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Directors' note

London continues to stand as a vibrant, ever-evolving tapestry of culture, art, and entertainment. Central London Alliance's *What's on in London March-April* issue is brimming with a diverse range of events and experiences that encapsulate the spirit of our city during this time of year. In this edition, we delve into the vibrant theatre scene, highlighting performances that challenge conventions and celebrate diversity. London is buzzing with anticipation for the debut of several new plays and musicals, promising to captivate audiences with a mix of contemporary and timeless stories.



Nadia Perrier
Director
Central London Alliance C.I.C

Art enthusiasts will be delighted to explore our comprehensive guide of the latest exhibitions, from the avant-garde installations at the Tate Modern to the classic masterpieces at the National Gallery, London's art scene is as dynamic and varied as the city itself.



Richard Burge
Director
Central London Alliance C.I.C

We invite you to dive into these pages and discover the myriad ways to enjoy London in March and April with another season of discovery and entertainment in one of the world's most incredible cities!

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LONDON EVENTS IN MARCH

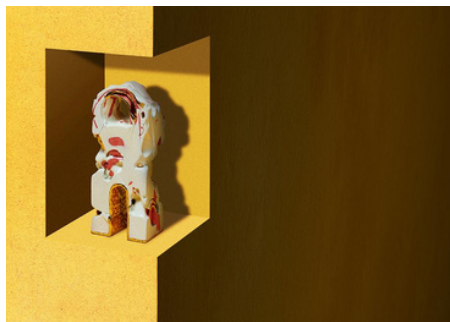


Mark your calendars, from Mother's Day to Easter, March has it all to fill your days with unforgettable events and experiences. Known for being dynamic and bright, this month, London will be transformed into a tender heaven of heart-melting celebrations. Take the family out to Tower Hill for Easter or dive into unique experiences for mum to cherish at Kew Gardens; this March create lasting memories for all the right reasons.

Collect 2024

1 - 3 March 2024

Somerset House, Strand, London
WC2R 1LA



www.somersethouse.org.uk

This leading international fair is a must-see for sophisticated contemporary craft and design. In an era of a growing demand for modern craftsmanship, this event provides collectors with a chance to obtain museum-worthy pieces made by some of the most talented artisans of the 21st century.

Tickets:

www.somersethouse.org.uk

4 - 10 March 2024
British Pie Week



8 March 2024

International Women's Day
Read the next page for dedicated events



Affordable Art Fair

6 - 10 March 2024

Battersea Evolution, Queenstown
Road, SW11 4NJ



www.affordableartfair.com

Discover the joy of collecting art at Affordable Art Fair, hosted in beautiful Battersea Park. Find your perfect piece from the hand-picked selection of galleries showcasing thousands of original contemporary artworks, priced between £50 and £7,500.

Tickets: www.affordableartfair.com

Dessert making workshop by Blue Orchid Hospitality

10 March 2024

100 Minories, EC3N1JY



Unleash your culinary creativity, learn secret tips from expert chefs, and transform simple ingredients into vibrant, flavourful treats like Tiramisu and macarons.

Tickets available on Eventbrite

11 March 2024
Commonwealth Day



The London Book Fair

12 - 14 March 2024

Olympia London, W14 8UX



www.londonbookfair.co.uk

The entire publishing industry seems to be represented at this event. Carefully curated seminar sessions feature celebrated guests in the book world that affect future trends. LBF also celebrates industry professionals with Trailblazer and Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Tickets: www.londonbookfair.co.uk

Don't forget to travel into London on Fridays with TfL's Off-Peak Fares on Fridays!



Tate Modern Architecture Tour

16 March, 14.00–15.30

Bankside, SE1 9TG



www.tate.org.uk

Since 2000 Tate Modern has evolved into an iconic London landmark, being known not only for its exceptional art collection but also for its architectural distinction. This tour offers a unique journey through the fusion of historic and contemporary design.

Tickets: www.tate.org.uk

Holi Colour Dance Festival

17 March

Swiss Cottage Fountain Area, NW3
3NR



Celebrate the Hindu festival of colours and the whole Indian culture at the Magic of India's Holi Colour Dance Festival. Stunning professional performances, dancers, drummers, DJ, where you're invited to dance along. A packet of skin-safe powder colours are included for you to take part.

Tickets: www.magicofindia.org



The Earth Hour:
23 March at 8:30 pm



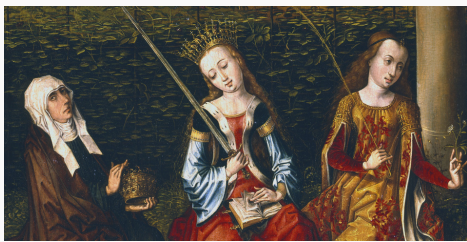
Women's International Day

March is dedicated to honouring the remarkable past and present achievements made by women. Celebrate Women's History Month and International Women's Day with the best events and activities happening across London.

Women's Voices in Early Christianity - A Day of Talks

2 March, 10:00 - 16:00

Southwark Cathedral, SE1 9DA



A captivating day of talks exploring the often overlooked role of women in early Christianity. Discover their significant contributions and the impact they had on shaping the faith.

Visit Southwark Cathedral at Eventbrite for more details

Where are the Women Architects?

4 March, 18:25 - 20:15

Paternoster Lodge, EC4 7DX



How can the built environment be designed without the input of half the population?

The teacher and author Sumita Singha will discuss what women can do to help themselves and what support they need from institutions.

Book tickets: www.templebar.london

Celebrating The Women's Library

7 March

LSE Library, Houghton Street



London School of Economics and Political Science hosts a free public celebration of the 10-year anniversary of The Women's Library Reading Room! This includes displays of unique archives, behind-the-scenes tours and fascinating late library talks until 9pm.

Book tickets: www.lse.ac.uk/library

Women in Art Walking Tour

7 March

The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square

This 2.5 hour walking tour will highlight the representation and art of the female artists in the National Gallery's collection. Discover Rachel Ruysch, who throughout her career commanded more money for her art than Rembrandt ever did, and other iconic female artists.

Book tickets: www.nationalgallery.org.uk

New Dawn: A concert for International Women's Day

8 March, 19:30

St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq



As champions of the programming of women composers, the BBC Singers and guest conductor Ellie Slorach present a concert for International Women's Day of music based on the concept of daybreak.

Book tickets: www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org

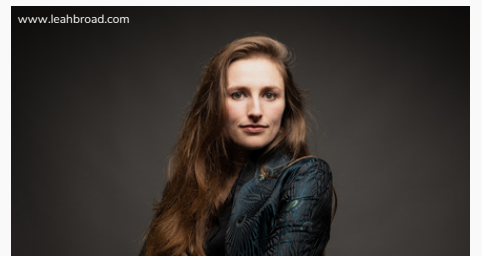
A Woman with a Voice

10 March

Founding Museum, WC1N 1AZ

Dr Leah Broad - the author of *Quartet: How Four Women changed the Musical World* joins three award-winning musicians to guide us through a programme of works by trail-blazing female composers of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Book tickets: www.tickettailor.com



MOTHER'S DAY IN LONDON



Celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent, this holiday has different meanings to everyone, but makes us all equally sentimental.

Around March 10th London will be filled with flowers and heart-warming events. Whether you're with your mother, kids, or alone, we have ideas how to celebrate endless love that this day symbolises.

Meditative Concerts by Candlelit

Candlelit events become even more special with a relaxing programme to enjoy on the Mother's Day weekend. Sound bath sessions, in a space illuminated by hundreds of candles, allow the audience to focus on just themselves for 75 minutes.

Tickets: www.candlelightexperience.com

Popcorn Treats

Netflix won't replace a feeling of shared experience in the cinema. Try one of London's amazing independent venues like BFI Southbank and Ciné Lumière, or go to unbeatable networks of movie theatres for both new releases and classics.

Northbank Strolls

Mother's Day is a perfect occasion to explore this stunning riverside area.

Grab some food and beverages from the market, look at The Artist's Garden and just enjoy picturesque views with spring sun shining over the Thames.

Discover more: www.thenorthbank.london

The Funny Mummy Show

For parents in need of a laugh amidst the whirlwind of family life. Alyssa Kyria, in her solo performance, masterfully explore the ridiculousness of raising children. With comedy songs, hilarious truth bombs, and more.

6 March, Big Penny Social 1, E17 6AL

Tickets available on Eventbrite

Afternoon Teas

This British classic indulgent goes perfectly with the occasion. Book a quintessentially British afternoon tea at Tower Suites by Blue Orchid Hospitality.

Book: www.blueorchid.com

Thames Boat Trips

See London from another perspective. City Cruises usually offer brunch, lunch, afternoon tea or dinner sightseeing journeys.

Tickets:

www.thamesdinnercruise.co.uk/mothers-day/

Parks and Gardens

You don't have to invent something extraordinary for an unforgettable day. London is famous for its gorgeous green zones, particularly Kew Gardens, St. James's Park and do not forget the hidden gems such as St Dunstons-in-the-East.



MOTHER'S DAY AT ADAMO SPA

Spend this heart-warming holiday with your loved ones or make a memorable gift to your mother figure! Pampering treatments in the Adamo Spa give a unique sense of complete recharge in a matter of hours.

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St Patrick's Day Parade and Festival

Sun, 17 March
Trafalgar Square



To celebrate the enduring strength of the relationship between the British and the Irish, London will transform into the green pastures of Leprechauns' Shamrock. The festival at Trafalgar Square will cover the best of Irish arts, culture, food, music, and more, including the spectacular annual parade. More than 50,000 people are expected to join the annual procession of Irish marching bands, dance troupes and pageantry. The parade starts at Hyde Park Corner, then travels through Piccadilly, St James's Street, Pall Mall, Cockspur Street, and Whitehall. It then finishes at Trafalgar Square with concerts, films, and performances from community choirs, schools, dance troupes, and a singalong finale.

Discover more: www.london.gov.uk

18 March 2024
Global Recycling Day



Cognac Show

20 - 23 March 2024
Glaziers Hall, SE1 9DD



Cognac has experienced a continuously increasing popularity in Britain. The event honours this esteemed spirit, providing attendees with the chance to taste some of the world's most exceptional cognacs.

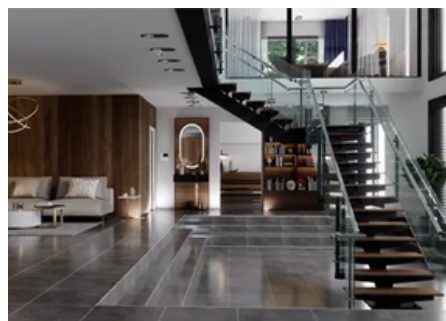
Book tickets:
www.cognacshow.com

20 March
International Day of
Happiness



Ideal Home Show

22 March - 7 April 2024
Battersea Evolution, Queenstown
Road, SW11 4NJ



www.idealhomeshow.co.uk

Explore the extravagant and innovative property show featuring houses everyone dreams about. Be inspired from the latest home and garden designs and technology and for the first time ever, all products within the Dream Home will be available to buy at the show!

Book tickets:
www.idealhomeshow.co.uk

The Passion of Jesus

29 March, 12 noon and 15:15
Trafalgar Square



www.wintershall.org.uk

Watch a biblical story performed by 100 actors at the annual staging of The Passion of Jesus in Trafalgar Square, which takes place on Good Friday. The two 90-minute performances are free to attend.

Discover more: www.london.gov.uk

31 March - Easter



BucketRace Scavenger Easter Hunt

30 March 2023
Golden Square, Brewer St, Soho



www.bucketrace.com

BucketRace is organising a 2024 Easter egg hunt in London for adults. Transport back to your childhood with a pursuit for chocolatey treats across Central London. Complete tasks and challenges while collecting bonus points and having a blast.

Discover more:
www.bucketrace.com

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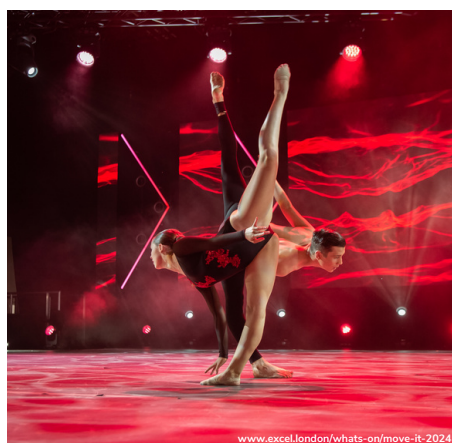
ExCel events

MARCH - APRIL 2024

ExCeL London, Royal Victoria Dock, E16 1XL

Move It

16 - 17 March 2024



Join a bright celebration of all forms of dance at ExCeL London. No matter what level and age you are, this event will bring you joy of self-expression and artistic creativity through movement. MOVE IT 2024 is looking to be bigger than ever before with brand-new features, including studio takeovers with Playground LA and Disney.

The National Wedding Show

23 - 24 March 2024



Calling all brides-to-be! Get inspiration from over 300 of the leading wedding suppliers, a Wedding Bakes Gallery, Groom's Room, the Wedding Catwalk showcasing the dresses, or just unwind in the extra beautiful Champagne Bar.

The Pub Show

25 - 27 March 2024



Your passport to pub culture. Sip, sample and source products from the best suppliers in the biz, craft partnerships, and brew strategies. Reuniting the pub community with flair, The Pub Show introduces an exciting revamp for 2024, featuring new partnerships and innovative features.

3-4 March 2024
Professional Beauty London

6-7 March 2024
Big Data & AI World

13-14 March 2024
Corporate Wellbeing Expo

13-14 March 2024
Business Innovation Expo

19-20 March
Recruitment Agency Expo

25-27 March 2024
International Food & Drink Event

28-30 March 2024
Everything Electric London

10-12 April 2024
International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare

12-13 April 2024
The International Franchise Show

19-20 April 2024
The Property Investor Show

24-25 April 2024
Digital Healthcare Show

LONDON EVENTS IN APRIL



April in London bursts with cultural blooming, offering a dynamic mix of events. This month promises an enriching experience for every taste, making London an exhilarating hub of arts and culture.

1 April
April Fool's Day



London Games Festival

9 - 25 April
IET London: Savoy Place



www.gamesindustry.biz

A city-wide celebration that incorporates a programme of activity for global games professionals and players across the country. 16 days of LGF 2024 will be grouped around three strands that focus on: industry, talent and impact, and gameplay.

Tickets: www.games.london.com

London Coffee Festival

11 - 14 April
The Truman Brewery, Brick Lane,
E1 6QR



www.londoncoffeefestival.com

The world's greatest coffee and hospitality event, embracing London's bustling coffee scene and its creative subcultures. Enjoy a massive food court, latte art master classes, DJ performances, roasters village and, obviously, lots of coffee.

Tickets:
www.londoncoffeefestival.com

St George's Day 2024

Sun 21 April
Trafalgar Square



www.london.gov.uk/st-georges-day-2024

Celebrate the essence of England and English identity at this family-friendly festival, now in its seventeenth year. A six-hour programme features a mix of traditional and contemporary live music, an all-day silent disco, comedy, dance, storytelling, science workshops, roaming entertainers, and kids' arts activities.

Discover more: www.london.gov.uk

TCS London Marathon

Sun 21 April



www.tcslondonmarathon.com

The London Marathon first took place in 1981 and has become one of the most popular marathons in the world. The route takes in many of London's famous landmarks including Buckingham Palace, The Cutty Sark, Tower Bridge, and Canary Wharf.

Discover more:
www.tcslondonmarathon.com



IWA Canalway Cavalcade

29th April - 1st May
Little Venice (W9 2PF and W2 6NE)



www.waterways.org.uk

A free bank holiday celebration of London's nautical-dwelling communities. Around 130 water homes will be moored along the picturesque canal, dressed up for the pageant. Visitors can also expect old British fair traditions, including Morris dancing, a real ale bar, trade stalls, children's entertainment, live music and plenty of delicious food.

Discover more: www.waterways.org.uk

Chelsea Football Stadium and Museum Tours

Until 30 June
Stamford Bridge, SW6 1HS



Go on a tour cherished by millions of sports enthusiasts worldwide over the past 22 years! That's an immersive 60-minute experience at Stamford Bridge, featuring highlights like the Press Room, Player's Tunnel, Pitch side, and more.

Tickets: www.chelseafc.com

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LONDON EXHIBITIONS IN SPRING

March - April 2024



www.whitechapelgallery.org

DAVID BOWIE – A LONDON DAY

The Fitzrovia Chapel, SW1P 4RG

1-20 March



David Bowie 1992

Photographer Kevin Davies captured a day in the life of David Bowie in 1992 as he prepared for the release of "Black Tie White Noise." Curated by Dylan Jones, the exhibition features over 400 rediscovered, well-preserved negatives from that iconic day in London.

Website: www.fitzroviachapel.org

DIVA

The V&A Museum, South Kensington
Until 7 April

DIVA celebrates the power of iconic performers, exploring the role of 'diva' and how this has been subverted over time across opera, stage, popular music, and film. You'll be fascinated by creativity of fashion artists and gather some ideas for your outfits.

CUTE

Somerset House, Strand, WC2R 1LA

Until 14 Apr 2024



www.somersethouse.org.uk

Why do fluffy toys and smiling dogs make us feel in a certain way? Somerset House's latest exhibition explores the irresistible force of cuteness in contemporary culture. It delves into a wide array of artworks and trends, spanning music, fashion, and social media. Well isn't this cute?

Website: www.somersethouse.org.uk

FASHION CITY

Museum of London, Docklands

Until April 14th



www.museumoflondon.org.uk

Discover how Jewish Londoners shaped global style. This exhibition tells you about makers who became leaders in their industries, founded retail chains and dressed the rich and famous.

Website: www.museumoflondon.org.uk

AINU STORIES: CONTEMPORARY LIVES BY THE SARU RIVER

Japan House London, Kensington

Until 21 April



www.japanhouselondon.org.uk

Experience AINU culture as it exists today in this exploration of the contemporary lives of this indigenous people of northern Japan.

Website: www.japanhouselondon.org.uk

BURTYNSKY: EXTRACTION/ABSTRACTION

Saatchi Gallery - Duke of York's HQ, King's Road, SW3 4RY

Until 6 May

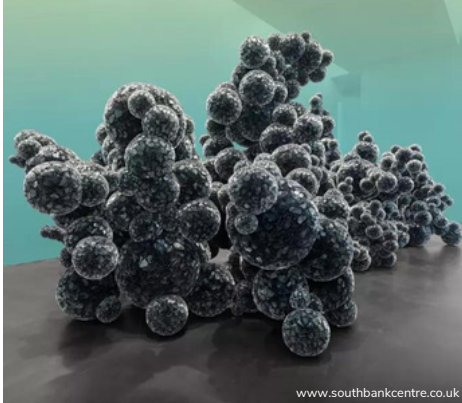


www.saatchigallery.com

Feel a stunning representation of man's devastating impact on the landscape. The largest exhibition ever mounted in the 40+ year career of world-renowned photographic artist, Edward Burtynsky.

Website: www.saatchigallery.com

WHEN FORMS COME ALIVE
Hayward Gallery, South Bank
Until 6 May 2024



Spanning over 60 years of contemporary sculpture, this exhibition highlights ways in which artists draw on familiar experiences of movement, flux and organic growth.

SARGENT AND FASHION
Tate Britain - Millbank, SW1P 4RG
Until 7 July



John Singer Sargent Lady Agnew of Lochnaw (1864-1932) 1892 National Galleries of Scotland. Purchased with the aid of the Cowan Smith Bequest Fund 1925

Explore the unique work of John Singer Sargent and his striking portrait paintings. The artist used fashion as a powerful tool to express identity and personality. He regularly chose the outfits of his collaborators or manipulated their clothing. This innovative use of costume was central to his artwork.



ORCHID FESTIVAL
Kew Gardens - 77-82 Whitechapel
High Street, E1 7QX
Until 7 July 2024

Enjoy vibrant flora to celebrate the end of winter. This year's topic is Madagascar with its stunning natural beauty and biodiversity – become enchanted by a land of striking contrast, from spiny forests to succulent woodlands; and a menagerie of the most unique wildlife on Earth. Don't miss the extraordinary giraffe weevils! Explore installations of extinct species and keep an eye out for ring tailed lemurs high up in the trees above you.



ZINEB SEDIRA: DREAMS HAVE NO TITLES

Whitechapel Gallery-77-82 Whitechapel
High Street, E1 7QX
Until 7 July 2024

Whitechapel Gallery presents the UK debut of Zineb Sedira's critically acclaimed works. An immersive installation comprising film, sculpture, photography and performance, that interweaves the artist's biography with activist films produced across France, Algeria and Italy in the 1960s and 1970s, a pivotal moment in the history of avant-garde film production.



www.whitechapelgallery.org

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What's on in theatres

IN MARCH
AND APRIL

This spring season promises to be a huge one for West End. From timeless classics undergoing innovative revivals to groundbreaking new premieres, there is an undeniable air of anticipation at the London's theatrical scene. Check our ultimate guide on the best capital's shows and performances. This season stands out for its dedication to accessibility and inclusion, featuring captioned shows, audio-described performances, and relaxed presentations for diverse audiences, including individuals with hearing, visual, and sensory sensitivities.



MARCH — APRIL

THEATRES BILLBOARD

THE LION KING

- 1 March — 30 April
- Lyceum Theatre

The acclaimed musical by Disney, dazzles with vibrant hues, breathtaking effects, and captivating melodies. Unfolding the compelling narrative of Simba, the production chronicles his transformation from an innocent cub to his fated position as the ruler of the Pridelands.

www.thelyceumtheatre.com



AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE

- 1 March — 6 April
- Duke Of York's Theatre

A thought-provoking play about truth in a society driven by power and money. Matt Smith stars in this critically acclaimed show, only available for a brief period this spring in London.

www.thedukeofyorks.com



BACK TO THE FUTURE: THE MUSICAL

- 1 March — 30 April
- Adelphi Theatre

Welcome to Hill Valley! The story of getting back to 1955 and accidentally changing the course of history can't be boring. This musical has won Olivier Awards 2022 and Broadway World Awards 2022.

www.backtothefuturemusical



OPENING NIGHT

- 6 March — 27 July
- Gielgud Theatre

A major new musical based on a legendary film. But drama ignites behind the scenes when their leading lady Myrtle (Sheridan Smith) is rocked by tragedy, and her personal turmoil forces everybody to deliver the performance of their lives.

www.gielgudtheatre.co.uk



BILLBOARD

PLAYING SHAKESPEARE WITH DEUTSCHE BANK: ROMEO & JULIET

- 19 March — 13 April
- Shakespeare's Globe Theatre

This fast-paced and bold version is created especially for young people and is the perfect introduction to Shakespeare for everyone.

www.shakespearesglobe.com



HADESTOWN

- 19 March — 13 April
- Globe Theatre

'An epic celebration of music, togetherness and hope'. Hometown takes you on a journey to the underworld and back, intertwining two mythic love stories – that of young dreamers and a King with his wife.

www.uk.hadestown.com



MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

- 25 April — 24 August
- Shakespeare's Globe Theatre

Shakespeare's timeless comedy, directed by the Globe's Associate Artistic Director Sean Holmes. This play will transport audiences to an Elizabethan paradise.

www.shakespearesglobe.com



WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION

- Until summer 2024
- County Hall

Witness for the Prosecution is based on a short story written by Agatha Christie that recounts a murder trial in the 1920s.

www.witnesscountyhall.com



DISCOVER THE CITY OF LONDON

Roman ruins beneath your feet, glass towers above your head. We've rounded up some of our favourite ways to explore the City of London's past and present. Read on for unique City experiences and visit www.thecityofldn.com to stay up to date on new openings, events and days out in the birthplace of London.

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City Views

The City of London is home to some of the best FREE rooftop views in the capital. Visit the City of London's open air public rooftop garden at The Garden at 120, enjoy a memorable sunset at the Sky Garden, witness uninterrupted views of the City's iconic landmarks from The Lookout or discover Europe's highest free viewing platform at Horizon 22.



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Want to elevate your regular dinner and drinks to something on another level? Book a table or pull up a bar stool at one of the City's stunning rooftops locations and dine gazing at iconic landmarks such as St Paul's Cathedral or Tower Bridge. Visit www.thecityofldn.com/rooftops for our round-up of rooftops to drink and dine with a view.

Explore Guildhall Art Gallery and London's Roman Amphitheatre

Discover a fine art collection spanning 400 years, including depictions of London, works by major Victorian artists, and world-famous masterpieces. Visit the free display about Billingsgate Market at the Heritage Gallery until 16 May, step into the ruins of London's Roman Amphitheatre or join one of the guided tours by official City guides to get the most out of your visit. Admission is free but temporary exhibitions might be charged for.



Guildhall Art Gallery, City of London Corporation

Dates: Always on

Website: www.thecityofldn.com/guildhallartgallery

Leisure in Roman London

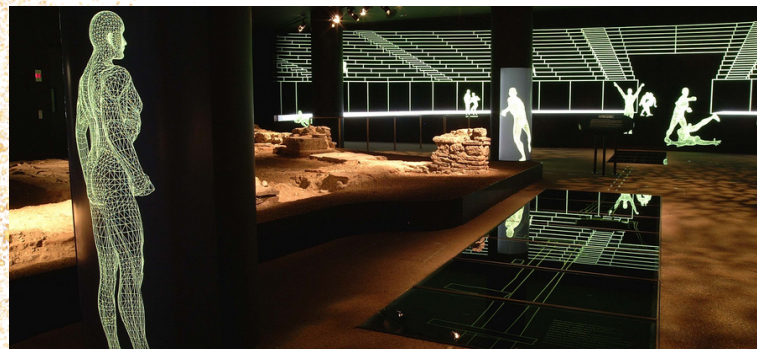
Explore two of the best-preserved Roman sites in London with archaeologist Dr Andrew Lane.

Find out how the Amphitheatre was discovered, the role of the games in Roman society and the truth behind some of the myths and legends surrounding the gladiators.

Dates: 23 March

(further dates to be announced)

Website: www.thecityofldn.com/leisureinromanlondon



London's Roman Amphitheatre, City of London Corporation



Billingsgate Roman House and Baths, City of London Corporation

Second Saturday Family Activities



Family activities at Guildhall Art Gallery, City of London Corporation

On the second Saturday of each month, a revolving programme of family activities may have you heading into the Roman Amphitheatre and hearing tales of Roman conquests or creating crafts from the Victorian paintings surrounding you. Free entrance but booking recommended.

Dates: Second Saturday of each month

Time: 10:30am to 4pm (Last admission 3:45pm)

Website: www.thecityofldn.com/families



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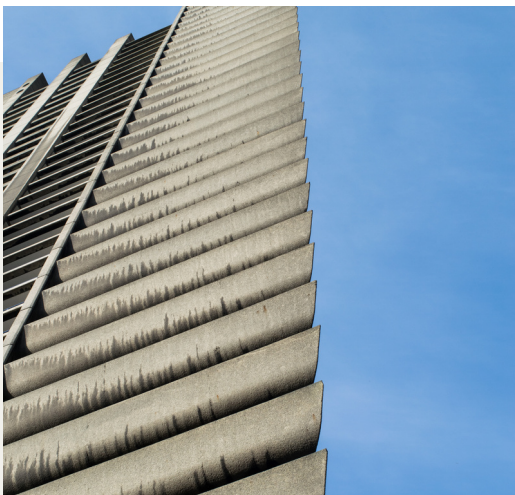
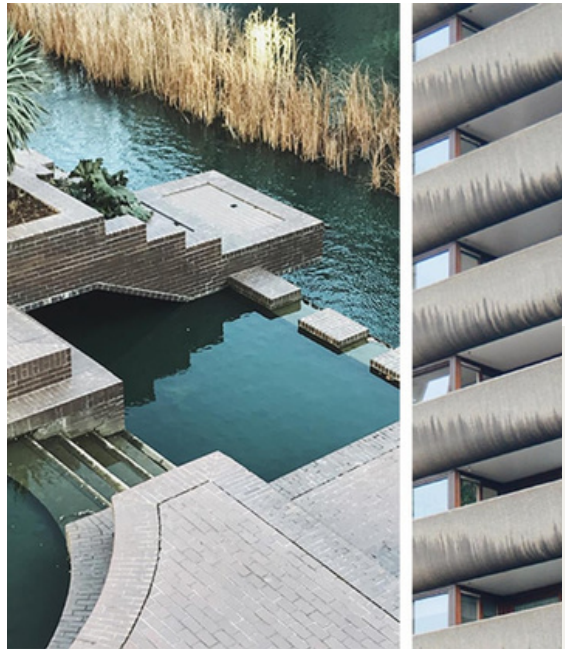
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OUFIANE ABABRI: THEIR MOUTHS WERE FULL OF BUMBLEBEES, BUT IT WAS ME WHO WAS POLLINATED.

Moroccan-born artist Soufiane Ababri will transform the Barbican's Curve gallery for his first solo exhibition at a major UK institution. A site-specific performance will address the power architecture can hold over our bodies and its ability to influence our behaviour. Ababri references the history of clubs as sites of resistance for the LGBTQIA+ community and explores the role of dance and music as tools for personal and collective emancipation. **Until Sun 26 May 2024**



Soufiane Ababri, *Bedwork*, 2023, Between two paragraphs of Oscar Wilde's reading © Soufiane Ababri Photo: Rebecca Fanuele



Billie Zangewa, *Midnight Aura*, 2012. Courtesy the artist, Lehmann Maupin and Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam. Photo: John Hodgkiss

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