

WEST LONDON SPRING & SUMMER FESTIVALS CALENDAR



Your guide to the fantastic cultural events taking place across west London from April to September 2008



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**The Western Wedge is pleased to present
the third edition of the West London
Festivals Calendar.**

This year's calendar is the biggest and best yet, featuring seventy-one fantastic arts and cultural festivals across eight west London boroughs.

The Western Wedge is a partnership of eight local authorities, supported by the Arts Council England, who work together to enable a more strategic approach to arts and culture across west London.

For further information about the Western Wedge and West London's 2012 Cultural Offer please visit:
www.westernwedge.org.uk or
www.wlaculturaloffer2012.org

KEY TO EVENTS

The events in the calendar are colour coded to show where they happen:



BRENT

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

EALING

HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM

HARROW

HILLINGDON

HOUNSLOW

LONDON-WIDE

**THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA**

APRIL

Ongoing – February 2009

CHINATOWN ARTS FESTIVAL

Chinatown Arts Festival, under the umbrella of the Five Circles Festival, is a series of groundbreaking contemporary exchange events including rap, film, contemporary dance, visual public arts, and education taking place throughout 2008. Various ticket prices.

Where: Various locations

T 07834 849 628

E info@chinatownartsspace.com

W www.chinatownartsspace.com

5 April

VAISAKHI

A celebration for the Sikh New Year, featuring a wide range of activities including dance, music and a ceremonial sword display.

Where: Harrow Teachers Centre, Tudor Road

T 020 8424 1803

E stephen.porter@harrow.gov.uk

10 – 13 April

KINOTEKA

THE 6TH POLISH FILM FESTIVAL

Featuring the latest award-winning films from Poland, world premieres, a question-and-answer session, and an accompanying exhibition of Andrzej Klimowski's renowned film posters. Tickets are £7.50 (£6.50 concessions) per film.

Where: Riverside Studios

T 020 8237 1111

W www.riversidestudios.co.uk



MAY

3 – 5 May

CANAL WAY CAVALCADE

London's premier waterway event is a colourful celebration of decorated barges, entertainment, stalls, food and a boat rally. Where: Little Venice

W <http://london.waterways.org.uk/cavalcade/>

7 – 11 May

NOTTING HILL ART AND DESIGN EVENT

A collaboration between leading Notting Hill based art and design dealers: exhibitions, lectures and special events will showcase the diversity and strength of the local arts and design trade.

Where: Galleries and work spaces across Notting Hill

T 020 7229 8811

E info@broadbentgallery.com

W www.broadbentgallery.com

10 May, 7 June & 14 June

DONNA MARIA'S MAYPOLE SPECTACULAR

Join in with Donna Maria's Maypole – everyone's invited! Children can dress up in best or fancy dress and be Maypole Prince and Princess stars for the day.

Where: St. Christopher's Place on 10 May & 14 June. Leicester Square on 7 June.

E info@donna-marias-world.co.uk

11 May

COVENT GARDEN MAY FAYRE AND PUPPETRY FESTIVAL

Punch and Judy puppeteers from all over the country perform throughout the day to showcase and celebrate the art of puppetry.

Where: Outside St Paul's Church

T 020 7375 0441

E info@alternativearts.co.uk

W www.punchandjudy.com/coventgarden.htm

12 May – 3 August

CELEBRATING CHANGE

A wide ranging programme of arts and sports events with activities focusing on dance and music with plenty of opportunities for young people to get involved!

Where: Beacon Centre, Scott Crescent, Rayners Lane

T 020 8424 1803

E stephen.porter@harrow.gov.uk

24 & 25 May

RHYTHM SHIFT

A colourful multi-cultural dance festival with workshops and performances celebrating popular, folk, classical & contemporary dance forms, featuring some of the 50 or more dance groups working in Harrow.

Entry fees will apply.

Where: Harrow Arts Centre, Uxbridge Road

T 020 8424 1904

E wendy.lockwood@harrow.gov.uk

W www.harrowarts.com

25 May – 8 June

A TASTE OF SPAIN THE LARGEST SEVILLANAS DANCE

Regent Street will be closed to traffic on 25 May as shoppers and dancers join together to witness a Guinness World Record breaking attempt "The Largest Sevillanas Dance", which will kick off A Taste of Spain 2008.

Where: Regent Street

T 020 7287 9601

W www.regentstreetonline.com/regentstreet

JUNE

June – September

IN TRANSIT*

An original and fun summer programme of artist-led walks, talks, events and commissions for all the family including a Statues Alive: Night Projections Trail, a Sonic Walk and sound installation and night photography and environmental sculpture trails and workshops!

Where: Various locations across Kensington and Chelsea

T 020 7361 3204

E arts@rbkc.gov.uk

W www.rbkc.gov.uk/intransit

June – September

PORTAVILION –

AN UP PROJECTS PRODUCTION FOR LONDON'S PARKS

An acclaimed group of international artists present their own unique 'pavilions' transforming parks across Central London over the summer. An exciting range of mainly free events and activities will be taking place around the pavilions – check the website for further details.

Where: Holland Park, Potters Fields, Regents Park

T 020 7033 3568

E emma@upprojects.com

W www.portavilion.com

1 – 8 June

HILLINGDON ARTS WEEK

A week-long festival including music, dance, theatre, crafts and visual arts. More than 40 arts events will take place in venues across the borough. Most events are free, however some may be ticketed.

Where: Locations across Hillingdon

E artsweek@blueyonder.co.uk

W www.communitate.co.uk/london/artsweek/

1 – 30 June

HOUNSLOW'S OLDER PEOPLE'S FESTIVAL

Celebrating the festival's 16th year with more than 30 activities for older people, including walks, talks, exhibitions and dances throughout and beyond the borough.

Where: Locations across Hounslow

T 0845 456 2840

E shermain.philip@cip.org.uk

3 June – 9 August

OPERA HOLLAND PARK

A season of opera performances held in the beautiful surrounds of Holland Park. Tickets are priced at £52, £46, £39 and £10. Concessions available. 1,200 free tickets are offered to young people aged between nine and eighteen.

Where: Holland Park

T 0845 230 9769

W www.operahollandpark.com

7 – 22 June

THE 42ND BEDFORD PARK FESTIVAL

Kicking off with the Green Days fete on 7 and 8 June, the Bedford Park Festival continues with a fortnight of concerts, talks and exhibitions. The Green Days weekend is free; however charges may apply for some of the other events.

Where: Various locations.

T 020 8994 1380

E parishoffice@smaaa.org.uk

W www.smaaa.org.uk



14 – 27 June

CHELSEA FESTIVAL

An annual celebration of both the area and the performing arts. With venues ranging from the historic Royal Hospital to Chelsea Arts Club, the programme is designed to reach and stimulate all ages. Various ticket prices.

Where: Chelsea and surrounding area

T 0845 890 2435

E info@chelseafestival.org

W www.chelseafestival.org

15 June

QUEEN'S PARK OPEN GARDENS AND STUDIOS

This popular biennial event will see more than 20 gardens and artists' studios around Queen's Park thrown open to the public. Tickets cost £5 with all profits going to support local environmental projects.

Where: Queen's Park, NW6

T 020 8969 6863

W www.qpara.org

15 June

GREENFEST WEST LONDON

Come along to GREENFEST if you would like to meet your local community and to get involved in environmental issues. With great music and a lovely riverside setting.

Where: Furnivall Gardens, beside the river in Hammersmith.

T 020 7371 1290

E info@greenfest.org.uk

W www.greenfest.org.uk

15 June

MARYLEBONE VILLAGE SUMMER FAYRE

Music in the park, dancing in the street, local markets, children's activities, independent stalls and food galore all combine to create a great day out in the heart of London.

Where: Marylebone High Street

T 020 7290 0945

W www.marylebonevillage.com

20 June – 20 July

LONDON FESTIVAL OF ARCHITECTURE

Explore London's architecture in this month-long festival of exhibitions, cycle tours, walks, talks, performances, installations and interventions, boat trips along the Thames and large scale street animations each weekend, all focusing on the theme of FRESH!

Where: Various locations

T 020 7436 8625

E info@lfa2008.org

W www.lfa2008.org

20 June

FITZROVIA FESTIVAL

A local festival taking place throughout Fitzrovia featuring music, poetry, salsa and street performances.

Where: Fitzroy Square

T 020 7580 4576

E info@fitzrovia.org.uk

W www.fitzrovia.org.uk

21 June

EXHIBITION ROAD MUSIC DAY

100 exhilarating performances by both professional and amateur musicians will bring Exhibition Road alive. An incredible range of sounds and styles, all celebrating the diversity of international culture.

Where: On and around Exhibition Road, South Kensington

W www.exhibitionroadmusicday.org



21 June

HANWELL CARNIVAL AND SHOW

A great day out for everybody, with activities including marching bands, a funfair, sideshows, main arena events and a music stage.

Where: Elthorne Park, Hanwell

T 020 8840 3611 / 07717 083 749

W www.hanwellcarnival.org.uk

21 June

REFUGEE DAY

An afternoon and evening celebration of the cultures of west London refugee communities. This event is part of Refugee Week.

Where: Beacon Centre, Scott Crescent, Rayners Lane

T 020 8424 1803

E stephen.porter@harrow.gov.uk

22 June

GLADSTONBURY FESTIVAL AND FUN DAY

Featuring live music by local bands and community musicians plus Colour Dome, Woofstock Dog Show, Green Fair, children's funfair, stalls and food.

Where: Gladstone Park

T 020 8452 3044

E judithrobinson@bulldoghome.com

W www.gpcc.ik.com

20 June – 6 July

PRIDE ARTS FESTIVAL

Featuring the very best of LGBT arts, entertainment and sports; the festival includes film screenings, theatre, comedy and cabaret, as well as a spectacular parade on Pride day, 5 July.

Where: Streets of Soho

T info@pridelondon.org

W www.pridelondon.org

28 June – 13 July

SOUTH WEST FEST

Celebrate SW1 with 40 events from Tate Britain to Pimlico Toy Library, including a gala launch spectacular and a carnival parade.

Tune in to SW1 Radio or visit the online broadcast for programming from local groups of south Westminster.

Where: Various venues in south Westminster

T 020 7931 7999

E info@southwestfest.org.uk

W www.southwestfest.org.uk

28 June

FULHAM FEAST

Celebrating the vast culinary diversity that is found within the borough. Come along to meet your neighbours and to try a variety of new dishes.

Where: Locations across Fulham

T 020 8753 3500

W www.lbhf.gov.uk

29 June

UNDER ONE SKY*

Harrow's largest festival which celebrates the very best of music, song, dance, drama, sports and food. The party atmosphere brings together young and old from across the community... under one sky! Entry fees will apply.

Where: Zoom Leisure (Kodak Sports Ground), Harrow View

T 020 8424 1803

E john.tucker@harrow.gov.uk

29 June

PITSHANGER PARTY IN THE PARK

The perfect family event featuring music, dance, arts and crafts village, beer tent, carousel and sports arena, plus a gastrodome and dog show.

Where: Pitshanger Park, Meadvale Road, W5

T 07973 501438

E martin.kelly@pitshanger.org.uk

W www.pitshanger.org.uk

JULY

2 – 13 July

CULTURAL CO-OPERATION: CHINA MUSIC VILLAGE

One of Europe's longest running festivals of world cultures includes instrumental music, folksong, masked music theatre, martial arts, marionette theatre and calligraphy. Ninety musicians and artists from China will perform in the capital alongside artists from London's own Chinese community.

Where: 5 & 6 July in Kew Gardens and

12 & 13 July in Hyde Park

T 020 7841 0500

W www.culturalco-operation.org

5 July

GREENFORD CARNIVAL

All the family are welcome to the Greenford Carnival, which brings together all the essential summer items of music, food and fun in Ravenor Park. £1 charge for adults.

Where: Ravenor Park

T 020 8825 6051

E events@ealing.gov.uk

6 – 20 July

EARLS COURT FESTIVAL

A celebration of the local area of Earls Court; the festival includes street performers, music, drama, arts and crafts and workshops for the whole family.

Where: Various venues around Earls Court

T 020 7341 0931

W www.earlscourtfestival.org.uk

6 July

BRENT RESPECT FESTIVAL*

An exciting festival that attracts thousands of people through a stimulating programme of music, dance, interactive workshops and food and craft stalls held in one of the borough's award-winning parks. An exciting opportunity to see Shlomo and a fusion of choirs celebrate Brent's cultural diversity through a new sound.

Where: Roundwood Park

T 020 8937 3119

E festivals@brent.gov.uk

W www.brent.gov.uk/festivals

11, 12 & 16 – 18 July

EALING COMEDY FESTIVAL

One of the country's leading comedy festivals. Various ticket prices.

Where: Walpole Park

T 020 8825 6064

E events@ealing.gov.uk

12 July

NORWOOD GREEN VILLAGE DAY

A fun day for all the family with arena events, craft stalls, sideshows, performances and a children's art show.

Where: Norwood Green, Southall

T 020 854 6040

E mike.coombe@tesco.net

12 July

ACTON CARNIVAL

Featuring a massive procession down Acton High Street and a vibrant festival in Acton Park, this community carnival and funfair reflects all of our cultural communities. A great warm-up act to Notting Hill!

Where: Acton Park, W3

T 020 8993 6158

E actoncarnival@hotmail.com

W www.actoncarnival.org.uk



JULY

12 July

LYRIC SUMMER PARTY

Following on from the success of last year's event, the Lyric throws open its doors again for the Summer Party! A fun-packed day of shows and activities for all the family, created by some of London's best theatre-makers.

Where: Lyric Hammersmith
W www.lyric.co.uk

13 July

SOHO FESTIVAL

An event which promotes Soho as it is, rather than how it is often thought of. Food and drink will be served throughout the day to the sounds of local musicians playing everything from acoustic guitars to steel drums.

Where: St Ann's Community Centre and Gardens
E soho@thesohosociety.org.uk
W www.thesohosociety.org.uk

13 July

KILBURN FESTIVAL

A fantastic week of eclectic world music and dance, plus a range of activities and workshops for the whole family.

Where: Kilburn High Road
T 020 7372 6790
E caroline.bourne@camden.gov.uk

13 – 18 July

THIRD LONDON INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CIRCUS FESTIVAL

A fabulous cornucopia of circus arts by young people from around the globe. Breathtaking skills and brilliant family entertainment!

Various ticket prices.
Where: Riverside Studios
T 020 8237 1111
W www.albertandfriendsinstantcircus.co.uk

14 – 24 July

NOTTING HILL VISUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

A celebration of the eclectic mix of visual arts from local galleries across Notting Hill.

Where: Various venues around Notting Hill
E nottinghillvisualart@tiscali.co.uk
W www.nottinghillvisualarts.com

14 & 15 July

OPERA IN THE PARK

Come along to the beautiful surroundings of Walpole Park to hear a professional touring company present Rossini's Barber of Seville. Various ticket prices.

Where: Walpole Park
T 020 8825 6064
E events@ealing.gov.uk

18 July – 13 September

BBC PROMS

This world-renowned annual music festival is now 114 years old, but continues to present a vast range of music, performed to the highest standards and to as many people as possible. Ticket bookings will open in April and charges will apply.

Where: Various locations
T 020 7589 8212
W www.bbc.co.uk/proms

19 July

EALING BLUES AND ROOTS FESTIVAL

A great opportunity to hear live music across two stages, as well as food and craft stalls, a bar and children's entertainment.

£1 charge for adults.
Where: Walpole Park
T 020 8825 6064
E events@ealing.gov.uk

20 July

EALING GLOBAL FESTIVAL

A showcase event of music from around the globe on two stages, plus a bar and children's entertainment. £1 charge for adults.

Where: Walpole Park

T 020 8825 6064

E events@ealing.gov.uk

23 – 27 July

EALING JAZZ FESTIVAL

The 24th annual Ealing Jazz Festival.

An event of international acclaim, the festival will feature musicians across two stages, as well as family entertainment and much more.

£1 charge for adults.

Where: Walpole Park

T 020 8825 6064

E events@ealing.gov.uk

30 July – 17 August

PORTOBELLO FILM FESTIVAL

The biggest independent film festival in Europe. The festival will feature over 800 new movies, premieres, independent short films, animation, documentary, music and art videos.

Where: Various venues around

Portobello Road

W www.portobellofilmfestival.com



AUGUST

August – October **RAMADAN FESTIVAL**

The spirit of Islamic hospitality comes to London in an innovative 40-day festival showcasing Islamic creativity through a variety of arts and inter-cultural events.

Where: Various locations

T 07912 886 676

E artsversa14@yahoo.com

W www.ramadanfestival.nl

6 August **PLAY DAY**

A festival of fun for children, which will include music, arts and crafts activities.

Where: Ravenscourt Park

T 020 8753 3500

W www.lbhf.gov.uk

10 August **CHURCH STREET FESTIVAL**

A local street festival, which includes a performance stage of singing, dancing, acrobatics and more, plus stalls and fun for all ages.

Where: Church Street, NW8

T 020 7641 6633

E rchapman@westminster.gov.uk

10 August **LONDON MELA**

The largest Asian festival outside the subcontinent organised with the Mayor of London.

Ten zones of entertainment celebrating the best South Asian arts and culture, plus food court, arts and crafts market and funfair.

Where: Gunnersbury Park

T 020 8825 6064

E events@ealing.gov.uk

11 August **NOTTING HILL NURSERIES CARNIVAL**

The 21st year of celebrations in the park, this year's theme will be "Musical Mayhem". All nurseries, children and parents within and outside of the borough are invited to take part in the festivities.

Where: Kensington Memorial Park

T 020 8968 4840

E charlottewoolf@gmail.com

12 – 24 August **SING LONDON 2008**

From singing flash mobs to traditional London songs, Sing London 08 offers free participatory singing events across London and the chance to join a mass city sing at the Olympic Handover Ceremony on August 24th.

Where: Various locations

T info@singlondon.org

W www.singlondon.org

24 & 25 August **NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL**

Europe's largest street party! Come and enjoy the spectacular floats, incredible costumes, sound systems and, of course, the traditional steel drum bands, plus hundreds of stalls lining the streets.

Where: Notting Hill, Holland Park and neighbouring areas

T 020 7361 3003

E carnival@rbkc.gov.uk

W www.rbkc.gov.uk/nottinghill

29 August

CARIBBEAN SHOWCASE

The Caribbean Showcase celebrates the traditional Caribbean arts including masquerade, calypso, soca, steel pan and carnival arts.

Where: Hyde Park, Parade Ground

T 020 8923 4406

W www.royalparks.org.uk

30 August

LIBERTY FESTIVAL

This one-day festival in Trafalgar Square promotes the rights of disabled people and celebrates the diverse talents of disabled artists and performers.

Where: Trafalgar Square

T 020 7983 4277

W www.london.gov.uk/mayor/equalities/liberty



SEPTEMBER

September – December

ACROSS THE STREET, AROUND THE WORLD

A four month-long multi-arts programme celebrating Black and minority ethnic heritage and culture in Kensington and Chelsea with music, art, literature, film screenings, dance events, exhibitions and theatre.

Where: Venues across Kensington and Chelsea

T 020 7361 3204

E arts@rbkc.gov.uk

W www.rbkc.gov.uk/blackhistory

5 & 6 September

EALING LITERARY FESTIVAL

Spanning the whole literary range from readings, poetry, performances and storytelling for all ages. The festival will feature workshops, author talks, storytelling, plus a market and bar.

Where: Acton Green Common

T 020 8825 6064

E events@ealing.gov.uk

7 September

FESTIVAL BRAZIL

Festival Brazil returns to Willesden this September marking Brazil Independence Day. It will bring with it the exciting rhythms of Bossa nova, Capoeira and a specialist Brazilian market.

Where: Willesden Green town centre

T 020 8937 5323

E tcm@brent.gov.uk

W www.willesdentown.com



7 September

REGENT STREET FESTIVAL

One of London's most elegant streets will close to traffic for a musical and theatrical extravaganza including storytelling, theatre, street entertainers and much more.

Where: Regent Street

T 020 7287 9601

W www.regentstreetonline.com/regentstreet

7 September

TRI-UNITY FESTIVAL

Tri-Unity celebrates the diversity and unity of the local community. Activities will include carnival procession, music, workshops and entertainment, stalls and food.

Where: Gibbons Recreation Ground, Bridge Road

T 07764 228 295 or 07506 704 966

E borderz@fusionarts-online.com

7 – 13 September

WEMBLEY WORLD FLAVOUR

Wembley World Flavour celebrates the cultural diversity of Wembley through food and drink, art and craft, and music and dance. It promises an exciting range of activities for everyone to enjoy.

Where: High Road Wembley, between Park Lane and Cecil Avenue

T 020 8937 5064

E osita.udenson@brent.gov.uk

W www.wembleytown.com

13 September

PROMS IN THE PARK

A series of outdoor music events centred on a live concert with high-profile artists and presenters, culminating in a live big-screen link-up to the Royal Albert Hall. Pack a picnic and get ready for a fabulous night out!

Venue: Various outdoor venues

T 020 7589 8212

W www.bbc.co.uk/proms

13 & 14 September

THAMES FESTIVAL

The Mayor's annual free event celebrating our city's greatest natural asset: the River Thames. A programme of food, drink, music, arts, crafts and activities for children.

Where: Between Westminster Bridge and Tower Bridge

T 020 7928 8998

E festivaloffice@thamesfestival.org

W www.thamesfestival.org

13 – 23 September

LONDON DESIGN FESTIVAL

One of the most important design events in the world and a fixture on the international creative calendar, the festival works in partnership with a wide range of organisations and individuals to bring together a series of activities in celebration of design.

Where: Various locations

T 020 7734 6444

E info@londondesignfestival.com

W www.londondesignfestival.com

14 September

CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

The Moon Lantern Festival, also known as Mid-Autumn Festival, falls on the 15th day of the eighth month of the Chinese Lunar calendar. People from all Asian backgrounds celebrate this festival to admire the moon when it is at its fullest and brightest.

Where: Chinatown

T 020 7851 6686

W www.chinatownchinese.co.uk

14 September

QUEENS PARK DAY

Celebrating its Silver Jubilee this year, Queen's Park Day has become one of the most popular community festivals in London. Organised by the Queen's Park Area Residents' Association, the afternoon is made up of a mixture of free entertainment, community stalls, competitions, food, music and rides.

Where: Queen's Park, NW6

T 020 8969 6863

W www.qpara.org

20 & 21 September

OPEN HOUSE

Over 600 buildings old and new all over London will celebrate design excellence by opening their doors at no charge to the public, all within 48 hours! Explore London's great architecture and meet the teams that design, build, conserve and regenerate their environment.

Where: Various locations

E admin@openhouse.org.uk

W www.openhouse.org.uk

Sunday 28 September

WEST LONDON FESTIVAL FINALE 2008 AT WEMBLEY ARENA

A culmination of the summer West London Cultural Festival, this finale celebration event will take place during the Cultural Olympiad Weekend planned by LOCOG. The event welcomes the London 2012 Games but also commemorates the centenary of the 1908 Games and the 60th anniversary of the 1948 Games held in Wembley. The celebration includes: music, arts, dance and showcase cultural performances from across west London.

Where: Wembley Arena, Wembley

W www.westlondonpartnership.org

W www.brent.gov.uk/wembley

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For more information please visit www.westlondonpartnership.org

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Other initiatives taking place across west London include:

momentum

A two-year project to promote and develop dance across west London and put west London dance on the map.
www.momentumlondon.info

Emerge

A visual arts focused partnership to support networks and professional development for emerging visual artists in north and west London.
www.emergelondon.co.uk

WEST LONDON STORY

West London's exciting cultural offer as part of the London 2012 Cultural Programme. Visit www.westernwedge.org.uk for updates and how to get involved in the Arts Market, the first steps to West London's Story.

theSeer

The **free** online directory and resource for all of London's creative individuals, organisations and venues. Over 1,000 artists, arts organisations and arts venues already registered. Find out what's happening in the arts in your area at:
www.theseer.info

