



ENTERTAINMENT



Festival Fever

The capital bursts into life this summer with a series of eclectic and innovative festivals that everyone will enjoy. From theatre and music to dance and art, **Jo Caird** joins in the celebrations.

You might think that you know Greenwich, 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. 50).

The free, 200-event programme opens with *Muaré*, by Argentinean company Voalá. Hemmings describes *Muaré* as 'a combination of skydiving, art and music' in the grounds of the National Maritime Museum. Other highlights include *Dancing City* (23-28 Jun), where international and UK dance companies perform in Canary Wharf, and *The Legend Of Hamba* (23-27 Jun) at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

LIFT (The London International Theatre Festival; 2-29 Jun; p. 50) only comes around

every two years, but it's worth the wait. Among the innovative shows are *The Roof* (to 28 Jun), a 360° performance under the night sky witnessed by headphone-wearing audience members; *Crackz* (3-4 Jun), Brazilian hip-hop dance at Sadler's Wells; and *Red Forest* (from 12 Jun), a play about the Chernobyl disaster at the Young Vic.

The 21st annual Meltdown festival at the Southbank Centre (13-22 Jun; p. 50) is curated this year by DJ and musical innovator James Lavelle. Acts performing include Grandmaster Flash (13 Jun), Chrissie Hynde (14 Jun), DJ Shadow (14 Jun), Gilles Peterson (15 Jun) and

Jeff Mills and A Guy Called Gerald (22 Jun).

Hampton Court Palace Festival (11-25 Jun; p. 50) provides more traditional entertainment in a historic setting, with legends Dionne Warwick (13 Jun), Van Morrison (16 Jun) and The Beach Boys (24-25 Jun), as well as opera (21 Jun).

The City Of London Festival (22 Jun-17 Jul; above; p. 50)

presents a programme of concerts, comedy, gigs, walks and talks, including 100 free outdoor events, at major venues such as St. Paul's Cathedral and the Barbican, more niche locations and even an inflatable pop-up performance space in the shape of a bowler hat.

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MUSICALS & PERFORMANCES

Billy Elliot The Musical

A northern boy's father tries to quash his dream of being a ballet dancer. Set during the 1980s miners' strike, this Olivier Award-winning show features music by Sir Elton John. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Seats £19.50-£67.50. www.billyelliottthemusical.com. Victoria Palace, Victoria St, SW1E 5EA. T: 0844-811 0055. **F7**. Station: Victoria.

Bodyguard, The

Terrified of a stalker, a pop star seeks protection. The show is based on the 1992 film, and features Whitney Houston hits inc *I Will Always Love You* and *Saving All My Love For You*. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 3pm. Seats £20-£67.50. www.thebodyguardmusical.com. Adelphi, The Strand, WC2R 0NS. T: 0844-579 0094. **E8**. Station: Charing Cross.

Book Of Mormon, The

A hugely popular show from the writers of TV's *South Park*. This controversial satire follows the exploits of two hapless missionaries from the Church Of The Latter Day Saints. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Seats £39.75-£152.50. www.bookofmormonlondon.com. Prince Of Wales, Coventry St, W1D 6AS. T: 0844-482 5110. **E7**. Station: Leicester Sq.

Charlie And The Chocolate Factory

KIDS' PICK Musical of Roald Dahl's tale about an ordinary boy and an extraordinary confectioner. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Seats £25-£67.50. www.charlieandthechocolatefactory.com. Theatre Royal Drury Ln, Catherine St, WC2B 5JF. T: 0844-858 8877. **D8**. Station: Covent Gdn.

Commitments, The

World premiere run of a stage musical based on Roddy Doyle's book and the popular 1991 film. An Irish music fan sets out to create a live soul band from amateur enthusiasts. Tues-Sun 7.30pm; Sat & Sun 3pm. Seats £10-£87.50. www.thecommitmentslondon.com. Palace, 109 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 8AY. T: 0844-412 4656. **E7**. Station: Leicester Sq.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

Musical based on the 1988 film, starring Olivier Award-winning actor Robert Lindsay and comedian Rufus Hound. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 3pm. Seats £24.50-£90. www.scoundrelswestend.com. Savoy Theatre, Savoy Ct, Strand, WC2R 0ET. T: 0844-871 3046. **E8**. Station: Charing Cross.

Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be

LAST CHANCE To 8 Jun: British soap opera queen Jessie Wallace and Spandau Ballet's Gary Kemp star in this Cockney English musical. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Sun 3pm. Seats £10-£38. www.stratfordeast.com. Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Sq, E15 1BN. T: 020-8534 0310. **Off map**. Station: Stratford.

In The Heights

LAST CHANCE To 7 Jun: Groundbreaking 21st-century musical about life in Manhattan, with hip-hop soundtrack. Mon-Sat 8pm; Thurs 2.30pm; Sat 3.30pm. Seats £12-£22. www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk. Southwark Playhouse, 77-85 Newington Causeway, SE1 6BD. T: 020-7407 0234. **F9**. Station: Elephant & Castle.

Jersey Boys

Olivier Award-winning story of the American pop sensations Frankie Valli And The Four Seasons, charting their meteoric career from the mid-1960s.



Spaced Out

Kevin Spacey, known for starring in films from *The Usual Suspects* to *American Beauty*, celebrates 10 years as artistic director at **The Old Vic** with *Clarence Darrow*, a one-man play about the pioneering American lawyer (to 15 Jun; p. 44), a character he played to great acclaim in *Inherit The Wind* at the same theatre in 2009. The show is performed in the round – a temporary transformation of the historic auditorium with the stage in a circle. Spacey, who recently returned to the screen in *House Of Cards*, is leaving the Old Vic in 2015, so catch him while you can.

Tues-Sat 7.30; Tues & Sat 3pm; Sun 5pm. Seats £24.50-£69.50. www.jerseyboyslondon.com. Piccadilly Theatre, 16 Denman St, W1D 7DY. T: 0844-871 7630. **E7**. Station: Piccadilly Circus.

Les Misérables

The world's longest-running musical has lost none of its impact. Adapted from the Victor Hugo novel, it's 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. Seats £10-£94. www.lesmis.com. Queen's, 51 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 6BA. T: 0844-482 5160. **D8**. Station: Leicester Sq.

Lion King, The

KIDS' PICK Now in its 15th year on the London stage, this is a wonderful adaptation of the Disney film with ingenious costumes, innovative puppetry and music by Sir Elton John. Tues-Sat 7.30pm; Wed, Sat & Sun 2.30pm. Seats £25-£125. www.thelionking.co.uk. Lyceum, 21 Wellington St, WC2E 7RQ. T: 0844-871 3000. **E8**. Station: Covent Gdn.

Mamma Mia!

A tribute to ABBA, this is a feel-good story that centres on wedding-day revelations on a Greek island. Hit songs inc *Dancing Queen*. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thurs & Sat 3pm. Seats £15-£67.50. www.mamma-mia.com. Novello, Aldwych, WC2B 4LD. T: 0844-482 5115. **D8**. Station: Covent Gdn.

Matilda The Musical

Roald Dahl's magical kids' book is brought to life in this acclaimed RSC production by British writer Dennis Kelly and Australian comic Tim Minchin. Tues 7pm; Wed-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm; Sun 3pm. Seats £20-£85. www.matildathemusical.com. Cambridge, 32-34 Earlham St, WC2E 9HU. T: 0844-412 4652. **D8**. Station: Covent Gdn.

Miss Saigon

The blockbuster musical about a love affair during the Vietnam War returns to the West End, where it began life 25 years ago. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs &

Sat 2.30pm. Seats £27.50-£67.50. www.miss-saigon.com. Prince Edward Theatre, 28 Old Compton St, W1D 4HS. T: 0844-482 5151. **D7**. Station: Leicester Sq.

Once

Romance blossoms between an Irish busker and a Czech woman united by their love of music. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 3pm. Seats £19.50-£95. www.oncemusical.co.uk. Phoenix, 110 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0JP. T: 0844-481 7629. **D7**. Station: Tottenham Court Rd.

Phantom Of The Opera, The

A mysterious masked man haunting the Paris Opera House is besotted with a beautiful soprano singer in this gothic romance. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Seats £21-£95. www.thephantomoftheopera.com. Her Majesty's, 57 Haymarket, SW1Y 4QL. T: 0844-412 2707. **E7**. Station: Piccadilly Circus.

Stomp

Performers innovate with everyday items (dustbin lids, lighters and even a kitchen sink) to create music and spectacle. Mon & Thurs-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm; Thurs & Sat 3pm & 8pm; Sun 3pm & 6pm. Seats £26-£52.50. www.stomplondon.co.uk. The Ambassadors, West St, WC2H 9ND. T: 0844-811 2334. **D7**. Station: Leicester Sq.

Thriller Live

Non-stop hit songs and razor-sharp choreography celebrate Michael Jackson and the Jackson 5. Songs inc *Billie Jean*. Tues-Fri & Sun 7.30pm; Sat 4pm & 8pm; Sun 3.30pm. Seats £26.50-£84. www.thrillerlive.com. Lyric, Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7ES. T: 0844-482 9674. **E7**. Station: Piccadilly Circus.

Wicked

A smash hit. *Wicked* tells the untold story of the Witches of Oz and how one came to be called 'good' and the other 'wicked'. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Seats £15-£95. www.wickedthemusical.co.uk. Apollo Victoria, Wilton Rd, SW1V 1LG. T: 0844-826 8000. **F7**. Station: Victoria.



Shaking Up Shakespeare

Shakespeare's *Macbeth* is an intense theatre experience wherever you see it played. Site-specific theatre company RIFT is taking the celebrated tragedy to the next level, however, with a 12-hour, fully immersive production at a secret location in the East End (from 20 Jun). The show starts at 8pm and goes on all night, with audiences emerging the next morning, having eaten, drunk and slept with the company as part of this festival-like show.

PLAYS

1984

Compelling adaptation of George Orwell's dystopian novel. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Seats £10-£52. www.1984theplay.co.uk. Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Ave, WC2N 5DE. T: 020-7359 4404. **E8**. Station: Charing Cross.

39 Steps, The

Comic adaptation of the 1935 Alfred Hitchcock film and John Buchan's novel, where British hero Richard Hannay is on the run, being pursued by secret agents during World War I. Mon-Sat 8pm; Wed 3pm; Sat 4pm. Seats £15-£65. www.love39steps.com. Criterion, 218-223 Piccadilly, SW1Y 4XA. T: 0844-847 1778. **E7**. Station: Piccadilly Circus.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

NEW 2-7 Jun: Performed in British Sign Language, this production of the Shakespeare comedy is by acclaimed company Deafinitely Theatre. Times vary. Tickets £5 (standing)-£38. www.shakespearesglobe.com. Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Bankside, SE1 9DT. T: 020-7902 1400. **E9**. Station: London Bridge.

Adler & Gibb

From 7 Jun: New play about the American conceptual artists by Tim Crouch. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Sat 2.30pm. Seats £10-£32. www.royalcourttheatre.com. Royal Court, Sloane Sq, SW1W 8AS. T: 020-7565 5000. **G6**. Station: Sloane Sq.

All My Sons

To 7 Jun: Arthur Miller's classic kicks off Regent's Park's 2014 Open Air season. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thurs & Sat 2.15pm. Seats £23-£53. www.openairtheatre.com. Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 4NU. T: 0844-826 4242. **C6**. Station: Baker St.

Bakersfield Mist

Kathleen Turner and Ian McDiarmid star in this new play about a waitress who is convinced she has an

original Jackson Pollock. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 3pm. Seats £17.25-£86.25. www.nimaxtheatres.com. Duchess, 3-5 Catherine St, WC2B 5LA. T: 0844-412 4659. **D8**. Station: Covent Gdn.

Blithe Spirit

LAST CHANCE **To 7 Jun:** Angela Lansbury recreates her role as clairvoyant Madame Arcati, which won her a 2009 Tony Award. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £12-£61. www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk. Gielgud Theatre, 35 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 6AR. T: 0844-482 5130. **E7**. Station: Piccadilly Circus.

Clarence Darrow

To 15 Jun: Kevin Spacey stars as a pioneering lawyer (p. 43). Times vary, check website for details. Tickets £10-£60. www.oldvictheatre.com. The Cut, SE1 8NB. T: 0844-871 7628. **E8**. Station: Waterloo.

Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time, The

From 24 Jun: National Theatre's adaptation of Mark Haddon's book follows a 15-year-old boy with Asperger's syndrome as he investigates the murder of a dog. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm. Seats £15-£85. www.curiousonstage.com. Gielgud Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 6AR. T: 020-7452 3000. **E7**. Station: Piccadilly Circus.

Drowned Man: A Hollywood Fable, The

LAST CHANCE **To 29 Jun:** A theatrical experience created by Punchdrunk and the National Theatre. Times vary. Tickets £19.50-£85. www.nationaltheatre.org.uk. Temple Studios, 31 London St, W2 1DJ. T: 020-7452 3000. **D4**. Station: Paddington.

Fatal Attraction

LAST CHANCE **To 21 Jun:** Kristin Davis and Natascha McElhone star in Trevor Nunn's stage version of the 1987 film. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Seats £12-£93.50. www.trh.co.uk. Theatre Royal Haymarket, 18 Suffolk St, SW1Y 4HT. T: 020-7930 8800. **E7**. Station: Piccadilly Circus.

Fathers And Sons

From 5 Jun: Brian Friel's adaptation of the political drama. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £7.50 (standing)-£35. www.donmarwarehouse.com. Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham St, WC2H 9LX. T: 0844-871 7624. **D8**. Station: Covent Gdn.

Ghost Stories

Chilling yarns with genuine shocks galore, written and directed by Jeremy Dyson and Andy Nyman. Suitable for ages 15+. Tues-Fri 8pm; Sat 5pm & 8pm; Sun 4pm & 7pm. Seats £20-£55. www.artstheatrewestend.com. Arts, 6-7 Great Newport St, WC2 7JB. T: 020-7836 8463. **E8**. Station: Leicester Sq.

Hobson's Choice

From 12 Jun: Comedy about a northern boot-maker who throws himself on the charity of his daughters. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thurs & Sat 2.15pm. Seats £25-£55. www.openairtheatre.com. Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 4NU. T: 0844-826 4242. **C6**. Station: Baker St.

Jeeves & Wooster: Perfect Nonsense

Comedy based on the works of P.G. Wodehouse. The genteel Bertie Wooster is played by Robert Webb. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Seats £20-£85. www.jeevesandwoosterplay.com. Duke of York's, 104 St Martin's Ln, WC2N 4BG. T: 0844-871 3051. **E8**. Station: Leicester Sq.

Julius Caesar

From 20 Jun: Shakespeare's political drama. Tickets £5 (standing)-£38. www.shakespearesglobe.com. Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT. T: 020-7401 9919. **E9**. Station: Blackfriars.

King Lear

Simon Russell Beale takes on the lead role in Sam Mendes' production. Check for dates and times. Seats £12-£50. www.nationaltheatre.org.uk. Olivier, National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 9PX. T: 020-7452 3000. **E8**. Station: Waterloo.

Last Days Of Troy

To 28 Jun: This dramatisation of Homer's *Iliad* stars model and actress Lily Cole. Times vary. Tickets £5 (standing)-£42. www.shakespearesglobe.com. Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT. T: 020-7401 9919. **E10**. Station: Borough.

Let The Right One In

Based on the vampire movie, this has won the prestigious South Bank Award. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thur & Sat 3pm. Seats £19.50-£65. www.apollotheatrelondon.co.uk. Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7ES. T: 0844-482 9671. **E7**. Station: Piccadilly Circus.

Macbeth

From 20 Jun: RIFT's immersive show. Please check website for details. 8pm-8am. www.macbeth.in.

Mousetrap, The

A murderer strikes at a remote country house party, in Agatha Christie's whodunnit, the world's longest-running show. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Tues 3pm; Sat 4pm. Seats £17.50-£65. www.the-mousetrap.co.uk. St. Martin's, West St, Cambridge Circus, WC2H 9NZ. T: 0844-499 1515. **D8**. Station: Leicester Sq.

Mr Burns

From 5 Jun: American play imagining life in a post-electric future for TV family *The Simpsons*. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £9-£36. www.almeida.co.uk. Almeida Theatre, Almeida St, N1 1TA. T: 020-7359 4404. **Off map**. Station: Angel.

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Skylight

NEW From 6 Jun: Carey Mulligan and Bill Nighy in David Hare's drama (p. 9). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£62.50. www.skylightwestend.com. Wyndhams, Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0DA. T: 0844-482 5120. **E7**. Station: Leicester Sq.

Small Family Business, A

Alan Ayckbourn's comedy about greed in the 1980s. Tickets £15-£50. www.nationaltheatre.org.uk. National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 9PX. T: 020-7452 3000. **E8**. Station: Waterloo.

Titus Andronicus

A graphic take on the tale. Please check for times. Tickets £5 (standing)-£42. www.shakespearesglobe.com. Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT. T: 020-7902 1400. **E9**. Station: London Bridge.

War Horse

Drama focusing on the bond between a boy and his horse. Mon, Wed-Sat 7.30pm; Tues 7pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm. Seats £15-£90. www.warhorseonstage.com. New London, 166 Drury Ln, WC2B 5PW. T: 020-7452 3000. **D8**. Station: Holborn.

Woman In Black, The

Ghostly goings-on in the country. Tues-Sat 8pm; Tues & Thurs 3pm; Sat 4pm. Seats £17.50-£60. www.thewomaninblack.com. Fortune, Russell St, WC2B 5HH. T: 0844-871 7626. **D8**. Station: Covent Gdn.

CONCERTS: CLASSICAL

Handel House Museum

5 Jun: *Handel And The Hanoverians*. **12 Jun:** *Royal Handel*. 6.30pm. Tickets £9. www.handelhouse.org. Handel House Museum, 25 Brook St, W1K 4HB. T: 020-7495 1685. **D6**. Station: Bond St.

Queen Elizabeth Hall

5 Jun: Goldsmiths Choral Union & Musicians Of London - *Mass In B Minor* (Bach). www.southbankcentre.co.uk. Southbank Centre, Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX. T: 020-7960 4200. **E8**. Station: Waterloo.

Royal Albert Hall

7 Jun: *Requiem/The Four Seasons* (Mozart, Vivaldi and Handel). www.royalalberthall.com. Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP. T: 020-7589 8212. **F4**. Station: South Kensington.

Royal Festival Hall

11 Jun: John Williams *Concierto De Aranjuez* (Rodrigo). www.rfh.org.uk. Southbank Centre, Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX. T: 020-7960 4200. **E8**. Station: Waterloo.

St. Martin-In-The-Fields

18th century church with an extensive programme of concerts. Free lunchtime music recitals at 1pm on Mon, Tues and Fri. Please check for full programme. www.smitf.org. Trafalgar Sq, WC2N 4JJ. T: 020-7766 1100. **E8**. Station: Charing Cross.

Wigmore Hall

20 Jun: Birmingham Contemporary Music Group (Elliott Carter/Matthews/Ades). **22 Jun:** Ensemble Marsyas (Fasch/Handel/Zelenka). www.wigmore-hall.org.uk. 36 Wigmore St, W1U 2BP. T: 020-7935 2141. **D6**. Station: Bond St.

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Barbican

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O₂ Arena, The

4-8 Jun: Cirque Du Soleil (p. 10). **16, 18, 20-21 Jun:** Eagles. **27-28 Jun:** Dolly Parton. www.theo2.co.uk. Peninsula Sq, SE10 0DX. T: 0844-856 0202. **Off map.** Station: North Greenwich.

Purcell Room

12 Jun: Bollywood Brass Band. www.southbankcentre.co.uk. Southbank Centre, Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX. T: 020-7960 4200. **E8.** Station: Waterloo.

Queen Elizabeth Hall

18 Jun: Neneh Cherry. www.southbankcentre.co.uk. Southbank Centre, Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX. T: 020-7960 4200. **E8.** Station: Waterloo.

Ronnie Scott's

11 Jun: Courtney Pine. www.ronniescotts.co.uk. 47 Frith St, W1D 4HT. T: 020-7439 0747. **D7.** Station: Tottenham Court Rd.

Roundhouse

3 Jun: Paolo Nutini. www.roundhouse.org.uk. Chalk Farm Rd, NW1 8EH. T: 0844-482 8008. **Off map.** Station: Chalk Farm.

Royal Albert Hall

24 Jun: David Gray. **30 Jun:** Eels. www.royalalberthall.com. Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP. T: 020-7589 8212. **F4.** Station: South Kensington.

OPERA

Bel Canto

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London Coliseum

NEW **5 Jun-27 Jun:** *Benvenuto Cellini*. Berlioz opera by Terry Gilliam (p. 10). Tickets £5-£99. www.eno.org. 33 St. Martin's Ln, WC2N 4ES. T: 020-7845 9300. **E8.** Station: Charing Cross/Leicester Sq.

Royal Opera House

From 25 Jun: *Ariadne Auf Naxos*. Work by Strauss. Seats £4-£250. www.roh.org.uk. Bow St, WC2E 9DD. T: 020-7304 4000. **D8.** Station: Covent Gdn.

DANCE

Royal Albert Hall

11-22 Jun: *Romeo & Juliet*. Seats £10-73.90. www.royalalberthall.com. Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP. T: 020-7589 8212. **F4.** Station: South Kensington.

Royal Opera House

To 7 Jul: *Manon Lescaut*. Puccini's first triumph returns to Covent Garden. www.roh.org.uk. Bow St, WC2E 9DD. T: 020-7304 4000. **D8.** Station: Covent Gdn.

Sadler's Wells

10-14 Jun: *iTMOI*. **17-29 Jun:** *Sadler's Sampled*. Seats £8-£38. www.sadlerswells.com. Rosebery Ave, EC1R 4TN. T: 0844-412 4300. **C9.** Station: Angel.

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

1001 Nights

NEW 5-22 Jun: Folk tales reimagined with a young immigrant. Times vary. Seats £10-£16. www.unicorntheatre.com. Unicorn, 147 Tooley St, SE1 2HZ. T: 020-7645 0560. **E11**. Station: London Bridge.

The Elephantom

NEW From 30 Jun: A girl is visited by a blue ghost-elephant. Mon-Wed & Fri 2.30pm; Tues-Wed & Fri 11.30am; Thur & Sat 10am. Tickets £13-£20. www.littleangeltheatre.com. Little Angel Theatre, 14 Dagmar Passage, off Cross St, N1 2DN. T: 020-7226 1787. **Off map**. Station: Angel.

FESTIVALS & SEASONS

City Of London Festival

From 22 Jun: Festival of eclectic entertainment (p. 42). Multiple venues. www.colf.org.

Greenwich + Docklands International Festival

20-28 Jun: Free festival of outdoor spectaculars (p. 42). Multiple venues. www.festival.org.

Hampton Court Palace Festival

11-25 Jun: Palace festival (p. 42). www.hamptoncourtplace.com. Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, KT8 9AU. **Off map**. Station: Hampton Court.

Hanover Rules!

To Aug: Celebrating 300 years of the Hanoverian Succession. Seats £9. www.handelhouse.org. Handel House Museum, 25 Brook St, W1K 4HB. T: 020-7495 1685. **D6**. Station: Bond St.

James Lavelle's Meltdown

13-22 Jun: The musical innovator curates this eclectic festival (p. 42). www.southbankcentre.co.uk/meltdown. Southbank Centre, Belvedere Rd, SE1. T: 0844-847 9944. **E8**. Station: Waterloo.

LIFT (London International Festival Of Theatre) 2014

2-29 Jun: The festival puts on 52 ground-breaking shows (p. 42). Multiple venues. www.liftfestival.com.

London Wonderground

To 28 Sep: Comedy and cabaret. www.londonwonderground.co.uk. Jubilee Gdns, Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX. T: 0844-545 8282. **E8**. Station: Waterloo.

Udderbelly

To 13 Jul: Comedy and cabaret. www.udderbelly.co.uk. Jubilee Gdns, Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX. T: 0844-847 9910. **E8**. Station: Waterloo.

West End Live

22-23 Jun: West End musical performances for free. www.westendlive.co.uk. Trafalgar Sq, WC2N 5DN. **E7**. Station: Leicester Sq.

FILM

BFI Southbank

Film and TV from the archives of the British Film Institute (BFI). www.bfi.org.uk. Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XT. T: 020-7928 3232. **E8**. Station: Waterloo.

The Lounge At ODEON Whiteleys

Watch films in leather seats, and enjoy a menu from chef Rowley Leigh, served to your seat. Please check programme for films. www.odeon.co.uk/thelounge. Whiteleys Of Bayswater, Queensway, W2 4YL. T: 0871-2244 007. **Off map**. Station: Queensway.

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