



Russell Watson is set to perform at a picnic concert this summer.

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Every day brings exciting opportunities to see different sides of **London**. From stage shows, to sports events, and interactive exhibitions. Here's some of the best of the city this summer.

## Aviva London Athletics Grand Prix

Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, Ledrington Road, SE19 2BB

Nearest train station:

Crystal Palace

July 24-25

Fri: 3.30pm-8.30pm;

Sat: 2pm-5.30pm

Tickets: +44 (0)20 8778 0131

Get trackside to see the world's elite athletes at Britain's showpiece athletics event. Olympic champions

will be battling it out for gold in advance of the World Championships.

## London Triathlon

ExCel, Royal Victoria Dock, E16 1XL

August 1: 10am-6pm,

August 2: 6.30am-5.30pm

[thelondontriathlon.co.uk](http://thelondontriathlon.co.uk);

+44 (0)20 8233 5900

Take it easy on the sidelines as competitors shed blood, sweat and tears in the world's biggest triathlon.

The race will take place on roads throughout central London while the transition and finish for the race are inside ExCel. Elite athletes will be taking part over an Olympic course on Sunday.

From left: **British sprinters Christian Malcom, Simeon Williamson, Marlon Devonish and Craig Pickering set their sights on gold; a dazzling evening at Kenwood House Picnic Concerts.**



**Kenwood House Picnic Concerts**

Hampstead Lane, NW3 7JR  
 Nearest tubes: Hampstead, Golders Green  
 Dates: July 18, August 1, 8, 15, 22  
 Open: doors open 5.30pm, concerts start at 7.30pm  
**Admission: From £26.50**  
[picnicsconcerts.com](http://picnicsconcerts.com);  
 +44 (0)845 6586960

Kenwood House hosts a series of picnic concerts throughout the summer, including Russell Watson, Simply Red, Motown's Greatest Hits, Jools Holland and opera star Alfie Boe. The house can be visited free of charge from 11.30am-4pm.

**Great British Beer Festival**

Earls Court, Warwick Road, SW5 9TA  
 Nearest tube: Earls Court  
 Open: August 4: 5pm-10.30pm  
 August 5-7: 12pm-10.30pm  
 August 8: 11am-7pm  
 Admission: from £8, (discount for advance booking)  
[camra.org.uk](http://camra.org.uk);  
 +44 (0)17 2786 7201

This is Britain's biggest beer festival offering more than 450 real ales, ciders, perries and international beers. You can enjoy traditional pub games, live music, sample pub snacks and attend beer tastings.



**London Walks**

Daily: Sun-Sat times vary  
 Costs: Adults: £7, children under 15: free, over 65s and students: £5  
[walks.com](http://walks.com); +44 (0)20 7624 3978

Hotfoot it around London to discover its past. There are many walks to choose from including Jack the Ripper, Ghosts of the Old City, Shakespeare's & Dickens' London, The Blitz, Sherlock Holmes' London and the Famous Square Mile. Walks start from various tube stations and all the information needed on them can be found on the website above.

There is no need to pre-book any of the walks, just turn up and pay on the day.

**British Music Experience in London**

The o2 Arena, Peninsula Square, SE10 0DX  
 Nearest tube: North Greenwich  
 Open: every day: 9am-late. Last admission: 1am.  
**Admission: Adults: £15, children aged six-16: £12**  
[theo2.co.uk](http://theo2.co.uk); +44 (0)161 385 3211

Trace the history of British popular music at this new state-of-the-art interactive exhibition. You can record songs, perform at a virtual concert and see a collection of music memorabilia. You can also discover international artists who were influenced by British talent, trace musical trends and learn about the influence music has had on the country's art, politics and fashion. Over 100 artists from The Beatles to the Spice Girls are featured as well as different musical genres.



**Discover the human life cycle at Body Worlds and the Mirror of Time.**

**Royal Academy Summer Exhibition**

Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1J 0BD  
 Nearest tubes: Piccadilly Circus, Green Park  
 Sat-Thurs: 10am-6pm (last admission to galleries 5.30pm)  
 Fri: 10am-10pm (last admission to galleries 9.30pm) – until August 16  
**Adults: £8.50**  
[royalacademy.org.uk](http://royalacademy.org.uk);  
 +44(0)20 7300 8000

Held every year since 1769, this remarkable event features around 10,000 works, making it the largest contemporary art exhibition in the world. It draws together a wide range of new works by established and lesser known living artists.

**Body Worlds and the Mirror of Time**

The o2 Arena, Peninsula Square, SE10 0DX  
 Nearest tube: North Greenwich

Until August 23  
 Fri-Wed: 10am-6.30pm;  
 Thurs: 10am-6.30pm  
 Adults: £12 Mon-Thurs; £14 Fri-Sun, Bank Holiday  
[theo2.co.uk](http://theo2.co.uk);  
 +44 (0)16 1385 3211  
 This is a unique insight into the human life cycle, from the spark of life at conception through to maturity and old age. Featuring Gunther von Hagens' groundbreaking science of plastination, the exhibition has over 200 exhibits and 20 whole body specimens.

**South West Four and Get Loaded in the Park**

Clapham Common, SW4 9BS  
 Nearest tube: Clapham Common  
 August 29-30  
 Open: 12pm-9pm  
 Admission: Adults: from £35, children under 10 free but must be accompanied by an adult.  
[ticketmaster.co.uk](http://ticketmaster.co.uk);

+44 (0)844 847 2467  
 Clapham Common comes alive to the sound of rocking bands and funky DJs at this music festival. Acts on Saturday include Sasha & John Digweed, David Prydz, Tall Paul and Layo & Bushwacka. On Sunday acts will include Orbital, Rob da Bank, Felix da Housecat, Pendulum and Roni Size Reprazent.

**Tower Festival**

Tower of London, Tower Hill, EC3N 4AB  
 September 10-17  
 Nearest tube: Tower Hill  
 Admission: Ticket prices vary  
[towerfestival.com](http://towerfestival.com);  
 +44 (0)844 888 9991  
 A spectacular celebration of music arts and culture. This year's Tower Festival features Sadler's Wells', violinist Nigel Kennedy performing alongside the Philharmonic Orchestra, Lesley Garrett, Dame Kiri Te Kanawa and many more.

From left: Time for a pint at the Great British Beer Festival; discover British music at the o2 Arena; join the party crowd at SW4; see Sneaky Sound System at Get Loaded in the Park; Nigel Kennedy will perform at the Tower Festival.







Jason Donovan  
as Tick in  
Priscilla Queen  
of the Desert.

# THEATRE

## Avenue Q

Gielgud Theatre, Shaftsbury Avenue, W1D 6AR  
Nearest tube: Piccadilly Circus  
Mon-Thurs: 8pm;  
Fri: 5.30pm, 8.30pm;  
Sat: 5pm, 8.30pm

Brash, vulgar but very funny and with a cast

From left: Get into Abba at Mamma Mia; if Queen's more your style check out We Will Rock You; beware the Phantom of the Opera; get into a 1960's groove at Hairspray; outrageous costumes and great tunes abound at Priscilla Queen of the Desert.

of performers and puppets Avenue Q is unlike any musical you will have seen before. Unsuitable for children under 12. Children under five are not admitted.

## Billy Elliot

The Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, SW1E 5EA  
Nearest tube: Victoria  
Mon-Sat: 7.30pm; matinee:  
Thurs, Sat: 2.30pm

Billy Elliot is an inspirational story of a young boy's dream to realise his dancing ambitions. Set in the North East of England against the

background of the 1980's miners' strike, Billy pursues his passion for dance in secret to avoid the disapproval of his struggling family.

## Carrie's War

Apollo Theatre, Shaftsbury Avenue, W1D 7EZ  
Nearest tube: Piccadilly Circus  
Tues-Sat: 7.30pm; matinee:  
Tues, Thurs, Sat: 2.30pm –  
until Sept 12

When the Second World War air raids threaten their safety in London, Carrie and her brother are evacuated to a small Welsh village. But the countryside

has dangers and adventures of its own and a group of characters that will change Carrie's life forever.

## Chicago

Cambridge Theatre, Earlham Street, WC2 9HU  
Nearest tube: Covent Garden  
Mon-Thurs: 8pm; Fri: 5pm, 8.30pm; Sat: 3pm, 8pm  
This show is musical theatre at its best. Chicago will transport you back to the heyday of vaudeville in all its glamour and glory. It is a tale of murder, celebrity and all that jazz.

## Dirty Dancing

Aldwych Theatre; Aldwych, WC2B 4DF  
Nearest tubes: Covent Garden, Holborn  
Mon-Sat: 7.30pm; matinee:  
Fri-Sat: 3pm

This worldwide smash-hit tells the classic story of Baby and Johnny, two young spirits from different worlds, who come together in what will be the most challenging and triumphant summer of their lives. Don't miss it – 'you'll have the time of your life'. Parental guidance is advised.

## Hairspray

Shaftsbury Theatre, Shaftsbury Avenue, WC2H 8DP  
Nearest tube: Holborn

Mon-Sat: 7.30pm; matinee:  
Tue, Sat: 3pm  
This multi-award winning musical will make you laugh and touch your heart as you are transported back to the 1960's.

Hairspray is recommended for children aged eight and over; children under four are not admitted.

## Hello, Dolly!

Open Air Theatre, Inner Circle, Regents Park, NW1 4NR  
Nearest tube: Baker Street  
July 30-Sept 12  
Mon-Sat: 8pm; matinee:  
Thurs, Sat: 2.30pm

Strike up the band and join the parade as New York's most irresistible musical comedy comes to the heart of London. Regents Park Open Air Theatre is the only permanent professional outdoor theatre in Britain, just perfect for an evening of outstanding entertainment.

## La Cage Aux Folles

Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Avenue, WC2N 5DE  
Nearest tube: Embankment  
Mon-Sat: 7.30pm; matinee:  
Thurs, Sat: 2.30pm

The idyllic existence of Georges and the dazzling drag artiste Albin, star of the outrageous La Cage

Aux Folles club, is threatened when Georges' son announces his engagement to the daughter of a right-wing politician, who wants to close down the colourful club. With a visit from the prospective in-laws imminent, they decide to take drastic action to hide their lifestyle. But can they keep it up?

La Cage Aux Folles is a timeless and deliciously funny tale of family values, unconditional love, and above all, the need to celebrate who we are.

## Mamma Mia

Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1D 6AS  
Nearest tubes: Leicester Square, Piccadilly Circus  
Mon-Thurs: 7.30pm; Fri: 5pm, 8.30pm; Sat: 3pm, 7.30pm

Based on the music of the ever popular ABBA, this summertime feel-good show will have you dancing in the aisles. If you have seen the film you will love the stage show.

## Oliver

The Theatre Royal Drury Lane, Catherine Street, WC2B 5JF  
Nearest tube: Covent Garden  
Mon-Sat: 7.30pm; matinee:  
Wed, Sat: 2.30pm

Oliver is one of the most beloved of British musicals,



vividly bringing to life Charles Dickens' timeless characters with the popular story of the orphan who asked for more.

It has a cast and orchestra of over 100 and a sensational score.

### **Priscilla Queen of the Desert**

*Palace Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 8AY*  
Nearest tube: *Leicester Square*  
Mon-Thurs, Sat: 7.30pm; Fri: 8.30pm; matinee: Fri: 5.15pm, Sat: 2.30pm

Priscilla Queen of the Desert is a heart-warming adventure of three friends who hop aboard a battered old bus (Priscilla) searching for love and friendship.

With a dazzling array of outrageous costumes and a score of dance-floor classics, this is a journey to the heart of fabulousness. Occasional strong language.

### **Sister Act**

*London Palladium; Argyll Street, W1F 7TF*  
Nearest tube: *Oxford Circus*  
Mon-Sat: 7.30pm; Wed, Sat: 3pm

Based on the smash-hit movie, Sister Act it features

*From left: Get into the habit at Sister Act; Warhorse, a tale of bravery and loyalty.*

a brand new score by Oscar winner Alan Menken and is produced by Whoopi Goldberg.

### **We Will Rock You**

*Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, W1T 7AQ*  
Nearest tube: *Tottenham Court Road*  
Mon-Fri: 7.30pm; Sat: 2.30, 7.30

Based on the songs of the band Queen, this hit musical is set in a surreal, miserable future where originality and individualism are rejected. Then a lone 'Dreamer' appears in town who promises to fulfil a prophecy that will enable the return of rock and roll.

### **Stomp**

*Ambassadors Theatre, West Street, WC2H 9ND*  
Nearest tube: *Leicester Square*  
Mon, Thurs-Sat: 8pm; matinee: Thurs, Sat: 3pm; matinee: Sun: 3pm, 6pm

Stomp is a unique show that appeals to all ages. It is an exhilarating and high-energy combination of music, dance and percussion. Performers use everything from matchboxes, wooden poles, paint cans and even kitchen sinks to hammer out a feel-good rhythm.

### **War Horse**

*New London Theatre, Drury Lane, WC2B 5PW*  
Nearest tubes: *Covent Garden, Holborn*

Mon-Sat: 7.30pm; Thurs, Sat: 2.30pm until September 26  
The award-winning War Horse is presented by a talented team of actors working with life-sized puppets. Prepare to be led on a gripping journey through history in this First World War tale of bravery, loyalty, and the extraordinary bond between a young recruit and his horse.

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