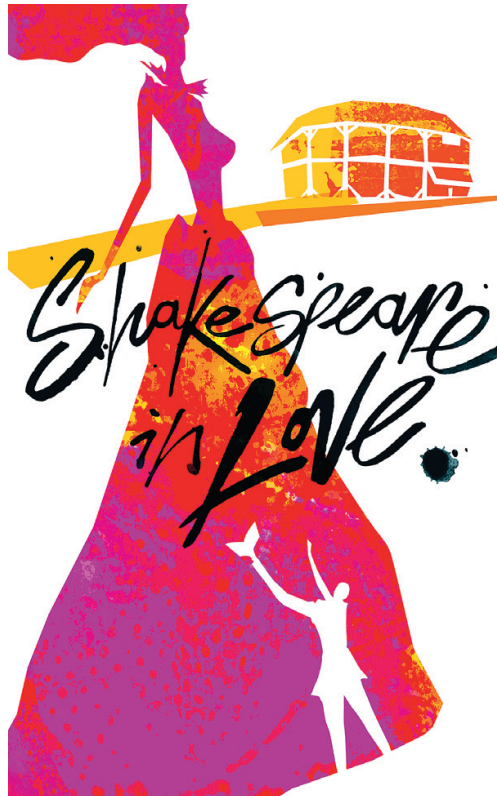


# ENTERTAINMENT

By Jo Caird



Clockwise from top: Martin Freeman will be appearing in *Richard III*; *Titus Andronicus*; and *Shakespeare in Love*

## Get caught in a Bard romance

Four hundred and fifty years ago this year, in Stratford-upon-Avon, a boy was born who would grow up to become the most influential and enduring cultural figure in the English-speaking world. His name was William Shakespeare and his 37 plays have been translated into every major living language.

As the city where the Bard spent his most prolific years, London is a great place to get to know him better, both through his plays and the exhibition at Shakespeare's Globe (p. 38), the 20th-century reproduction of the Elizabethan theatre where many of his works were first performed.

At the Noël Coward Theatre, catch a play *about* the Bard,

rather than by him. *Shakespeare in Love* is a stage version of the fictional 1998 film about the playwright's forbidden love for a noblewoman, who pretends to be a boy in order to perform on stage (from 2 Jul, p. 77).

You can catch a genuine Shakespearean love story at the Globe. *Antony and Cleopatra* (to 24 Aug, p. 72) is running in rep alongside the bloody tragedy *Titus Andronicus* (to 13 Jul, p. 77) and political drama *Julius Caesar* (to 11 Oct, p. 75).

If you'd like to see Shakespeare performed outdoors, the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park is staging *Twelfth Night* aimed at children aged six and over (to 12 Jul, p. 82). This abridged version of

a romance confused by a case of mistaken identity, features physical comedy and live music. Things take a darker turn at Trafalgar Studios, where Martin Freeman (*The Hobbit*) stars as the hunchbacked English king in *Richard III* (from 1 Jul, p. 77) in the first production of director Jamie Lloyd's brand-new season there.

Elsewhere, at a secret location in London's East End, the site-specific theatre company RIFT is presenting an immersive production of *Macbeth* that begins at 8pm and ends at 8am the next morning after a sleepover (p. 75). Audiences will be able to experience the action as if they are living through it.

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## KEY INFORMATION

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**Key:** refers to numbers on our Theatreland Map.

**Map:** refers to the grid on our Central London Map.

**TBC:** To Be Confirmed.

**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

A northern boy's father tries to quash his dream of becoming a ballet dancer. This Olivier Award-winning show has music by Sir Elton John. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £20.70-£68.70. *Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, SW1E 5EA.* 0844 811 0055. [billyelliottthemusical.com](http://billyelliottthemusical.com). Victoria. Key 49.

### THE BODYGUARD

British pop star Alexandra Burke (*Hallelujah*) plays a singer who finds love with her bodyguard. Based on the 1992 film, it features Whitney Houston hits. Tickets £20-£95. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 3pm. *Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2R 0NS.* 0844 579 0094. [thebodyguardmusical.com](http://thebodyguardmusical.com). Charing Cross. Key 1.

### THE BOOK OF MORMON

This controversial satire is from the writers of TV's *South Park*. It follows the exploits of two hapless missionaries from the Church of Latter Day Saints. Winner of four Olivier Awards, including *Best New Musical*. Mon-Sat 7.30pm;

Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £37.50-£150. *Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1D 6AS.* 0844 482 5110. [bookofmormonlondon.com](http://bookofmormonlondon.com). Leicester Square. Key 38.

### CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

**FAMILY** Musical version of Roald Dahl's tale of an ordinary boy and a 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](http://charlieandthechocolatefactory.com). Covent Garden. Key 45.

### THE COMMITMENTS

A foot-tapping musical based on Roddy Doyle's book and 1991 film, about an Irish music fan who creates a credible soul band from an unlikely bunch of amateurs. Tues-Sun 7.30pm; Sat & Sun 3pm. Tickets £10-£85. *Palace Theatre, 109 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 5AY.* 0844 412 4656. [thecommitmentslondon.com](http://thecommitmentslondon.com). Leicester Square. Key 33.

### DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS

The UK premiere of a musical about conmen, based on the 1988 Steve Martin comedy film, starring Olivier Award-winning actor Robert Lindsay and comic Rufus Hound. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 3pm. Tickets £24.50-£90. *Savoy Theatre, Savoy Court, Strand, WC2R 0ET.* 0844 871 3046. [scoundrelswestend.com](http://scoundrelswestend.com). Charing Cross. Key 41.

### JERSEY BOYS

The Olivier Award-winning story of US pop sensations Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, charting their meteoric rise. Tues-Sat 7.30pm;



## Beware of witch hunters

It was back in 2012 that South African playwright and director Yaël Farber wowed London audiences with her ground-breaking reimagining of the August Strindberg play *Mies Julie*. This summer, she is set to reinvigorate another classic of modern theatre, Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, a fictionalised account of the Salem witch trials originally written as an allegory for the anti-communist investigations of the McCarthy era in 1953.

Farber is directing the play at the Old Vic (to 13 Sep, p. 72), which this year is celebrating a decade under the artistic directorship of American actor and director Kevin Spacey (*American Beauty*). The production, like the other shows taking place this summer at the venue, will be presented 'in the round'.

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Tues & Sat 3pm; Sun 5pm. Tickets £22.50-£85. *Piccadilly Theatre, 16 Denman Street, W1D 7DY. 0844 871 7630. jerseyboyslondon.com.* *Piccadilly Circus. Key 35.*

## DISNEY'S THE LION KING

**FAMILY** Wonderful adaptation of the Disney film with ingenious costumes and puppetry. Tues-Sat 7.30pm; Wed, Sat & Sun 2.30pm. Tickets £25-£125. *Lyceum Theatre, 21 Wellington Street, WC2E 7RQ. 0844 871 3000. thelionking.co.uk.* *Covent Garden. Key 24.*

## THE GERSHWINS' PORGY AND BESS

**NEW** From 17 Jul: George and Ira Gershwin's musical masterpiece features hit songs *Summertime* and *It Ain't Necessarily So*. Tickets £25-£55. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thurs & Sat 2.15pm. *Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 4NU. 0844 826 4242. openairtheatre.com.* *Baker Street. Map A4.*

## MAMMA MIA!

A tribute to the music of ABBA, with a feel-good 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 kids' book about a little girl with magic powers is brought to life in an excellent musical stage version. Tues 7pm; Wed-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm; Sun 3pm. Tickets £20-£85. *Cambridge Theatre, Seven Dials, WC2H 9HU. 0844 412 4652. matildathe musical.com.* *Covent Garden. Key 8.*

## LES MISÉRABLES

The world's longest-running musical, adapted from Victor Hugo's novel, is an epic tale of love and courage amid a violent 1832 Paris uprising 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

The blockbuster musical, based on Puccini's opera, *Madame Butterfly*, returns to the West End where it began 25 years ago. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £27.50-£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 Olivier award-winning musical (p. 74). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 3pm. Tickets £19.50-£95. *Phoenix Theatre, 110 Charing Cross Road, WC2H 0JP. 0844 871 7629. oncemusical.co.uk.* *Tottenham Court Road. Key 34.*

## THE PAJAMA GAME

This Doris Day classic has transferred from the Chichester Festival Theatre for a limited run. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 3pm. Tickets £18-£85. *Shaftesbury Theatre, 210 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2H 8DP. 0844 871 7627. shaftesbury-theatre.co.uk.* *Tottenham Court Road. Key 42.*

## THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Long-running Gothic romance in which a mysterious masked man haunts the Paris Opera House. Andrew Lloyd Webber's unforgettable score includes *The Music of the Night*. 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. thephantomofthe opera.com.* *Piccadilly Circus. Key 19.*

## STOMP

A multi award-winning fusion of theatre, dance, comedy and rhythmic percussion, using everything from dustbin lids to a kitchen sink. 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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## THRILLER LIVE

Celebrating the music of Michael Jackson, and the Jackson 5. Tues-Fri 7.30pm; Sat 4pm & 8pm; Sun 3.30pm & 7.30pm. Tickets £26.50-£84. *Lyric Theatre, 29 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 7ES. 0844 482 9674. thrillerlive.com.* *Piccadilly Circus. Key 25.*

## WICKED THE MUSICAL

An award-winning show about *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. Mon-Sat 7.30PM; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£95. *Apollo Victoria Theatre, 17 Wilton Road, SW1V 1LG. 0844 826 8000. wickedthemusical.co.uk.* *Victoria. Key 5.*

## PLAYS

### 1984

**LAST CHANCE** To 19 Jul: Radical adaptation of George Orwell's dystopian novel which explores identity and surveillance. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £10-£52. *Playhouse*



## See films with live scores

When it comes to creating an atmospheric cinema experience, nothing beats a screening accompanied by a live orchestra. As more and more venues pick up on the trend, this month sees the return of *West Side Story* (above) to the Royal Albert Hall (a longtime proponent) with its iconic score being played live by the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra (4-6 Jul, p. 82).

But it's not just blockbusters getting this treatment. Lesser-known silent films are often screened with live musical accompaniments at smaller venues across the capital too. On 25 Jul, for instance, you can catch Hitchcock's 1929 classic, *Blackmail*, accompanied by the Forest Philharmonic at the Walthamstow Assembly Hall (*forestphilharmonic.org.uk*).

*Theatre, Northumberland Avenue, WC2N 5DE. 0844 871 7627. atgtickets.com/venues/playhouse-theatre.* *Embankment. Key 36.*

## THE 39 STEPS

Comic adaptation of the 1935 Alfred Hitchcock film in which a man is pursued by secret agents during World War I. Mon-Sat 8pm; Wed 3pm; Sat 4pm. Tickets £15-£65. *Criterion Theatre, 218-223 Piccadilly Circus, SW1Y 4XA. 0844 847 1778. love39steps.com.* *Piccadilly Circus. Key 10.*

## ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA

To 24 Aug: One of the world's classic love stories (p. 66). Times vary. Tickets £5 (standing)-£38. *Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT, 020 7401 9919. shakespearesglobe.com.* *Blackfriars Bankside. Map C8.*

## BAKERSFIELD MIST

To 30 Aug: Kathleen Turner and Ian McDiarmid take to the stage in this play about a waitress who is convinced she has picked up an original Jackson Pollock artwork at a junk sale. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 3pm. Tickets £27-£87. *Duchess Theatre, 3-5 Catherine Street, WC2B 5LA. 0844 482 9672. duchesstheatre.co.uk.* *Covent Garden. Key 13.*

## BRING UP THE BODIES

To 6 Sep: The Royal Shakespeare Company's hit adaptation of the bestselling historical novel about Thomas Cromwell, minister in the court of King Henry VIII. Playing in rep with the first in the series, *Wolf Hall* (p. 77). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2pm. Tickets £10-£59. *Aldwych Theatre, 49 Aldwych, WC2B 4DF. 0844 453 9025. rsc.org.uk.* *Covent Garden. Key 28.*

## THE CRUCIBLE

**NEW** To 13 Sep: Richard Armitage (*The Hobbit*) stars in writer/director Yaël Farber's adaptation of Arthur Miller's classic (p. 68). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £10-£55. *The Old Vic, The Cut, SE1 8NB. 0844 871 7628. oldvictheatre.com.* *Waterloo. Key 32.*

## THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME

Award-winning adaptation of the murder-mystery novel by Mark Haddon. Mon-Sun 7.30pm; Sat 3pm. 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.*



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### EPSTEIN: THE MAN WHO MADE THE BEATLES

**NEW** From 30 Jul: Play about the legendary music manager Brian Epstein. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs 3pm; Sat 4pm. Tickets £30-£42.50. *Leicester Square Theatre, 6 Leicester Place, WC2H 7BX. 0844 873 3433. leicestersquaretheatre.com.* 📍 Leicester Square. Map C5.

### HANDBAGGED

To 2 Aug: The Queen and Mrs Thatcher spar in Moira Buffini's comedy. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs 2.30pm & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £20-£77.50. *Vaudeville Theatre, 404 Strand, WC2R 0NH. 0844 482 9675.* 📍 Charing Cross. Key 48.

### HOTEL

To 2 Jul: Thriller about a family under pressure. Tickets £12-£20. *National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 9PX. 020 7452 3000. nationaltheatre.org.uk.* 📍 Waterloo 🚢 Festival. Key 27.



### Once upon a time

*Once*, the stage adaptation of the 2007 Irish film, is not your standard West End musical: there's no glitzy set, no orchestra pit, no tightly choreographed chorus line. But director John Tiffany's simple staging and Bob Crowley's understated design are perfect for this gentle tale of love and loneliness in the big city.

Jill Winternitz (pictured below) plays a Czech woman who meets David Hunter's character busking on the streets of Dublin and is so struck by his emotion-filled voice that she stops to talk. The romance that develops is played out in song, accompanied by the rest of the talented cast on a variety of instruments. Funny and touching, this musical has real heart (p. 70).



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### THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

**To 20 Sep:** Oscar Wilde's comedy. Stars include Siân Phillips (*Dune*). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£85. *Harold Pinter Theatre, Panton Street, SW1Y 4DN*. 0844 871 7622. [atgtickets.com](http://atgtickets.com). Piccadilly Circus. Key 18.

### JEEVES & WOOSTER IN PERFECT NONSENSE

Comedy based on the works of PG Wodehouse. 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. [jeevesandwoosterplay.com](http://jeevesandwoosterplay.com). Leicester Square. Key 14.

### JULIUS CAESAR

An Elizabethan-style staging of Shakespeare's tragedy (p. 66). Tickets £5 (standing)-£38. *Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT*. 020 7401 9919. [shakespearesglobe.com](http://shakespearesglobe.com). Blackfriars Bankside. Map C8.

### LET THE RIGHT ONE IN

**To 27 Sep:** The award-winning play, based on the cult vampire film, returns for a limited run. Ages 13+. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thurs & Sat 3pm. Tickets £19.50-£65. *Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 7ES*. 0844 482 9671. [nimaxtheatres.com](http://nimaxtheatres.com). Piccadilly Circus. Key 4.

### MACBETH

**NEW To 16 Aug:** An all-night promenade production of Shakespeare's Scottish drama at a secret east London location (p. 66). Fri-Sat 8pm-8am. Tickets £20-£40. [macbeth.in](http://macbeth.in).

### MEDEA

**NEW From 14 Jul:** A powerful new version of Euripedes' tragedy. In rep. Tickets £15-£35. *National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 9PX*. 020 7452 3000. [nationaltheatre.org.uk](http://nationaltheatre.org.uk). Waterloo Festival. Key 27.

### THE MOUSETRAP

A murderer strikes at a party in Agatha Christie's 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-mouse-trap.co.uk](http://the-mouse-trap.co.uk). Leicester Square. Key 40.

### RICHARD III

**LAST CHANGE To 25 Jul:** Shakespeare's history play, here staged in the gardens of a Covent Garden church. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £14-£17.99. *St Paul's Church, Bedford Street, WC2E 9ED*. [iristheatre.com](http://iristheatre.com). Covent Garden. Map C6.



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**NEW** From 1 Jul: Martin Freeman (*Fargo*) and Gina McKee (*The Borgias*) star (p. 66). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£52.50 (Mon £15). 0844 871 7632. Trafalgar Studios, 14 Whitehall, SW1A 2DY. [trafalgartransformed.com](http://trafalgartransformed.com). 🚇 ➡ Charing Cross. Key 47.

**SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE**

**NEW** From 2 Jul: Romance (p. 66). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£57.50. Noël Coward Theatre, 85-88 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4BG. 0844 482 5141. [shakespeareinlove.com](http://shakespeareinlove.com). 🚇 ➡ Leicester Square. Key 14.

**SKYLIGHT**

To 23 Aug: Bill Nighy (*I, Frankenstein*) and Carey Mulligan (*The Great Gatsby*) star in David Hare's award-winning drama about the rekindling of a romance. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£97.50. Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2H 0DA. [skylightwestend.com](http://skylightwestend.com). 🚇 ➡ Leicester Square. Key 51.

**A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE**

**NEW** From 23 Jul: Gillian Anderson (*The Fall*) stars in Tennessee Williams' drama set in 1940s 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](http://youngvic.org). 🚇 ➡ Waterloo. Key 52.

**TITUS ANDRONICUS**

**LAST CHANCE** To 13 Jul: Shakespeare's violent drama (p. 66). Tickets £5 (standing)-£42. *Shakespeare's Globe*, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT. 020 7401 9919. [shakespearesglobe.com](http://shakespearesglobe.com). 🚇 ➡ 🚆 Blackfriars 🚆 Bankside. Map C8.

**WAR HORSE**

Puppets and live action bring to life Michael Morpurgo's gripping story of friendship set during World War I. Mon, Wed-Sat 7.30pm; Tues 7pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£90. *New London Theatre*, 166 Drury Lane, WC2B 5PW. 020 7452 3000. [warhorselondon.com](http://warhorselondon.com). 🚇 ➡ Covent Garden. Key 28.

**WOLF HALL**

To 6 Sep: The Royal Shakespeare Company's hit adaptation of the bestselling novel about Thomas Cromwell. In rep with *Bring up the Bodies*. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2pm. Tickets £10-£59. *Aldwych Theatre*, 49 Aldwych, WC2B 4DF. 0844 453 9025. [rsc.org.uk](http://rsc.org.uk). 🚇 ➡ Covent Garden. Key 28.

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### DANCE

Phone ahead for times and prices.

### LONDON COLISEUM

Home to the acclaimed English National Ballet. **NEW** 23-27 Jul: *Coppélia*. Comic tale about a toymaker and his mechanical doll. 33 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4ES. 020 7845 9300. *eno.org.* 🚶 🚶 Charing Cross. Key 54.

### PEACOCK THEATRE

**NEW** 2-5 Jul: *Tryst: Devotion and Betrayal*. New English Ballet Theatre with a UK premiere. 19-27 Jul: *Musicians of Silence*. Switzerland's Mummenschanz troupe. Tickets £12-£32. *Portugal Street, WC2A 2HT. 0844 412 4322. sadlerswells.com.* 🚶 Holborn. Key 55.

### ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

The Royal Ballet Company's home base. 21-23 Jul: *Cubanía*. Carlos Acosta presents

a programme of works by Cuban artists. 28-31 Jul: *Romeo and Juliet*. Lavrovsky and Prokofiev's iconic telling of William Shakespeare's tale of star-crossed lovers. In rep. Tickets £10-£130. *Bow Street, WC2E 9DD. 020 7304 4000. roh.org.uk.* 🚶 Covent Garden. Key 57.

### SADLER'S WELLS

**NEW** 1-4 Jul: *Sehnsucht /Schmetterling*. Nederlands Dans Theater 1 returns to the UK. 8-27 Jul: *Brasil Brasileiro*. Thirty five performers from Rio de Janeiro. Tickets £15-£50. *Rosebery Avenue, EC1R 4TN. 0844 412 4300. sadlerswells.com.* 🚶 Angel. Key 60.

### SOUTHBANK CENTRE

**NEW** 26-30 Jul: *Clouds*. Dance show for families. Tickets £18. *Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX. 0844 545 8252. southbankcentre.co.uk.* 🚶 🚶 Waterloo 🚶 Festival. Key 61.

### OPERA

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## LONDON COLISEUM

Home to the English National Opera.

**LAST CHANCE To 6 Jul:** *Così Fan Tutte*.

Mozart's final comic masterpiece. In rep.

**To 5 Jul:** *The Pearl Fishers*. French composer Georges Bizet's painful love triangle. *33 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4ES. 020 7845 9300. eno.org.* 🚶🏻 🚶🏻 Charing Cross. Key 54.

## ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

Home to the acclaimed Royal Opera company.

**NEW 5-7 Jul:** *Maria Stuarda*. A new staging of Donizetti's tragic opera. In rep. **9-19 Jul:** *La*

*Bohème*. Puccini's bohemian classic. In rep. **25-26 Jul:** *Moses und Aron*. Welsh National Opera with Schoenberg's masterpiece. Tickets £4-£250. *Bow Street, WC2E 9DD. 020 7304 4000. roh.org.uk.* 🚶🏻 Covent Garden. Key 57.

## FESTIVALS & SEASONS

Phone ahead for performance times and prices.

## BFI SOUTHBANK

Enjoy film and TV from the archives of the British Film Institute, as well as seasons and festivals. **NEW 10-15 Jul:** *London Indian Film Festival*. South Asian cinema. *Belvedere Road, SE1 8XT. 020 7928 3232. whatson.bfi.org.uk.* 🚶🏻 🚶🏻 Waterloo 🚶🏻 Festival. Map C6.

## BP BIG SCREENS

Free live outdoor relays from the Royal Opera House in Trafalgar Square and other locations.

**NEW 15 Jul:** *La Bohème*. Puccini's tale of love and tragedy in 19th-century Paris. 7.30pm. *Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN. 020 7304 4000. roh.org.uk.* 🚶🏻 🚶🏻 Charing Cross. Map C6.

## CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL

**LAST CHANCE To 17 Jul:** Events including concerts, visual arts exhibitions, film screenings, walks and talks, much of it free (p. 12). *Various venues. 0845 120 7502. colf.org.*

## LONDON WONDERGROUND

**To 28 Sep:** Cabaret, circus and sideshow on the South Bank (p. 80). *Belvedere Road, SE1 8XT. 020 7928 3232. londonwonderground.co.uk.* 🚶🏻 🚶🏻 Waterloo 🚶🏻 London Eye Millennium. Map C6.

## MORE LONDON FREE MUSIC FESTIVAL

**NEW 9-25 Jul:** Free lunchtime and evening shows featuring choirs, jazz, blues, a female bagpiper and swing dance, staged in an outdoor amphitheatre. *The Scoop, More London Riverside, SE1 2DB. 020 7403 4866. morelondon.com/thescoop.* 🚶🏻 🚶🏻 London Bridge 🚶🏻 London Bridge City. Map C9.

## NEW MUSIC BIENNIAL WEEKEND

**NEW 4-6 Jul:** New commissions by UK-based composers. *Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX. 0844 545 8252. southbankcentre.co.uk.* 🚶🏻 🚶🏻 Waterloo 🚶🏻 Festival. Key 61.

## NT CONNECTIONS

**2-7 Jul:** Ten new plays commissioned for and performed by young theatre companies in the world's biggest youth theatre festival.



## Watch opera in the park

Make the most of the glorious weather with an open-air performance at *Opera Holland Park* (p. 80). This month, the theatre in a picturesque park is presenting a new production of the Benjamin Britten opera, *The Turn of the Screw* (from 1 Jul), *Norma* (from 19 Jul) by Vincenzo Bellini and *Adriana Lecouvreur* (from 24 Jul) by Francesco Cilea, all in repertoire.

Also on the programme this summer is the return of last year's sell-out, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (from 19 Jul), an opera aimed at children aged four and over (pictured). The production is performed on the Yucca Lawn in Holland Park and sees audiences move with the characters scene by scene, making the show feel like a real adventure for family audiences.



National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 9PX.  
020 7452 3000. [nationaltheatre.org.uk](http://nationaltheatre.org.uk).  
🚶🚶 Waterloo 🚢 Festival. Key 27.

### POETRY INTERNATIONAL

**NEW** 24-31 Jul: Biennial festival of poetry, film and spoken word. International poets include former Poet Laureate of the United States Robert Hass and Scotland's Don Paterson. Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX. 0844 545 8252. [southbankcentre.co.uk](http://southbankcentre.co.uk). 🚶🚶 Waterloo 🚢 Festival. Key 61.

### SUMMER SERIES AT SOMERSET HOUSE

**NEW** 10-20 Jul: Outdoor gigs from an eclectic selection of top music acts, but it's the spectacular neoclassical setting of Somerset House that's the biggest star (p. 12). Somerset House, Strand, WC2R 1LA. 020 7845 4600. [somersethouse.org.uk](http://somersethouse.org.uk). 🏛 Temple. Map C6.

### UDDERBELLY FESTIVAL

**LAST CHANCE** To 13 Jul: The distinctive purple cow-shaped marquee offers some of the best contemporary comedy, cabaret and physical theatre around. Belvedere Road, SE1 8XT. 020 7928 3232. [underbelly.co.uk](http://underbelly.co.uk). 🚶🚶 Waterloo 🚢 Festival. Map C6.

### MUSIC

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### CLASSICAL

#### ROYAL ALBERT HALL

**From 18 Jul:** *BBC Proms*. Season of daily orchestral classical music concerts and other musical events (p. 10). Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP. 020 7589 8212. [royalalberthall.com](http://royalalberthall.com). 🚶🚶 South Kensington. Map D2.

#### SOUTHBANK CENTRE

**6 Jul:** *David Arnold: Live in Concert*. The great British film music composer makes his London concert debut. **8 Jul:** *Tim Rice: A Life in Song*. Celebrating the music of the legendary lyricist. Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX. 0844 545 8252. [southbankcentre.co.uk](http://southbankcentre.co.uk). 🚶🚶 Waterloo 🚢 Festival. Key 61.

#### ST JAMES'S PICCADILLY

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## ROCK, POP & JAZZ

### THE O<sub>2</sub> ARENA

8-9, 11-12 Jul: *Robbie Williams. Peninsula Square, SE10 0DX. 0844 856 0202. theo2.co.uk.* North Greenwich. Map inset.

## ROYAL ALBERT HALL

2 Jul: *Liza Minnelli.* 4-6 Jul: *West Side Story.* The classic film with live music (p. 72). *Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP. 020 7589 8212. royalalbert hall.com.* South Kensington. Map D2.

## KIDS & FAMILIES

### THE ELEPHANTOM

**NEW** To 6 Sep: This adaptation of the children's book about a girl who is visited by a giant blue ghost-elephant has transferred from the National Theatre. Mon-Wed & Fri 2.30pm; Tues-Wed & Fri 11.30am; Thurs & Sat 10am. Tickets £13-£20. *New London Theatre, 166 Drury Lane, WC2B 5PW. 020 7452 3000. reallyusefultheatres.co.uk.* Covent Garden. Key 28.

## FIRESIDE TALES WITH GRANDDAD

**NEW** 2-6 Jul: Granddad tells a story about an escape from a hungry shark. Suitable for ages 4+. Times vary. Tickets £5-£10. *Little Angel Theatre, 14 Dagmar Passage, N1 2DN. 020 7226 1787. littleangeltheatre.com.* Angel. Key 22.

## MOOMIN SUMMER MADNESS

To 16 Aug: Puppetry, live music and humour. Suitable for ages 4-8. Times vary. Tickets £9-£13.50. *Polka Theatre, 240 The Broadway, SW19 1SB. 020 8543 4888. polkatheatre.com.* South Wimbledon. Off map.

## PEPPA PIG'S BIG SPLASH

**NEW** 26-27 Jul: The popular character comes to life on stage. Times vary. Tickets £16.40-£22.90. *Wimbledon Theatre, 93 The Broadway, SW19 1QG. 020 8545 7900. wimbledon theatre.com.* Wimbledon. Off map.

## TWELFTH NIGHT

**LAST CHANCE** To 12 Jul: Shakespeare's tale of mistaken identity for audiences aged 6+ (p. 66). Mon-Wed, Fri & Sun 1.30pm; Sat 9.45am; Sun 10am. Tickets £15. *Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 4NU. 0844 826 4242. openair theatre.com.* Baker Street. Map A4.

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