

SOUTHBANK CENTRE

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A Vintage New Year's Eve Party returns for another spectacular year at Southbank Centre



(credit L-R: Hanson Leatherby and Neil Buchan Grant)

Southbank Centre's annual vintage extravaganza created by **HemingwayDesign** returns for another unmissable year on **Sunday 31 December 2017**. As part of Wintertime at Southbank Centre, **A Vintage New Year's Eve Party** will kick off 2018 in style at London's iconic riverside location.

The eagerly-awaited event curated by Wayne, Gerardine and Jack Hemingway and the Vintage Festival team will transform Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall into five floors of entertainment with vintage night clubs, delicious dining, a vintage hair and beauty salon and photo studios capturing the fun as it unravels. Revellers also have an exclusive opportunity for a private view of London's world famous New Year's Eve Fireworks overlooking the iconic London skyline on the Royal Festival Hall terrace*. The ultimate evening of entertainment, A Vintage New Year's Eve Party is the perfect way for merry makers to ring in 2018.

Tickets go on sale Wednesday 20 September: www.southbankcentre.co.uk / 0203 879 9555

Highlights of this year's party include:

- **The Torch Club**, celebrating the 20's, 30's and 40's big band sound with live music throughout the night from **Alex Meedham & his 18 piece orchestra**. **DJ Daddy Rich** will be spinning original vinyl and **Mark & Hoc** are on hand to guide guests through the steps of some light-hearted period party dances.
- **Bar Bonkers** is a world of 80's and 90's pop, rock and dance anthems with musical bingo and karaoke thrown in for good measure. Disco dancing **DJ Anna Greenwood** bounces partiers into 2018 while **Jess Indeedy**, **DJ Helix** and their hilarious dancing grannies deliver an unforgettable NYE edition of Indeedy Musical Bingo.

- The **TIKI Bar**, serving colourful cocktails against the backdrop of the River Thames, with 1950s exotica expert **Martin Green**, DJ **Martin Karminsky** and guests spinning sambas, mambos and hula girls limbo dancing with tropically clad revellers.
- Top Jive Dance Teacher **Andrew Hall** will lead partiers through the jive basics whilst **DJ Mr Jinx** will keep evening jumping with **The Jive Romeros** providing a swinging mix of classic American and early British rock 'n' roll in **Let it Rock**.
- **The Studio** will trace some of the legendary disco club nights from the mid 70's through to the most culturally influential and eclectic nightclubs of the early 80's, to now, treating partiers to everything from funk and disco, to electro and Northern Soul.
- **Delicious dining packages can also be purchased alongside party tickets.** By booking a table beside the main ballroom floor of Royal Festival Hall, party-goers have a reserved space for the whole evening as well as access to a dedicated bar. After midnight, The Clore Ballroom transforms into an intimate cabaret club with more live performances, dancing and music from a bygone era.

NB: *Please note that access to the terrace and balcony to view the fireworks is not guaranteed and may be limited due to adverse weather conditions.

Press images can be downloaded [HERE](#).

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Tickets will be released in three waves. First release £79 in September, second release £99 October - December, and the final release £119 in December.

Dining tickets (drinks not included) are available for an additional £85 for the duration, buffet tickets (drinks not included) will be available from £35.

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A Vintage New Year's Eve Party

Sunday 31 December, 7pm, Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall, £79, £99, £119,

Dining tickets are available for an additional £85 for the duration, buffet tickets will be available from £32.50

Southbank Centre's annual vintage nightclub extravaganza, created by HemingwayDesign, returns for another unmissable year as part of Wintertime at Southbank Centre. This New Year's Eve, Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall will be transformed for one night only into five floors of entertainment with pop-up vintage night clubs, delicious dining, a retro hair and beauty salon and photo studios capturing the fun as it unravels. Partiers also have an exclusive opportunity for a private view of London's world famous New Year's Eve Fireworks on the Royal Festival Hall terrace, away from the general public crowds. The ultimate evening of entertainment, A Vintage New Year's Eve Party is the perfect way for merry makers to ring in 2018.

The Torch Club

The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall

Party goers are invited to step back in time into the glamorous and decadent 1930s world at **The Torch Club** hosted by **Voodoo Doll. Alex Meedham & his 18 piece orchestra** perform live unforgettable music from the likes of Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and more, performed in the orchestra's immersive silver screen spectacle. In between the live music, **DJ Daddy Rich** will be spinning the vinyl, with dance

specialists **Mark and Hoc** on hand to guide partygoers through the steps of some light-hearted period party dances. After midnight, The Clore Ballroom transforms into an intimate cabaret club with more live performances, dancing and great music from a bygone era.

Bar Bonkers

Blue Bar, Level 4, Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall

Disco dancing **DJ Anna Greenwood** and **Jess Indeedy** will be providing all the hits with 80s and 90s pop, rock and dance anthems with **DJ Helix**, as well as musical bingo including dancing grannies in **Bar Bonkers** and karaoke thrown in for good measure. It's like normal bingo but instead of calling out numbers they play songs and party-goers can mark songs off as they hear them and win some kitsch prizes.

Tiki Bar

Level 5 Foyers, Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall

House of Bamboo returns to host the infamous **Tiki Bar**, delivering colourful cocktails in the Honolulu sky lounge high above the River Thames. Revellers can join 1950s Exotica expert **Martin Green** (The Sound Gallery and Smashing) and DJ **Martin Karminsky** as they spin sambas, mambos and cha cha chas, while Hawaiian hostesses hold limbo dance competitions for urban castaways.

Let It Rock

Level 5 Function Room, Green Side, Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall

Let it Rock welcomes a rare London appearance from Britain's Kings of Be-Bop, Rock'n'Roll, Jive and Swing, **The Jive Romeros**. As one of the finest R'n'R bands around they are sure to keep the dance floor full with their infectious swinging mix of classic American and early British Rock'n'Roll. Throughout the evening, top Jive Dance Teacher **Andrew Hall**, will lead partiers through the jive basics and some of the more eccentric dances of the 1950s, whilst **DJ Mr Jinx** will keep everyone jumpin', jivin' & boppin'.

The Style Studio

Green Side Foyers, Level 4, Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall

The Style Studio traces some of the legendary disco club nights from the mid-70s through to the most culturally influential and eclectic nightclubs of the early 80's, right up to modern day. DJs will be providing everything from 70s funk and disco, to early 80s electro, boogie, rare groove, along with some uber cool jazz and the best Northern Soul.

Notes to Editors

Southbank Centre is the UK's largest arts centre, occupying a 17 acre site that sits in the midst of London's most vibrant cultural quarter on the South Bank of the Thames. The site has an extraordinary creative and architectural history stretching back to the 1951 Festival of Britain. Southbank Centre is home to the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room and Hayward Gallery as well as The Saison Poetry Library and the Arts Council Collection. For further information please visit www.southbankcentre.co.uk. Southbank Centre is carrying out vital restoration work on the Hayward Gallery, Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room to make the buildings fit for future generations to enjoy, more information can be found here: letthelightin.southbankcentre.co.uk.

Vintage

Founded by Wayne Hemingway MBE, Gerardine Hemingway MBE and the Hemingway Family, The Vintage Festival is a truly unique brand which celebrates 8 decades of British Cool. It brings together and celebrates the music, fashion, film, art, dance and design the 1920s to the 1990s that has made Britain the world's creative and cultural hot bed. Vintage explores this rich cultural history and the extraordinary influence that it has had on the modern world. For more details visit www.vintagefestival.co.uk / facebook.com/thevintagefestival

Wintertime

Wintertime at Southbank Centre will transform the 17 acre site into a wonderful Nordic-themed winter landscape for this year's festive season, with the bustling Wintertime market offering the very best in global street food, fine, gourmet produce, artisan gifts and more. The programme is packed with festive fun and entertainment including the multi-award-winning international sensation *Slava's Snowshow* and the return of the spectacular A Vintage New Year's Eve Party. The full programme will be announced late September.