

WEST LONDON SPRING & SUMMER FESTIVALS CALENDAR 2009



Your guide to the fantastic
cultural events taking place
across west London from
April to September 2009



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

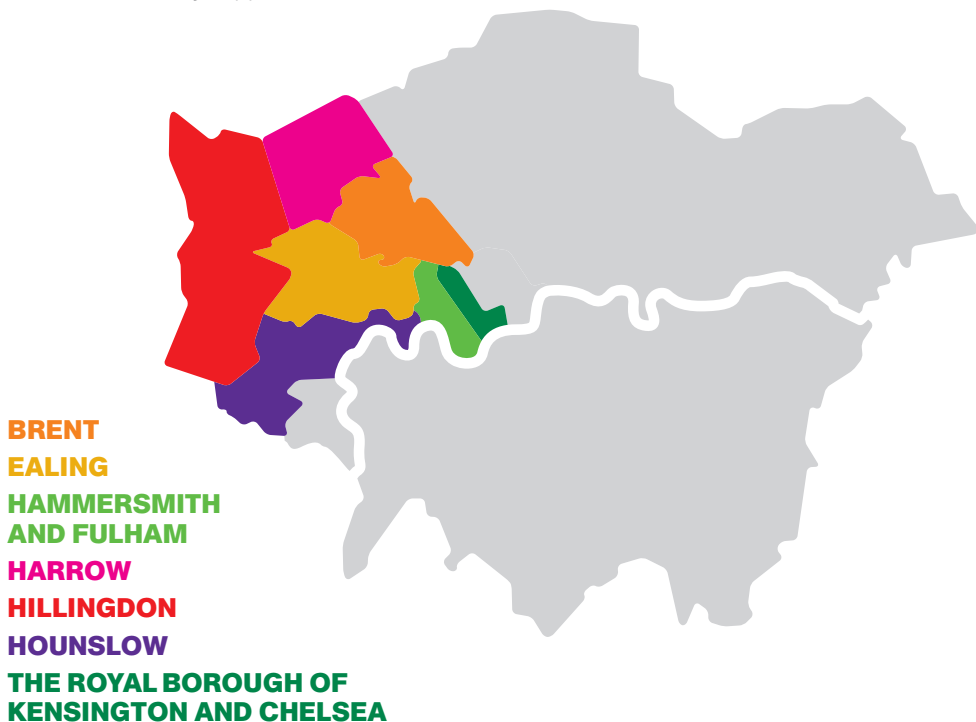
The Summer Festivals Calendar 2009 features 44 fantastic arts and cultural festivals across seven west London boroughs.

The Western Wedge is a partnership of seven local authorities, supported by the Arts Council England, who work together to enable a 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

KEY TO EVENTS

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



APRIL TO MAY

April – May

SPRING FEST

The Spring Fest brings together events to celebrate spring in Hammersmith & Fulham. Activities for all the family include nature trails of Wormwood Scrubs, music and dance on Lyric Square and family literary events at the Borough's libraries.

Where: Various venues

T 0845 337 0314

E events@lbhf.gov.uk

W www.lbhf.gov.uk

16 April – 31 May

TREASURES OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

An opportunity to explore many of the hidden gems of Hammersmith & Fulham from the H&F Archives exhibited at Fulham Palace Museum.

Where: Fulham Palace, SW6 6EA

T 020 7736 3233

E museum@fulhampalace.org

W www.lbhf.gov.uk

23 – 26 April

THE FRENCH MARKET

Lively market promoting French produce, product and culture from the Normandy region of France. Enjoy the cosmopolitan atmosphere with food tasting, music and entertainment.

Where: High Road Wembley by Argos /
Outside Willesden Green Library Centre

T 020 8937 5064

E osita.udenson@brent.gov.uk

W www.wembleytown.com

W www.willesdentown.com



JUNE

June – July

REVEAL

A project that highlights the quality of artistic practice in Hillingdon. Visual artists, performers, musicians and writers are showcasing their work across two sites.

Where: Beldam Gallery, Brunel University, Uxbridge and the Great Barn, Manor Farm Site, Ruislip

T 01895 632488

E george.mogg@brunel.ac.uk

E kholliday@hillingdongrid.org

W www.hillingdon.gov.uk

1 – 7 June

HILLINGDON ARTS WEEK

Every conceivable type of arts activity!

Over 90 events at 35 venues.

Organised by Hillingdon Arts Association.

Where: Various venues

T 07985 018317

E artsweek@blueyonder.co.uk

www.communigate.co.uk/london/artsweek

2 June – 15 August

OPERA HOLLAND PARK

Award nominated Korn/Ferry Opera Holland Park perform a season of opera in the beautiful surroundings of Holland Park. Tickets are priced at £54, £47.50, £39.50 and £10 with concessions available on selected dates.

1,200 free tickets are offered to young people aged 9 – 18.

Where: Holland Park, under the canopy

T 0845 230 9769

E info@operahollandpark.com

W www.operahollandpark.com

5 – 6 June

POLO IN THE PARK

Bringing Polo back to Hurlingham Park for the first time in 70 years. The tournament, which runs from 5 – 6 June, will feature six teams, representing cities from around the world. Players from all over the world will battle each other in a furious display of horsemanship and polo strategy to win the ultimate polo prize – The World Polo Series.

Where: Hurlingham Park, SW6

W www.polointheparklondon.com

13 – 24 June

CHELSEA FESTIVAL

Following its bumper year in 2008, the Chelsea Festival again bursts into life with two weeks of performances and happenings in venues ranging from the Cadogan Hall via the Royal Hospital to events in Peter Jones and the Chelsea Arts Club. Great music, family events and comedy.

Where: Various venues

T 0845 890 2435

W www.chelseafestival.org

14 June

GREENFEST WEST LONDON

A festival to promote environmental and community groups in a beautiful setting beside the Thames. Make this the best free party and day out of the year.

Where: Furnivall Gardens, Hammersmith, W6

T 020 7371 1290

W www.greenfest.org.uk

20 – 21 June

MIDDLESEX SHOW FESTIVAL

Two days of cultural activities and education workshops for families and potential adult education learners.

Where: Throughout Hillingdon

T 01895 464079

E ldancer@hillingdongrid.org

21 June

EXHIBITION ROAD MUSIC DAY

A free international music and culture festival takes over Exhibition Road on Mid Summer's Day. Classical to Urban, Folk to Jazz, new and established musical acts perform a range of styles. Try music and dance workshops and explore art and science installations which replace traffic on Exhibition Road from 11am to midnight.

Where: Exhibition Road and public spaces and institutions bordering Exhibition Road

T 020 7942 5329

E info@exhibitionroad.com

W www.exhibitionroad.com

21 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

21 June – 19 July

EARL'S COURT COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

A celebration of the rich and diverse community of Earl's Court; the festival includes street performers, music, drama, arts and crafts and activities for the whole family.

Where: Various venues around Earls Court

T 020 7370 0015

E info@eccf.org.uk

W www.eccf.org.uk

27 June – 5 July

CELEBRATING FULHAM

Celebrating Fulham is a feast of local entertainment promoting Fulham life and culture, attractions and businesses. From antiques to football, global cuisine, live music and plenty for the children, this annual festival has a wide repertoire offering something for everyone.

Many events are free!

Where: Venues across Fulham

T 020 7835 5695

W www.lbhf.gov.uk

W www.visitfulham.co.uk

27 June

FEASTival

Fulham FEASTival celebrates the culinary diversity of Fulham through food products. It will include street and music performances, cooking demonstrations and food sampling.

Where: Fulham Town Centre

T 0845 337 0314

E events@lbhf.gov.uk

W www.lbhf.gov.uk

28 June

CULTURAL DANCE CELEBRATION

A celebration of different cultural dance forms presented by learners from Hillingdon Adult Education dance classes. This vibrant show includes Flamenco, Egyptian, and Salsa dancing, and Flamenco dancers.

Where: Compass Theatre

T 01895 673 200 (Box Office)

E squy@hillingdongrid.org



JULY

3 – 5 July

FILMS AT KILBURN FESTIVAL

As part of the Kilburn Festival's Changing Communities theme launch, this weekend of films and entertainment celebrates Irish film makers. Check online for further details.

Where: Tricycle Cinema, Kilburn High Road, London NW6

T 020 7372 6790

E festival.manager@btconnect.com

W www.lbhf.gov.uk/events

3 – 12 July

KILBURN FESTIVAL

Free music, film and comedy events across Kilburn's entertainment, cultural and community venues. Celebrating Kilburn Changing Communities, expect an exciting and diverse programme of entertainment including Older People's Tea Party, parade, puppets, Kilburn Cup Tournament, kids' activities and much more.

Where: Kilburn Grange Park, Tricycle Theatres and other venues in NW6

T 020 7372 6790 / 020 7974 6388

E festival.manager@btconnect.com

W www.kilburnfestival.co.uk

4 July

FAIR ON THE GREEN

Over 80 community, charity and craft stalls. Main Stage and Children's Stage. Bouncy Castles, Punch and Judy, Carousels, Farmers Market, Ventriloquist, Magician, Bands, Instant Circus, Fire Eater, Children's Dancing Displays and numerous other activities all afternoon.

Where: Parsons Green, Fulham, SW6

T 020 7731 3964

W www.lbhf.gov.uk/events

4 July

GREENFORD CARNIVAL

A day to delight in community spirit and the best in local entertainment. Enjoy a variety of entertainment from four arenas: a main stage featuring music and dance, an acoustic stage, a sports area, and a families' area. Wide variety of stalls including food, drink and arts/crafts.

Where: Ravenor Park, Greenford, UB6

T 020 8825 6640

W www.ealing.gov.uk/ealingsummer

4 July

ROCK AROUND THE PALACE

A summer afternoon of 1950s inspired dancing on the Kensington Palace lawns. Free family friendly dance classes in ballroom and rock'n'roll, professionally demonstrated by top London dancers. Inspired by the Kensington Palace exhibition: The Last Debutantes. 12 – 7pm.

Where: Kensington Palace Gardens (South Lawn)

T 020 3166 6000

E outreachandcommunity@hrp.org.uk

W www.hrp.org.uk/KensingtonPalace

5 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.

Where: Roundwood Park

T 020 8937 3119

E festivals@brent.gov.uk

W www.brent.gov.uk/festivals

7 – 18 July

**NOTTING HILL
VISUAL ARTS FESTIVAL 2009**

NHVA showcases local artists, performance, lectures and hands on free workshops for the local community and beyond. Over the ten days we aim to spotlight arts in Notting Hill and RBKC. A community based festival open to all.

Where: Various local galleries and public spaces

T 07950 647 485

E nottinghillvisualart@tiscali.co.uk

W www.nottinghillvisualarts.com

11 July

ACTON CARNIVAL

A procession down the Acton High Street culminates in a vibrant festival in the Acton Park. The carnival reflects many cultural communities and involves people of all ages and all walks of life.

Where: Acton Park, Acton W3

(Main entrance from Uxbridge Road)

T 020 8825 6640

W www.ealing.gov.uk/ealingsummer

11 – 12 July

SHAKESPEARE IN THE SQUARE

The Festival Players perform Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice in the beautiful St. Peter's Square. Bring along a picnic, chairs or a rug and sit and enjoy the spell-binding performance. Tickets £9 to £14, with concessions.

Where: St Peter's Square, Hammersmith, W6

T 020 8563 1347

14 July

EALING OPERA IN THE PARK

A professional chamber opera company annually presents well-loved opera in the unique setting of Walpole Park. This year Opera A La Carte presents Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutte.

Where: Walpole Park, Mattock Lane, Walpole Park, W5

T 020 8825 6640

W www.ealing.gov.uk/ealingsummer

17 – 18 July / 22 – 24 July

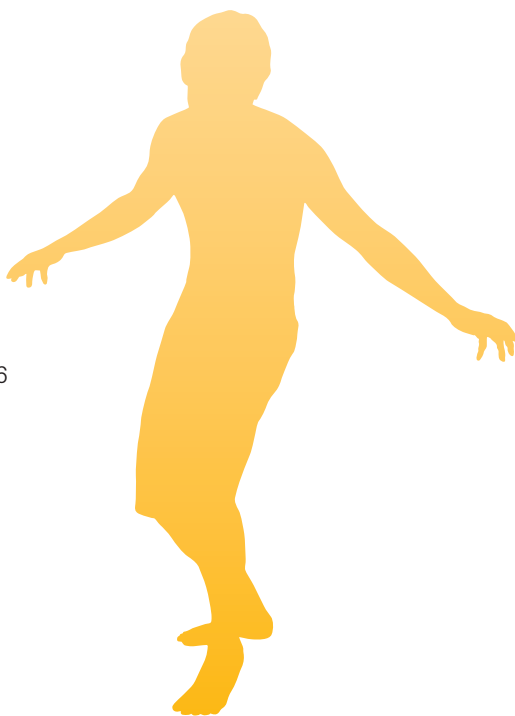
EALING COMEDY FESTIVAL

Five nights of frivolity and shenanigans under the big top as an outstanding line up of international comedians takes the spotlight hostage. Over 18s only.

Where: Walpole Park, Mattock Lane, Walpole Park, W5

T 020 8825 6640

W www.ealing.gov.uk/ealingsummer



25 July

EALING BLUES FESTIVAL

Smooth grooves and funky beats as the best of local and international blues artists take to the stage. Special area for children's activities and entertainment. Wide variety of stalls including food, drink and arts/crafts from around the world.

Where: Walpole Park, Mattock Lane,
Walpole Park, W5

T 020 8825 6640

W www.ealing.gov.uk/ealingsummer

26 July

EALING GLOBAL FESTIVAL

A unique programme of world music at its best. Special area for children's activities and entertainment. Wide variety of stalls including food, drink and arts/crafts from around the world.

Where: Walpole Park, Mattock Lane,
Walpole Park, W5

T 020 8825 6640

W www.ealing.gov.uk/ealingsummer

29 July – 2 August

**EALING JAZZ FESTIVAL –
25TH ANNIVERSARY**

Old favourites share the stage with top new artists in five outstanding days of jazz. Special area for children's activities and entertainment. Wide variety of stalls including food, drink and arts/crafts from around the world.

Where: Walpole Park, Mattock Lane,
Walpole Park, W5

T 020 8825 6640

W www.ealing.gov.uk/ealingsummer



AUGUST

August – September

RAMADAN FESTIVAL 2009

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 with the aim of bringing Muslim cultures into the mainstream of British life.

Where: Kensington Town Hall

T 07912 886676 / 020 7243 8693

E info@ramadanfestival.co.uk

W www.ramadanfestival.co.uk

5 August

PLAYDAY

There's free fun for all the family at the annual event at Ravenscourt Park. Playday is packed to the brim with play, music, arts and sports activities for all to enjoy.

Where: Ravenscourt Park

T 0845 337 0314

E events@lbhf.gov.uk

W www.lbhf.gov.uk

10 August

NOTTING HILL NURSERY CARNIVAL

This is the 22nd year that we are celebrating in the park. This year's theme is "Musical Mayhem Part II" as we had the first part last year. All nurseries, children and parents inside and outside the borough are invited to partake in the festivities. Entrance to the park is free.

Where: Kensington Memorial Park

T 020 8968 4840

E charlottewoolf@gmail.com

16 August

LONDON MELA

Bringing circus, outdoor theatre, visual arts and the best of live music to one of Europe's largest outdoor Asian festivals.

Where: Gunnersbury Park, Pope's Lane, W3

T 020 8825 6640

W www.ealing.gov.uk/ealingsummer

15 – 16 August

MANOR FARM MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL

Two days of living history and activities for all the family across the 22 acre Manor Farm Site. With two of the country's biggest Medieval re-enactment societies providing excitement and atmosphere, a host of stalls, and activities ranging from face painting to traditional crafts and workshops for schools preceding the event, this MedFest will be the biggest ever.

Where: Manor Farm Site, Ruislip, HA4 7QL

T 01895 678800

E manorfarmsite@hillingdon.gov.uk

W www.hillingdon.gov.uk/manorfarm

29 – 31 August

NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL

Europe's largest street carnival!

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. Special Guest 'Obama Brass' US College Brass Band (TBC).

Where: Notting Hill, Holland Park and neighbouring areas

T 020 7727 0072

E info@nottinghillcarnival.biz

W www.nottinghillcarnival.biz

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: Various venues across Kensington and Chelsea

T 020 7361 2062

E arts@rbkc.gov.uk

W www.rbkc.gov.uk/acrossthastreet

September

DISABILITY FILM SEASON: 'DISABILITY FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE'

The Octavia Foundation in partnership with Action Disability Kensington and Chelsea and Notting Hill Housing Trust are hosting a free season of films around disability followed by a Q&A with a disabled speaker and a performance by a disabled musician. Come along and see disability from a different angle!

Where: TBC

T 020 8354 5558

E gabrielle.tierney@octaviahousing.org.uk

W www.octaviafoundation.org.uk

3 – 20 September

PORTOBELLO FILM FESTIVAL 2009

Annual festival of independent film and countercultural arts. Admission free to all events. Press say: *'Best thing to hit Portobello since Carnival'*, *'Biggest independent film festival in Europe'*, *'There are many film festivals in London but this is the one to go to'*, *'Forget Cannes, Portobello is where it's at'*.

Where: Westbourne Studios, Inn On The Green, Westway bay by Portobello Road

T 020 8960 0996

E pff@btopenworld.com

W www.portobellofilmfestival.com

6 September

FESTIVAL BRAZIL

An all-Brazilian market offering food, drinks, and a range of goods plus a taste of Carnival with music, dance and costumes.

Where: Outside Willesden Green Library Centre

T 020 8937 5311

E peter.paddon@brent.gov.uk

W www.willesdentown.com

10 – 12 September

WEMBLEY WORLD FLAVOUR

An experience and celebration of World culture in Wembley through music, dance, food/drink, fashion and arts/crafts. Wembley World Flavour 2009 kick starts with World Music at venues across the town centre on the 10th and 11th September and culminates in an outdoor festival on the 12th.

Where: Wembley Town Centre

T 020 8937 5064

E osita.udenson@brent.gov.uk

W www.brent.gov.uk/festivals

13 September

QUEEN'S PARK DAY

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 07789 917721

E durnfordhelen@hotmail.com

W www.qpara.org

19 – 27 September

NAVRATRI

The largest Hindu festival of the 'nine nights' outside of India, made up of 300 colourful, social events. Attendees gather to watch or join in a traditional Indian folk dance called 'garba'.

Where: 30 venues across Brent

T 020 8937 3119

E festivals@brent.gov.uk

W www.brent.gov.uk/festivals

20 September

EID

An array of performances, workshops and delicious food to showcase Muslim traditions from around the world. All are welcome to celebrate this day of peace to mark the end of Ramadan, the month of fasting.

Where: Brent Town Hall

T 020 8937 3119

E festivals@brent.gov.uk

W www.brent.gov.uk/festivals



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Other initiatives taking place across west London include:

momentum

Momentum aims to promote and develop dance across west London's vibrant and varied dance scene.

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 to find out how to get involved.

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The **free** online directory and resource for all of London's creative individuals, organisations and venues. Nearly 4,000 artists, arts organisations and arts venues already registered. Find out what's happening in the arts in your area at: www.theseer.info

