ENTERTAINMENT By Jo Caird





Kadogo, Child Soldier by La Patriótico Interesante



Enjoy shows in the outdoors

"You might think you know Greenwich very well, but until you've seen it lit up with the kind of events that we put on, you haven't seen it at all," says Bradley Hemmings, artistic director of the Greenwich + Docklands International Festival (20-28 Jun, p. 80). It's an annual celebration of street theatre that turns parts of southeast London into backdrops for world-class outdoor performance; and what's more everything is free. This year's proceedings open with Muaré (20 Jun), a show by Argentinean company Voalá, which Hemmings describes as "a psychedelic combination of skydiving, contemporary art and live music". Taking place in the grounds of the National Maritime Museum, the show will be "a visceral experience," he says.

Having founded the festival in 1996, Hemmings has been at the helm as GDIF has grown from its humble origins on the streets of Greenwich, to its expansion into Docklands.

Further highlights from the festival include French company Rara Woulib's production *Deblozay* (**20-21 Jun**), a show about death in Haitian culture, and *Dancing City* (**23-28 Jun**), which sees 14 dance companies perform against the backdrop of Canary Wharf.

Meanwhile, the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park (p. 43) will be the setting for a street theatre double bill. *Kadogo, Child Soldier* (23-27 Jun), by Chilean collective La Patriótico Interesante, offers an insight into child soldiering, while Tiata Fahodzi presents contemporary African everyman tale *The Legend of Hamba* (23-27 Jun).

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 Awardwinning show has music by Sir Elton John. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £20.50-£68.70. Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, SW1E 5EA. 0844 811 0055. billyelliot themusical.com. ⊖ ₹ Victoria. Key 49.

THE BODYGUARD

British pop star Alexandra Burke (*Hallelujah*) takes over the lead role from 2 Jun. A pop star finds love with her bodyguard. Based on the 1992 film, it features Whitney Houston hits.



Innovative performance

LIFT: The London International Festival of Theatre (2-29 Jun, p. 80) only comes around every two years, but it's worth the wait, bringing stories from around the globe to the capital. Among 52 innovative shows on the 2014 roster, its 20th festival, are The Roof (30 May-28 Jun), a 360° performance under the sky, Crackz (3-4 Jun), Brazilian hip-hop dance at Sadler's Wells, and at the Young Vic, Red Forest (12 Jun-5 Jul), a play about the Chernobyl disaster from political artists, Belarus Free Theatre. Tickets £20-£67.50. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 3pm. Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2R ONS. 0844 579 0094. thebodyguardmusical.com. ⊖ ₹ Charing Cross. Key 1.

THE BOOK OF MORMON

Controversial satire, from the writers of TV's South Park, about two hapless missionaries from the Church of Latter-day Saints. 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 A musical version of Roald Dahl's tale of an ordinary boy and an extraordinary confectioner. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £25-£67.50. Theatre Royal Drury Lane, Catherine Street, WC2B 5JF. 0844 858 8877. charlieandthechocolate factory.com. ⊖ Covent Garden. Key 45.

THE COMMITMENTS

Musical based on Roddy Doyle's book and 1991 film, about an Irish music fan who creates a soul band from a bunch of amateurs. Tues-Sun 7.30pm; Sat & Sun 3pm. Tickets £10-£87.50. Palace Theatre, 109 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 8AY. 0844 412 4656. the commitmentslondon. com. Leicester Square. Key 33.

DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS

Musical about conmen, based on the 1988 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. ⊖ ₹ Charing Cross. Key 41.

DRALION

NEW 4-8 Jun: Cirque du Soleil's ravishing acrobatics show takes inspiration from Eastern philosophy. Times vary. Tickets $\pounds 51.75 \cdot \pounds 62.75$. *The O*₂, *Peninsula Square, SE10 0DX.* 0844 856 0202. theo2.co.uk. $\ominus \textcircled{}$ North Greenwich. Map inset.

I CAN'T SING! - THE X FACTOR MUSICAL

A comedy musical taking a fictional peek behind the scenes of TV talent show *The X Factor*. Co-written by British comic Harry Hill, it features original songs. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2pm. Tickets £20-£65. *London Palladium, Argyll Street, W1F 7TF. 0844 811 0058. icantsing themusical.com.* Oxford Circus. Key 23. RED FOREST © BRONWEN SHARF

JERSEY BOYS

Olivier Award-winning story of US pop sensations Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Tues-Sat 7.30; Tues & Sat 3pm; Sun 5pm. Tickets £22.50-£90. 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 worldfamous Disney animated 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.

MAMMA MIA!

A tribute to the music of pop sensations 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.

Monty Python legend returns to opera

Artist and director, Terry Gilliam, made his opera debut in 2011 with a controversial English National Opera production of *The Damnation Of Faust*. His new project at the London Coliseum, a racy version of *Benvenuto Cellini* (5-27 Jun, p. 83), Berlioz's rarely performed romantic comedy about the Italian goldsmith whose exploits rivalled those of Casanova, is sure to get people talking as well. Expect the film director's trademark

anarchic style and assured musical direction from the ENO's own Edward Gardner.





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. matilda themusical.com. Covent Garden. Key 8.

LES MISÉRABLES

MISS SAIGON

ONCE

An unlikely deep romance blooms between a busker and a single mother. 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

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Gothic drama in which a mysterious masked man haunts the Paris Opera House. 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. thephantom oftheopera.com. Piccadilly Circus. Key 19.

STOMP

A multi award-winning fusion of theatre, dance, comedy and rhythmic percussion. 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. TERRY GILLIAM PHOTO © RICHARD HUBERT SMITH



THRILLER LIVE

Non-stop songs and razor-sharp choreography celebrate Michael Jackson, and the Jackson 5. Tues-Fri 7.30pm; Sat 4pm & 8pm; Sun 3.30pm & 7.30pm. Tickets £26.50-£85. Lyric Theatre, 29 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 7ES. 0844 482

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. Tickets £15-£95. Apollo Victoria Theatre, 17 Wilton Road, SW1V 1LG. 0844 826 8000. wickedthemusical.co.uk. $\ominus \rightleftharpoons$ Victoria. Key 5.

(PLAYS)

1984

To 19 Jul: The Almeida Theatre's adaptation of George Orwell's novel comes to the West End. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £10-£52. Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Avenue, WC2N 5DE. 0844 871 7627.

Carey Mulligan's West End debut

BAFTA-winning film actor Carey Mulligan (The Great Gatsby) is making her West End debut alongside Bill Nighy (Love Actually) and Matthew Beard (An Education) in Skylight (from 6 Jun, p. 79), a drama by the acclaimed British writer David Hare. The play sees Tom (Nighy) turn up at Kyra's (Mulligan) flat several years after the end of their illicit affair, an evening complicated by the arrival of Tom's son Edward (Beard), who feels betrayed by her. Nighy returns to the role, having first played it in the West End in 1997. Beard makes his stage debut in the piece.

THE 39 STEPS

Comic adaptation of the 1935 Hitchcock film in which a man is pursued by secret agents during World War I. Mon-Sat 8pm; Wed 3pm; Sat 4pm. Tickets £10-£66.25. Criterion Theatre, 218-223 Piccadilly Circus, SW1Y 4XA. 0844 847 1778. *love39steps.com.* ⊖ *Piccadilly Circus. Key 10.*

ADLER & GIBB

NEW From 7 Jun: Play about the American conceptual artists by acclaimed writer Tim Crouch. Tickets £10-£32. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Sat 2:30pm. Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1W 8AS. 020 7565 5000. royal

ALL MY SONS

LAST CHANCE To 7 Jun: Regent's Park's Open Air season launches with Arthur Miller's classic. Tickets £25-£55. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thurs & Sat 2.15pm. Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NWI 4NU. 0844 826 4242. openairtheatre.com. ⊖ Baker Street. Map A4.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

NEW 2-7 Jun: Shakespeare comedy performed in British Sign Language by Deafinitely Theatre. Times vary. Tickets £5 (standing)-£38. Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT. 020 7401 9919. shakespeares

ANOTHER COUNTRY

LAST CHANCE To 21 Jun: Scandal rocks an English public school to its very core. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat, 2.30pm. Tickets £19.50-£70. 0844 871 7632. Trafalgar Studios, 14 Whitehall, SW1A 2DY. atgtickets.com/venues/trafalgarstudios. $\ominus \rightleftharpoons$ Charing Cross. Key 47.

ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA

To 24 Aug: Classic love stories. Times vary. Tickets £5 (standing)-£38. Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT. 020 7401 9919. shakespearesglobe.com \varTheta < 📥 Blackfriars. Map C8.

BAKERSFIELD MIST

To 30 Aug: Kathleen Turner and Ian McDiarmid star in a play about a waitress who believes she has bought a Jackson Pollock artwork at a junk sale. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 3pm. Tickets £17.25-£86.25. The Duchess Theatre, 3-5 Catherine Street, WC2B 5LA. 0844 482 9672. duchesstheatre.co.uk. ⊖ Covent Garden. Key 13.

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BLITHE SPIRIT

THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME

Award-winning dramatic adaptation of the acclaimed 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. curious onstage.com. ⊖ Piccadilly Circus. Key 17.

ENDURING SONG

FATAL ATTRACTION

LAST CHANCE To 21 Jun: Trevor Nunn's stage version of the film about adultery and obsession. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £12-£93.50. Theatre Royal Haymarket, 18 Suffolk Street, SW1Y 4HT. 020 7930 8800. trh.co.uk. ⊖ Piccadilly Circus. Key 46.

FATHERS AND SONS

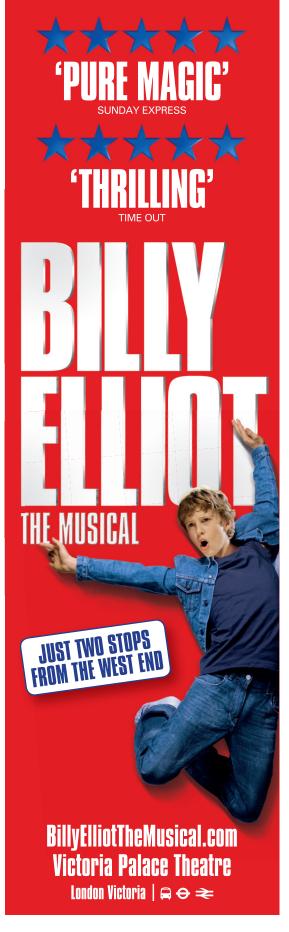
New From 5 Jun: Brian Friel's adaptation of the political family drama by Ivan Turgenev. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £7.50 (standing)-£35. Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, WC2H 9LX. 0844 871 7624. donmar warehouse.com. ⊖ Covent Garden. Key 12.

HANDBAGGED

To 2 Aug: Queen Elizabeth II and Margaret Thatcher spar in this witty new comedy by playwright Moira Buffini. 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. ↔ Temple. Key 48.

HOBSON'S CHOICE

New From 12 Jun: Comedy about a northern boot-maker. Tickets £25-£55. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thurs & Sat 2:15pm. Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NWI 4NU. 0844 826 4242. openairtheatre.com. ⊖ Baker Street. Map A4.





JEEVES & WOOSTER IN PERFECT NONSENSE

P.G. Wodehouse comedy. 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. Leicester Square. Key 14.

JULIUS CAESAR

NEW From 20 Jun: Shakespeare's drama. Dates and times vary. Tickets £5 (standing)-£38. Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT. 020 7401 9919. shakespearesglobe.com. ⊖ ≈ ﷺ Blackfriars. Map C8.

KING LEAR

Simon Russell Beale stars in Shakespeare's tragedy, in a production directed by Sam Mendes. Dates and times vary Tickets £15-£50. National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 9PX. 020 7452 3000. nationaltheatre.org. uk. ↔ Waterloo. Key 27.

LAST DAYS OF TROY

To 28 Jun: Dramatisation of Homer's *Iliad* stars model Lily Cole. Times vary. Tickets \pounds 5 (standing)- \pounds 42. *Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT. 020 7401 9919. shakespeares globe.com.* $\ominus \rightleftharpoons$ *@ Blackfriars. Map C8.*

LET THE RIGHT ONE IN

This production will play for a limited run. Suitable for ages 13+. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thurs & Sat 3pm. Tickets £19.50-£65. Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 7ES. apollotheatre london.co.uk. ⊖ Piccadilly Circus. Key 4.

THE MOUSETRAP

Agatha Christie's whodunnit. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Tues 3pm; Sat 4pm. Tickets £17.50-£45. *St. Martin's Theatre, West Street, WC2H 9NZ.* 0844 499 1515. the-mousetrap.co.uk. *Decester Square. Key 40.*

MR BURNS

NEW From 5 Jun: This play imagines future life for TV's *The Simpsons*. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £9-£36. Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 1TA. 020 7359 4404. almeida.co.uk. ↔ Highbury & Islington. Off map.

RICHARD III

<u>SKYLIGHT</u>

NEW From 6 Jun: David Hare's drama about a former couple who consider rekindling their love (p. 76). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£62.50. Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2H 0DA. skylight westend.com. Leicester Square. Key 51.

THIS MAY HURT A BIT

LAST CHANCE To 21 Jun: A new play about Britain's National Health Service. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm Tickets £5-£34. St. James Theatre, 12 Palace Street, SW1E 5JZ. stjamestheatre.co.uk. ⊖ ≈ Victoria. Map D5.

TITUS ANDRONICUS

To 13 Jul: William Shakespeare's violent tale. Tickets £5 (standing)-£42. Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT. 020 7401 9919. shakespearesglobe.com. ⊖ ≈ ﷺ Blackfriars. Map C8.

A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

WAR HORSE

THE WOMAN IN BLACK

DANCE

Phone ahead for times and prices.

LONDON COLISEUM

Home to the English National Ballet. **11-22 Jun:** Romeo & Juliet In-The-Round. Epic staging. 33 St. Martin's Lane, WC2N 4ES. 020 7845 9300. eno.org. $\ominus \rightleftharpoons$ Charing Cross. Key 54.

PEACOCK THEATRE

NEW 10-28 Jun: Rasta Thomas' Bad Boys of Dance – Rock The Ballet. Ballet fused with theatre. Portugal Street, WC2A 2HT. 08444 124 322. sadlerswells.com. ↔ Holborn. Key 55.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

The Royal Ballet Company's home base. **LAST CHANCE** To 13 Jun: *The Dream/New Marriott/The Concert*. In rep. Tickets £4-£64. *Bow Street, WC2E 9DD. 020 7304 4000. roh.org.uk.* ⊖ Covent Garden. Key 57.

SADLER'S WELLS

NEW 10-14 Jun: Akram Khan Company: iTMOi. New work from the choreographer. Tickets £8-£38. Rosebery Avenue, EC1R 4TN. 0844 412 4300. sadlerswells.com. ↔ Angel. Key 60.

FESTIVALS & SEASONS

Phone ahead for performance times and prices.

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Melting pot

What do Yoko Ono, David Bowie and Massive Attack have in common? They have all served as directors of *Meltdown*, the annual festival of music, art, performance and film that takes place at the Southbank Centre this month (**13-22 Jun**, p. 80).

DJ, electronic music artist, record label boss and all-round innovator James Lavelle (pictured above) takes the reins of the 21st festival, programming acts including Goldie, Neneh Cherry (who returns to Meltdown following a DJ set at last year's festival), and UNKLE, Lavelle's band, who will play the opening gig at the Royal Festival Hall.

GREENWICH + DOCKLANDS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

FAMILY 20-28 Jun: A free festival of outdoor theatre, acrobatics and performance at multiple locations (p. 70). *festival.org.*

HAMPTON COURT PALACE FESTIVAL

11-25 Jun: Dionne Warwick and Jamie Cullum are among the acts. *Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, KT8 9AU. hamptoncourt palacefestival.com. ₹ Hampton Court. Off map.*

LIFT 2014

NEW 2-29 Jun: Celebrating stories from around the world with theatre productions across the capital (p. 72). *Multiple venues. liftfestival.com.*

MELTDOWN

UDDERBELLY FESTIVAL

To 13 Jul: Comedy and cabaret. *Belvedere Road, SE1 8XT. 020 7928 3232. underbelly. co.uk.* $\ominus \rightleftharpoons \textcircled{}$ *Waterloo. Map C6.*

LONDON WONDERGROUND

To 28 Sep: Cabaret and circus. *Belvedere Road, SE1 8XT. 020 7928 3232. londonwonderground. co.uk.* $\ominus \rightleftharpoons \textcircled{}$ *(Waterloo. Map C6.*

WEST END LIVE

22-23 June: Trafalgar Square is taken over by the casts of various shows as they perform for free. *Trafalgar Square*, WC2N 5DN. westend live.co.uk. ⊖ ≈ Charing Cross. Map C6.

MUSIC

Phone ahead for performance times and prices.

CLASSICAL HANDEL HOUSE MUSEUM

The museum is a former home of composer George Frideric Handel. **To Aug:** *Hanover Rules!* A season of concerts marking the 300th anniversary of the Hanoverian succession. 25 Brook Street, W1K 4HB. 020 7399 1953. handelhouse.org. Bond Street. Map B4.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL

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SOUTHBANK CENTRE

10 Jun: The Bach Choir & Berlioz: Te Deum. Choral work. Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX. 0844 545 8252. southbank centre.co.uk. ⊖ **₹** ∰ Waterloo. Key 61.

ST. JAMES'S PICCADILLY

Lunchtime and evening concerts in this historic church designed by Christopher Wren. Details on the website. 197 Piccadilly, W1J 9LL. 020 7381 0441. sjp.org.uk. \ominus Piccadilly Circus. Key 58.

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS CHURCH

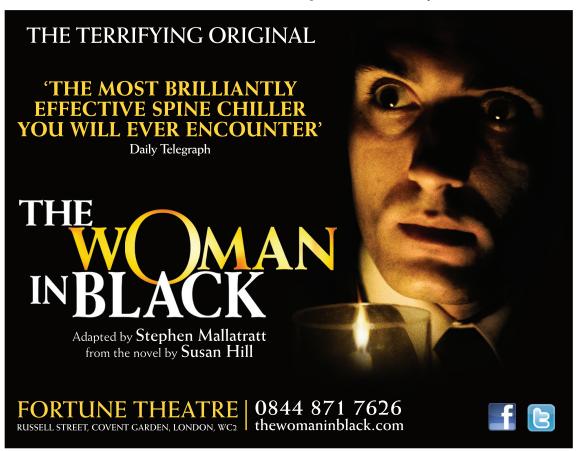
Extensive programme of concerts. See website for details of evening and lunchtime shows. *Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JJ. 020 7766 1100. smitf.org.* ⊖ *≥ Charing Cross. Key 59.*

ROCK, POP & JAZZ

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THE O₂ ARENA

9 Jun: John Mayer. 10 Jun: Justin Timberlake. 16, 18, 20-21 Jun: Eagles: History Of The Eagles. 27-28 Jun: Dolly Parton – Blue Smoke



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