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June 2026 Listings



Clockwise L-R: *Harry Styles*, Image © Laura Coulson; *Mount Moriah at the Gate of the Ghetto*, 2022, Image © Anish Kapoor. All rights reserved, DACS, 2026; *Anoushka Shankar*, Image © Laura Lewis; *COLOSSUS*, Image © Bryony Jackson.

In June, **Harry Styles' Meltdown** (11 Jun – 21 Jun) marks the return of the UK's longest-running artist-curated music festival for a blockbuster edition during the Southbank Centre's 75th Anniversary year. The pop superstar invites a line-up of artists across a range of musical styles, from electronic and experimental to jazz and pop. Artists include; **Devonté Hynes** (19 Jun), **Kamasi Washington** (14 Jun), **Warpaint** (11 Jun), **Erika de Casier** (13 Jun), **Jon Hopkins** (20 Jun) and more.

The music continues into the early hours with special club nights in the Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer from **Ninajirachi** (11 Jun) and LCD Soundsystem's **James**

Murphy (20 Jun). The festival will also feature an unmissable line-up of free and participatory events to be announced shortly.

28 years on from the artists' first major UK survey at the Hayward Gallery, **Anish Kapoor** returns to the space for an awe-inspiring exhibition featuring sculptures and paintings that provoke the senses (16 Jun – 18 Oct). The exhibition features works from many of Kapoor's most iconic series, alongside visceral recent works and monumental new commissions.

Refugee Week returns to the Southbank Centre with a series of concerts and talks centred on this year's theme of 'courage'. **Anoushka Shankar** and **Counterpoints Arts** co-curate an evening of music hosted by comedian **Nish Kumar** (26 Jun), and global bestselling writer and activist **Elif Shafak** explores the link between creativity and courage in the inaugural *Counterpoints Lecture* (27 Jun).

The performance and dance programme continues with Acclaimed Australian choreographer **Stephanie Lake**'s UK debut, *COLOSSUS* (25 – 27 Jun), a monumental dance work featuring a cast of 60 performing as one – a co-production with London Contemporary Dance School at The Place and the Southbank Centre. *GROOVE* (4 – 6 Jun) provides a joyful journey back in time to the era of funk and soul that unites the world's best dancing crews for an unforgettable night out.

Indie Night returns for a celebration of independent presses and their authors, featuring **Amelia Abraham**, **Sinan Antoon**, **M J Harrison** and **Jackie Thomae** (24 Jun).

The Spring/Summer classical season concludes with the *Game Music Festival*, celebrating the iconic music from video games including *Diablo* (6 Jun), *Hades I & II* (27 Jun) and *Persona* (27 Jun). Resident Artists **Manchester Collective** conclude their season with the bold *Patterns in Repeat* (28 Jun), and **Aurora Orchestra** offers a trademark memorised performance of Mozart's *Jupiter* (28 Jun).

EXHIBITIONS

Visual Arts | **Free Programme** | [Quentin Blake: The Southbank Parade](#)

Tue 17 Feb – Sun 8 Nov, 10am – 11pm, Tue – Sun, Site wide. Free. For all ages.

Visual Arts | **Free Programme** | [Our Freedom: Then and Now](#)

Wed 18 Mar – Sat 25 Apr, 10am – 11pm, Tue – Sun, Riverside Terrace, Level 2. Free. For all ages.

Visual Arts | [Skate 50](#)

Thu 30 Apr – Sun 21 Jun, Tue – Sun, 12pm, (Closed Mondays & 19 – 21 May), Undercroft, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Pay what you can / Free for skateboarders with their board. For all ages.

Visual Arts | [Anish Kapoor](#)

Tue 16 Jun – Sun 18 Oct, Tue – Fri, 10am – 6pm, Sat, 10am – 8pm, Sun, 10am – 6pm, Closed on Mondays, Hayward Gallery. Tickets from £22.

EVENTS

Tours | [Southbank Centre Tours](#)

Wed 8 Apr – Fri 26 Jun, Various Times, Across the site (starts at Royal Festival Hall). Tickets from £20 + £3.50 booking fee. For all ages.

Classical Music | [Life of the Sea](#)

Wed 3 Jun, 7pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £17 + £4 booking fee. For ages 7+.

Classical Music | [Santtu Conducts a Strauss Extravaganza](#)

Thu 4 Jun, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £17 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

Literature & Spoken Word | [Leïla Slimani: I'll Take the Fire](#)

Thu 4 Jun, 7.45pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £15 + £4 booking fee. For ages 15+.

Performance & Dance | [GROOVE](#)

Thu 4 Jun – Sat 6 Jun, Thu & Fri: 8pm, Sat: 7pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £22 + £4 booking fee. For ages 8+.

Literature & Spoken Word | **Families & Young People** | [Rug Rhymes: Summer](#)

Fri 5 Jun, 11am, National Poetry Library, Level 5, Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets £4 (admits one adult and one child). For ages 0 – 5.

Classical Music | [Hisaishi & Scriabin](#)

Fri 5 Jun, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £18 + £4 booking fee. For ages 7+.

Literature & Spoken Word | [Édouard Louis: Collapse](#)

Fri 5 Jun, 7.45pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £17 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 15+.

Classical Music | [Tamsin Waley-Cohen & Cordelia Williams: Lullabies](#)

Sat 6 Jun, 3pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £37 + £4 booking fee. For ages 7+.

Classical Music | [Game Music Festival: The Infernal Symphony](#)

Sat 6 Jun, 8pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £57 + £4 booking fee. For ages 7+.

Literature & Spoken Word | **Courses & Workshops** | [Out-Spoken Masterclass: June](#)

Sun 7 Jun, 1pm, Sunley Pavilion, Level 3, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £27 + £4 booking fee. For ages 18+.

Classical Music | [Iveta Apkalna & State Choir Latvia](#)

Sun 7 Jun, 3pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £17 + £4 booking fee. For ages 7+.

Classical Music | [Chineke! Orchestra: Coleridge-Taylor Violin Concerto](#)

Sun 7 Jun, 7.30pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £17 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

Literature & Spoken Word | [Emma-Lee Moss: My Cantopop Nights](#)

Sun 7 Jun, 7.45pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £15 + £4 booking fee. For ages 15+.

Open Doors | **Free Programme** | [Creative Encounters: Create with Courage](#)

Wed 10 Jun, 6pm, The Clore Ballroom, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For ages 16+.

Classical Music | [Symphonie Fantastique](#)

Wed 10 Jun, 7pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £17 + £4 booking fee. For ages 7+.

Classical Music | [Time Entwined](#)

Thu 11 Jun, 7.30pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £13 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Warpaint](#)

Thu 11 Jun, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £42 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Literature & Spoken Word | [Frank Cottrell-Boyce: A British Childhood](#)

Thu 11 Jun, 7.45pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £17 + £4 booking fee. For ages 15+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Stephen Fretwell](#)

Fri 12 Jun, 7.45pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £22 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Shabaka & Friends](#)

Fri 12 Jun, 8pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £27 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Ninajirachi](#)

Fri 12 Jun, 11pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer. Tickets from £22 + £4 booking fee. For ages 18+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Erika de Casier](#)

Sat 13 Jun, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £27 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Fousheé](#)

Sat 13 Jun, 8pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £27 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Kamasi Washington: Jazz Legends Reimagined](#)

Sun 14 Jun, 3pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £47 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Kamasi Washington: Fearless Movement Live](#)

Sun 14 Jun, 8pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £47 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Nilüfer Yanya](#)

Sun 14 Jun, 8pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £27 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Getdown Services](#)

Tue 16 Jun, 7.45pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £27 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Mulatu Astatke](#)

Wed 17 Jun, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £34.50 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Visual Arts | [Members' Private View: Anish Kapoor](#)

Thu 18 Jun, 6pm, Hayward Gallery. Free for Members.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [bar italia](#)

Thu 18 Jun, 7.30pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £27 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Beverly Glenn-Copeland & Elizabeth Copeland](#)

Thu 18 Jun, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £34.50 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Open Doors | **Free Programme** | [Mix & Move: Bollywood Groove](#)

Fri 19 Jun, 3pm, The Clore Ballroom, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For all ages.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Orlando Weeks](#)

Fri 19 Jun, 7.30pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £27 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Devonté Hynes Ensemble](#)

Fri 19 Jun, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £37 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Jon Hopkins with Maddie Ashman & Leo Abrahams](#)

Sat 20 Jun, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £27 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [Yussef Dayes](#)

Sat 20 Jun, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £47 + £4 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Harry Styles' Meltdown | **Gigs** | [James Murphy](#)

Sat 20 Jun, 11pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer. Tickets from £37 + £4 booking fee. For ages 18+.

Classical Music | [Vienna 1897: Brahms' Last Concert](#)

Wed 24 Jun, 7pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £17 + £4 booking fee. For ages 7+.

Literature & Spoken Word | [Indie Night: June](#)

Wed 24 Jun, 7.45pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £15 + £4 booking fee. For ages 15+.

Literature & Spoken Word | **Free Programme** | [European Poetry Festival: Estonia](#)

Wed 24 Jun, 8pm, National Poetry Library, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For ages 15+.

Performance & Dance | [COLOSSUS](#)

Thu 25 Jun – Sat 27 Jun, Thu & Sat: 7.30pm, Fri: 2pm & 7.30pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £22 + £4 booking fee. For ages 12+.

Literature & Spoken Word | **Families & Young People** | [Rug Rhymes: Summer](#)

Fri 26 Jun, 11am, National Poetry Library, Level 5, Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets £4 (admits one adult and one child). For ages 0 – 5.

Refugee Week | **Gigs** | [It Sounds Like Courage: Music and Solidarity](#)

Fri 26 Jun, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £22 + £4 booking fee. For ages 12+.

Classical Music | [Game Music Festival: Ballads of the Underworld](#)

Sat 27 Jun, 1.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £57 + £4 booking fee. For ages 7+.

Refugee Week | **Literature & Spoken Word** | [Counterpoints Lecture with Elif Shafak](#)

Sat 27 Jun, 2pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £14 + £4 booking fee. For ages 15+.

Refugee Week | **Gigs** | **Free Programme** | [Our HeartBeats: Courage in Creativity](#)

Sat 27 Jun, 2pm, Riverside Terrace, Royal Festival Hall. Free. Suitable for all ages.

Classical Music | [Game Music Festival: Persona Grooves](#)

Sat 27 Jun, 8pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £57 + £4 booking fee. For ages 7+.

Classical Music | **Families & Young People** | [Mozart's Jupiter by Heart: Family Edit](#)

Sun 28 Jun, 2pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £32 + £4 booking fee. For ages 6+.

Refugee Week | **Talks & Debates** | [Arab Film Club: An Afternoon of Shorts and Q&A](#)

Sun 28 Jun, 3pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £12 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

Classical Music | [Manchester Collective: Patterns in Repeat](#)

Sun 28 Jun, 4pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £17 + £4 booking fee. For ages 7+.

Classical Music | [Mozart's Jupiter by Heart](#)

Sun 28 Jun, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £37 + £4 booking fee. For ages 8+.

FOOD, DRINK & SHOPPING

Food, Drink & Shopping | [Seventy5th Balcony Bar](#)

Tues – Sun: 10am – 10.30pm, Royal Festival Hall, Level 5, closed Mon.

Food, Drink & Shopping | [Southbank Centre Food Market](#)

Fri – Sun, 12pm, Southbank Centre Square.

Food, Drink & Shopping | [Roof Garden Bar & Kitchen](#)

Wed – Sun, Queen Elizabeth Hall Roof Garden.

Food, Drink & Shopping | [Festival Bar & Kitchen](#)

Tue - Sun 10am – 10.30pm. Royal Festival Hall, Level 2, Closed Mon.

Food, Drink & Shopping | [Southbank Centre Shops](#)

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Food, Drink & Shopping | [Hayward Gallery Shop for Yin Xiuzhen and Chiharu Shiota](#)

Tue 17 Feb, Hayward Gallery Shop and Online: Tue – Fri, 10am – 6pm, Sat, 10am – 8pm, Sun, 10am – 6pm. Closed Mon.

Food, Drink & Shopping | **Summer Food & Drink Pop-ups**

23 April – 20 September 2025. Monday – Sunday: 11am – 11pm. Queen's Walk.

HAYWARD GALLERY TOURING EXHIBITIONS AROUND THE UK

Visual Arts | [Paula Rego: Visions of English Literature](#)

Fri 22 May – Sun 6 Sep, Newlands House Gallery, Petworth For timings and tickets, please see venue website.

Visual Arts | [Eduardo Paolozzi: General Dynamic F.U.N](#)

Fri 13 Mar – Sun 7 Jun, Lincoln Museum and Usher Gallery, Lincoln. For timings and tickets, please see venue website.

Visual Arts | [Georgia O’Keeffe: Memories of Drawings](#)

5 June – 25 July 2026, Williamson Art Gallery & Museum, Birkenhead. For timings and tickets, please see venue website.

Visual Arts | [Joan Miró: Painting and Poetry](#)

Sat 18 Apr – Sun 14 Jun, Ushaw Historic House, Durham. For timings and tickets, please see venue website.

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