)-£38. Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT. 020 7401 9919. shakespearesglobe.com. \varTheta 苯 ≔ Blackfriars. Map C8.



Experience special events

As well as touring Shakespeare's Globe Theatre's (p. 36) new indoor Jacobean theatre, the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse (above), this month visitors can attend one of a series of Summer by Candlelight special events there.

Among them, check out Thomas Tallis (to 10 Aug), a commissioned choral work about the Tudor composer, or Antony and Cleopatra (31 Aug), when the main house show is temporarily relocated to this atmospheric alternative indoor setting.

BAKERSFIELD MIST

LAST CHANCE To 30 Aug: Kathleen Turner plays a waitress who thinks she has picked up an original Jackson Pollock artwork at a junk sale. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 3pm. Tickets £27-£87. The Duchess Theatre, 3-5 Catherine Street, WC2B 5LA. 0844 482 9672. duchess theatre.co.uk. Covent Garden. Key 13.

BRING UP THE BODIES

To 6 Sep: The Royal Shakespeare Company's adaptation of the historical novel about Thomas Cromwell. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2pm. Tickets £10-£59. Aldwych Theatre, 49 Aldwych, WC2B 4DF. 0844 453 9025. rsc.org.uk. Ovent Garden. Key 28.

THE CRUCIBLE

To 13 Sep: Richard Armitage stars in an adaptation of Arthur Miller's drama. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £10-£55. Old Vic, The Cut, SE1 8NB. 0844 871 7628.

THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME

Award-winning adaptation of the novel about a boy with Asperger's syndrome who investigates the killing of a dog. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£85. Gielgud Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 6AR. 020 7452 3000. curiousonstage.com. → Piccadilly Circus. Key 17.

EPSTEIN: THE MAN WHO MADE THE BEATLES

To 6 Sep: Play about the music manager. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs 3pm; Sat 4pm. Tickets £25-£42.50. Leicester Square Theatre, 6 Leicester Place, WC2H 7BX. 0844 873 3433. leicester squaretheatre.com. • Leicester Square. Map C5.

GHOST STORIES

LAST CHANCE To 17 Aug: Scary theatre experience. Tues-Sat 8pm; Sat 5pm; Sun 4pm & 7pm. Tickets £20-£55. Arts Theatre, 6-7 Great Newport Street, WC2H 7JB. 020 7836 8463. ghoststoriestheshow.co.uk. Leicester Square. Key 6.

HAMLET

NEW From 5 Aug: British actor Benedict Cumberbatch (Sherlock) stars in William Shakespeare's famous tragedy. Please check for performance times and prices. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2Y 8DS. 020 7638 8891. barbican.org.uk. → Barbican. Key 7.





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JEEVES & WOOSTER IN PERFECT NONSENSE

PG Wodehouse comedy (p. 66). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £20-£85. Duke of York Theatre, 104 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4BG. 0844 871 3051. jeevesand

JULIUS CAESAR

William Shakespeare's classic political drama. Tickets £5 (standing)-£38. Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT. 020 7401 9919. shakespearesglobe.com.

LET THE RIGHT ONE IN

To 27 Sep: Award-winning play based on the cult vampire movie. For ages 13+. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thur & Sat 3pm. Tickets £19.50-£82. Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 7ES. 0844 482 9671. apollotheatrelondon. co.uk. O Piccadilly Circus. Key 4.

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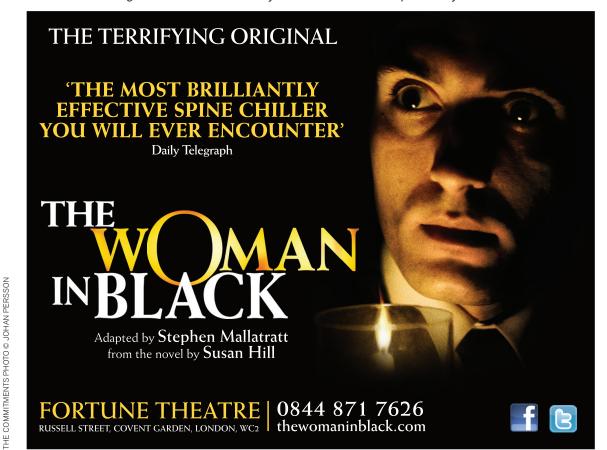
To 4 Sep: A powerful new version of Euripedes' tragedy. In rep. Tickets £15-£35. National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 9PX. 020 7452 3000.



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- 4. The Commitments, p. 66 (pictured above)

THE MOUSETRAP

A murderer strikes at a house party in Agatha Christie's long-running whodunnit. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Tues 3pm; Sat 4pm. Tickets £17.50-£65. St. Martin's Theatre, West Street, WC2H 9NZ. 0844 499 1515. the-mousetrap.co.uk. ← Leicester Square. Key 40.









THE NETHER

NOT I/FOOTFALLS/ROCKABY

19-30 Aug: Triple bill of monologues by Samuel Beckett, on a black stage with a single spotlight. 7.45pm. Tickets £19. Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX. 0844 545 8252. southbankcentre.co.uk.

★ Waterloo. Key 61.

RICHARD III

To 27 Sep: William Shakespeare's classic drama. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£69.50. 0844 871 7632. Trafalgar Studios, 14 Whitehall, SW1A 2DY. trafalgar transformed.com. ⊖ ≥ Charing Cross. Key 47.

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE

Adapted from the 1998 film about the Bard's (fictional) love affair. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £12.50-£87.50. Noël Coward Theatre, 85-88 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4BG. 0844 482 5141. shakespeareinlove.com.



Epic opera gets reimagined for families

Open-air amphitheatre The Scoop is the setting for a new abridged and family-friendly version of Wagner's epic *Ring Cycle* operas. *The Rhine Gold, The Valkyrie, Siegfried* and *Twilight of the Gods* have been adapted by the Gods and Monsters Theatre Company into a series of 45-minute 'theatrical adventures' minus their operatic scores. Part of the More London Free Festival, we're assured it's great fun and free to attend (6-31 Aug; p. 77).







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SKYLIGHT

LAST CHANCE To 23 Aug: Romantic drama with Bill Nighy. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£97.50. Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2H ODA. skylight westend.com. \ominus Leicester Square. Key 51.

A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE

To 6 Sep: Gillian Anderson (*The X-Files*) stars in Tennessee Williams' drama set in New Orleans. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £10-£35. *Young Vic*, 66 The Cut, SE1 8LZ. 020 7922 2922. *youngvic.org*. ⇔ Waterloo. Key 52.

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

N=W From 28 Aug: Adaptation of the Harper Lee novel (p. 18). Tickets £25-£55. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thurs & Sat 2.15pm. Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NWI 4NU. 0844 826 4242. openair theatre.com. ➡ Baker Street. Map A4.

WAR HORSE

WOLF HALL

THE WOMAN IN BLACK

Susan Hill's gothic ghost story. Tues-Sat 8pm; Tues & Thur 3pm; Sat 4pm. Tickets £17.50-£60. Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, WC2B 5HH. 0844 871 7626. thewomaninblack.com. → Covent Garden. Key 15.

DANCE

Phone ahead for times and prices.

LONDON COLISEUM

English National Ballet home. **6-9 Aug:** Solo for Two. With Natalia Osipova and Ivan Vasiliev. 33 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4ES. 020 7845 9300. eno.org. *⇔* ≈ Charing Cross. Key 54.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

The Royal Ballet's iconic home base.
1-14 Aug: Swan Lake by Mariinsky Ballet.
15-16 Aug: Cinderella by Mariinsky Ballet.
Bow Street, WC2E 9DD. 020 7304 4000.
roh.org.uk. ← Covent Garden. Key 57.

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FILM4 FRIGHTFEST

21-25 Aug: Annual five-day horrorfantasy extravaganza featuring films, premieres and other special events (p. 64). Vue West End, 3 Cranbourn Street, Leicester Square, WC2H 7AL. 020 8296 0555. frightfest.co.uk. ← Leicester Square. Map C5.

FILM4 SUMMER SCREEN

7-20 Aug: Watch a range of classic, cult and contemporary movies on London's largest outdoor screen (p. 64). Somerset House, Strand, WC2R 1LA. 020 7845 4600. somersethouse. org.uk. ➡ Temple. Map C6.

KIDS WEEK

1-31 Aug: The annual initiative offering free tickets to children under 16 (p. 11) now offers a whole month of discounts, as well as free special events. Among the shows involved are War Horse, Aliens Love Underpants, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Disney's The Lion King, Horrible Histories, Stomp, Billy Elliot the Musical, The Phantom of the Opera, Mamma Mia! and Matilda the Musical. 0844 248 5151. kidsweek.co.uk.

LONDON WONDERGROUND

To 28 Sep: Festival in a circus tent with cabaret, burlesque and circus acts (p. 12). Belvedere
Road, SE1 8XT. 020 7928 3232.

MORE LONDON FREE FESTIVAL

NEW 6-31 Aug: Adaptation of Wagner's *Ring Cycle* in 45-minute chunks (p. 75).

The Scoop at More London, SE1 2DB, 020 7403 4866

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