

# **SOUTHBANK CENTRE**

FESTIVALS / MUSIC VISUAL ARTS  
DANCE / PERFORMANCE / LITERATURE

**HIGHLIGHTS**

# WELCOME

Music, literature, performance and art pour out of our brutalist venues and into our outdoors spaces throughout the sunniest months of the year.

Soak up the atmosphere at our July festival Africa Utopia, which brings you everything from classical music to comedy, from the dynamic continent and its diaspora. Our other summer activities include evening extravaganzas Hot Brown Honey and Backbone, by daring cabaret and circus artistes, and free events for friends and families to enjoy.

In September, Unlimited festival asks tough questions about disabled people's lives, and gives a platform to the creativity of disabled artists. A new season of classical music fills our stages with time-honoured works of genius alongside new premieres, from the best artists in the world.

Whether you want to hear readings and discussions with leading authors or see pioneering works of dance and performance, take in a gig in Royal Festival Hall or wander through Hayward Gallery, there's plenty to enjoy at Southbank Centre this summer. Flick through our guide to discover just a few of the highlights to come.

### **There's plenty more**

We've selected just a few highlights of our enormous programme of music, performance, literature and art. Find more online at [southbankcentre.co.uk](http://southbankcentre.co.uk)

## **CLASSICAL MUSIC**

**September marks the beginning of our 2018/19 Classical Season, and a new year of music in our much-loved concert halls. Take your seat for leading international artists, ensembles and orchestras.**

### **Smoke and Mirrors**

Aurora Orchestra presents a modern-day phantasmagoria, conjuring up the spirits and myths of two early romantic masterpieces: Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* and Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

Sunday 16 September, 4pm

### **Wars of the Three Kingdoms**

Pioneering interpreters of early music Jordi Savall and his Hesperion XXI bring to life the melodies of the 16th and 17th centuries.

Tuesday 25 September, 7.30pm

## **Bruckner, Wagner & Schoenberg Part I**

In the first of two concerts, Principal Conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen makes connections between the music of Wagner, Schoenberg and Bruckner.

Thursday 27 September, 7.30pm

## **Uchida plays Mozart**

Gustav Mahler's last word was 'Mozart', but he'd already said his farewells in music, and nowhere more movingly than in *Das Lied von der Erde*. Hear it alongside Mozart's final piano concerto.

Saturday 29 September, 7.30pm

## **Our Resident Orchestras**

Southbank Centre is home to four Resident Orchestras. Between them they give around 100 concerts here each year, from the Baroque to the brand new.

Philharmonia Orchestra

London Philharmonic Orchestra

London Sinfonietta

The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment

**This is just a sample of our upcoming classical music concerts: for more, see our Classical Guide or visit [southbankcentre.co.uk/classical](https://southbankcentre.co.uk/classical)**

## GIGS

**Artists from Patti Smith to David Bowie have taken over our stages in years gone by. This summer, catch a new generation of musical heroes making history at Southbank Centre.**

### **Amadou & Mariam**

Hear husband and wife musical duo Amadou & Mariam play from their latest album, *La Confusion*, in Royal Festival Hall. Their love affair propelled the two grandparents from Mali into music charts across the world.

Saturday 21 July, 7.30pm

## **Whyte Horses Experience**

Get ready for a rare live appearance from enigmatic Mancunian psychedelic pop group Whyte Horses, as they perform tracks from their debut and their forthcoming new album. Featuring guest artists including La Roux.

Thursday 13 September, 7.30pm

## **Moses Sumney**

Singer Moses Sumney narrates a personal journey through universal loneliness with haunting vocals and otherworldly compositional backdrops. Since emerging onto the scene in 2014, he has ridden a wave of word-of-mouth praise.

Friday 21 September, 8pm



## LITERATURE

**This quarter brings a starry roster of authors to our stages, and a festival of fiction celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Man Booker Prize. Check online for the full programme.**

### **AM Homes: Days of Awe**

Hear the funny, bracingly insightful writer discuss her new collection of stories in an exclusive London event. Homes is a much-loved storyteller whose work delves beneath the surface of 21st-century America.

Thursday 5 July, 7.30pm

### **Kazuo Ishiguro & Michael Ondaatje**

For the first time ever, novelists Kazuo Ishiguro and Michael Ondaatje appear in an unchaired one-to-one event to discuss the pleasures and challenges of the creative process. Part of *Man Booker 50* festival.

Sunday 8 July, 2.30pm

## **Khaled Hosseini: Sea Prayer**

In this exclusive talk, the author reflects on what fiction can do in dark times. He discusses his illustrated attempt to capture the experience of a family fleeing civil war in Syria.

For ages 14+

Tuesday 4 September, 7.30pm

# **AFRICA UTOPIA**

**Thursday 19 – Sunday 22 July**

**Full to the brim with talks, workshops, music, performances, fashion and food, this year's Africa Utopia festival is inspired by the theme of Pan-Africanism.**

**Is it time for a United States of Africa?**

## **Africa Utopia Rap Party**

Hear a cast of poets read work inspired by hip-hop culture, alongside DJs playing some of their favourite hip-hop and Afrobeat tunes, in this festival edition of Inua Ellams' *Rhythm and Poetry Party*.

Thursday 19 July, 7.30pm

## **Hello, Rain: UK Premiere**

Don't miss the UK premiere of CJ Obasi's Afrofuturistic screen adaptation of the award-winning author Nnedi Okorafor's short story *Hello, Moto*. The screening is followed by a conversation with the director.

Friday 20 July, 7.45pm

## **Woke by Apphia Campbell**

This award-winning theatre performance follows two women's fight for civil rights. One is notorious Black Panther Assata Shakur; the other, a present-day university student enrolling as the Ferguson riots begin.

Friday 20 & Saturday 21 July, 8pm

## **Chineke! Orchestra**

The majority Black and minority ethnic orchestra returns in an exhilarating, jazz-infused programme. Wayne Marshall conducts works by Copland, Gershwin, Ibert, Julian Joseph and Kurt Weill featuring American pianist Stewart Goodyear.

Saturday 21 July, 7.30pm

## **Presidents of Laughrica**

The laughs return as the best comedians of the African diaspora take the stage. They address the issues facing Africa and the world through the disarming power of laughter.

Hosted by Daliso Chaponda.

Saturday 21 July, 8pm

## **Reverse Colonialism!**

In this political performance, four Africans living in Belgium attempt to solve the tiresome migration-integration dilemma. Their answer? A new land for African-Europeans and European-Africans, where they themselves determine the norms. The audience helps plan their utopia.

Sunday 22 July, 7.30pm

**This is our biggest and boldest Africa Utopia yet.'**

Hannah Pool, Senior Programmer, Contemporary Culture

# **SUMMER**

**Throughout July – August**

**Summer has arrived! Step out in the sun for outdoor cinema, weekly DJ sets and free activities every weekend. We also have spectacular cabaret and circus for a warm evening outing.**

## **Hot Brown Honey**

Equal parts theatrical spectacular and social activism, Hot Brown Honey is a posse of phenomenal women smashing stereotypes. They go above and beyond all expectations in a daring celebration of our similarities and differences.

Tuesday 24 – Friday 27 July, 8pm; Saturday 28 July, 6pm & 9pm

## **Summer film screenings**

Powered by eco-friendly film-fuellers Electric Pedals, we're showing a great film outside on the terrace every Wednesday evening. Jump on a bike or simply bring a blanket and a cushion and settle in to a cinematic summer night.

Wednesday 25 July – Wednesday 22 August, 8.30pm

## **Heart n Soul Sundowner DJ Sets**

The foot-stomping Heart n Soul DJs spin summer tunes every Thursday evening throughout the summer. Heart n Soul believe in the talents and power of people with learning disabilities. Start your long weekend with a dance.

Thursday 26 July – Thursday 23 August, 5pm – 8pm

## **Summer weekends**

Spend a sunny day enjoying free activities on our outdoor stage over five Summer weekends. Throughout August, enjoy a weekend of choirs, a weekend of LGBTQ+ artists, a week of street culture activities, a circus weekend and a family weekend.

Friday 27 July – Monday 27 August

## **Monstersaurus**

From the creators of *Aliens Love Underpants*, this energetic show is full of thrills, spills, magic and mayhem to delight the whole family. It features original music and lots of audience participation.

Tuesday 7 – Sunday 12 August, 11am & 2pm

## **Backbone**

Experience a high-octane exploration of the limits of human strength from acclaimed Australian acrobatic troupe Gravity & Other Myths. Staged with a deceptively DIY aesthetic, this is circus that goes straight for the jugular.

Tuesday 14 – Saturday 18 August, 7.30pm & Sunday 19 August, 5pm

**'The whole summer programme, with pop-up venues and a huge range of stuff on offer for all ages, is amazing.'**

Southbank Centre visitor



## **VISUAL ARTS**

**Travel through space and time with Lee Bul's utopian landscapes, Yuan Goang-Ming's Tomorrowland and the perception-altering exhibition Space Shifters. See you on the other side...**

### **Lee Bul**

Exploring 30 years of Lee Bul's innovative work, this exhibition features documentation of the artist's performances, sprawling sculptures of futuristic cityscapes, immersive installations and an ambitious site-specific commission.

Until Sunday 19 August,

11am – 7pm (last entry 6pm);

Thursday until 9pm (last entry 8pm); closed Tuesday

## **Yuan Goang-Ming: Tomorrowland**

This exhibition of the work of Taiwanese artist Yuan Goang-Ming features three recent videos that continue the artist's exploration into the idea of ruins, homes and dwellings.

From 20 June, 11am – 7pm (last entry 6pm); Thursday until 9pm (last entry 8pm); closed Tuesday

## **Space Shifters**

This major group exhibition brings together artworks that alter our experience of space, from pioneering minimalist sculpture of the 1960s to ambitious new commissions that respond to the architecture of Hayward Gallery.

Wednesday 26 September 2018 – Sunday 6 January 2019

## **PERFORMANCE AND DANCE**

**Reeling in inspiration from gothic literature, lepidopterology and chess, our upcoming performance and dance events engage minds as well as bodies. Take your pick and spark a new obsession.**

### **Edgar Allan Poe's Haunted Palace with The Tiger Lillies**

In this darkly comic musical extravaganza, The Tiger Lillies plunge into the gothic writer's world. Famed for a sonic approach that blends opera and gypsy music, they riff on Poe's tales and poems.

Tuesday 28 – Thursday 30 August, 7.30pm

## **Velvet Petal by Scottish**

### **Dance Theatre**

Exploring the transformative power of beauty, this intimate dance work, set to a dancepunk score, is inspired by the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly and Robert Mapplethorpe's polaroids.

Friday 31 August & Saturday 1 September, 8pm

## **Play by Sidi Larbi**

### **Cherkaoui & Shantala Shivalingappa**

This cross-cultural dance piece juggles theatre, chess and the games people play in life and in love. Pioneering choreographer Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui partners dancer Shantala Shivalingappa in the art of Kuchipudi, a South Indian classical dance form.

Tuesday 4 September, 7.30pm

# **UNLIMITED FESTIVAL**

**Wednesday 5 – Sunday 9 September**

**Experience the artistic vision and originality of disabled artists. New and established creatives set out to shake things up and shift perceptions across a week of performances.**

## **The Nature of Why**

A fusion of dance and live music takes inspiration from the unconventional curiosity of Nobel prize-winning theoretical physicist Richard Feynman. This world premiere performance features a cinematic live score from Goldfrapp's Will Gregory and an ensemble of musicians from the British Paraorchestra.

Wednesday 5 September, 3pm & 7.30pm

## **And Suddenly I Disappear**

Examine difference, disability and what it means to be human in a multimedia theatrical performance created by playwright Kaite O'Reilly. It presents an international mosaic of monologues created by artists from the UK and Singapore.

Wednesday 5 & Thursday 6 September, 7.45pm

## **Beautiful Octopus Club**

The Beautiful Octopus Club returns. Listen to live music and performances from Heart n Soul artists. Bop along to chart-topping beats from DJs and VJs. Take part in interactive zones and explore a range of activities.

Friday 7 September, 7pm

## **Antardrishti – Inner Vision**

A blind sitar player, orchestra and storyteller unravel the concept of divine sight in a show inspired by the Hindu epic the *Bhagavad Gita*. It features film from Addictive TV and the Arunima Kumar Dance Company.

Friday 7 September, 7.30pm

## **An Irresponsible Father's Guide to Parenting**

In a show *The Herald* calls 'wickedly funny', comedian Laurence Clark explains what it's really like to be a parent with cerebral palsy. He attempts to prove what a responsible dad he is, with help from his sons.

Friday 7 September, 7.45pm

## **This is Not a Safe Space**

Benefit cuts are hitting disabled people the hardest. Award-winning poet, playwright and stand-up comedian Jackie Hagan has made a new solo show that features the real voices of proper skint disabled people she knows.

Saturday 8 September, 3pm & 7.45pm

# **DARBAR**

**Monday 17 – Sunday 23 September**

**Discover the finest Indian classical music right here in London. Darbar Festival's 13th annual celebration returns to Southbank Centre for two double-bill concerts featuring some of India's best musicians.**

## **Indian Music Course**

Join us for this essential guide to everything you wanted to know about Indian classical music, but were afraid to ask. Suitable for beginners and fans, it features live sitar and table music.

Monday 17 – Friday 21 September,  
7.30pm



### **Debashish Bhattacharya and Praveen Sheolikar**

Enjoy a double bill of music featuring slide guitar and North Indian violin. It features contemporary sounds from Indian slide guitarist Debashish Bhattacharya and soulful creativity from violinist Praveen Sheolikar.  
Saturday 22 September, 6.30pm

### **Ashwini Bhide Deshpande and Purbayan Chatterjee**

Sitar player Purbayan Chatterjee creates original music from deep-rooted Indian traditions. Ashwini Bhide Deshpande is the queen of Hindustani khayal. Enjoy both musicians at an evening of iconic sitar music and expressive raga.  
Sunday 23 September, 5.30pm

## **ENJOY OUR SITE**

**Whether you're wandering through or spending the day, we have plenty to keep you entertained. Take a dip in our mischievous fountain, try our man-made beach or grab a drink on the roof.**

### **Rooftop bar**

Take the pause that refreshes this summer with a drink at our rooftop cafe and bar. Choose from soft drinks, alcohol, tea and coffee, and a range of snacks in our beautiful Queen Elizabeth Hall Roof Garden.

Daily, 12 noon – 10pm

### **Appearing Rooms**

Shooting jets of water into the air, our interactive sculpture creates rooms that disappear as quickly as they emerge. If you guess wrong you might get soaked – but that's all part of the fun.

Mondays 12 noon – 11pm, Tuesday – Sunday, 10am – 11pm

## **Southbank Centre Beach**

Can't get to the seaside but want to enjoy the beach?

Bring your own bucket and spade and we'll supply 85 tonnes of golden play sand for you to enjoy.

Until 9 September, Mondays 12 noon – 9pm,

Tuesday – Sunday 10am – 9pm

## YOUR VISIT

### **Southbank Centre**

We believe art has the power to help create a better world for everyone. That's why we began in 1951 on the South Bank of the Thames. Dreamed up after World War Two, the *Festival of Britain* gave the nation hope for a brighter future. Today, millions of people gather at our festivals to enjoy culture from around the world. We put on 5,700 concerts, gigs, exhibitions, shows and debates each year, half of them for free. Our work can be seen on six continents and in 37 towns and cities across the UK. Come and see for yourself.

Southbank Centre occupies a 17-acre site in the midst of London's vibrant cultural quarter on the South Bank of the Thames. This includes Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room, and Hayward Gallery.

We also curate the outdoor spaces along the riverfront and around our venues, providing free art for millions of people every year.

## **Support**

Join our family of supporters and help us continue to present as many free activities as possible, making art available to all at [southbankcentre.co.uk/support](https://southbankcentre.co.uk/support)

## **Membership**

Become a Member and be first in line for tickets to over 5,700 events. Join now at [southbankcentre.co.uk/membership](https://southbankcentre.co.uk/membership)

## **How to book tickets**

Online

[southbankcentre.co.uk](https://southbankcentre.co.uk)\*

By phone

020 3879 9555\*

9am – 8pm daily.

In person

Royal Festival Hall Ticket Office 10am – 8pm daily.

Queen Elizabeth Hall Ticket Office

10am – 8pm daily

\* There are no transaction fees for in-person bookings or Southbank Centre Members and Supporters Circles. For all other bookings transaction fees apply: £3 online; £3.50 over the phone. If you wish to receive tickets in the post, a £1 delivery charge applies.

## **Access**

Southbank Centre is accessible to all and level access is available to all of our venues.

Please see [southbankcentre.co.uk/access](https://southbankcentre.co.uk/access) for all access information.

## **Getting here**

It is easy to get to Southbank Centre via tube, train or bus.

For more information see [southbankcentre.co.uk/visit](https://southbankcentre.co.uk/visit). Our address

is Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road,

London SE1 8XX

## **Eating and drinking**

Enjoy the capital's best street food every Friday to Sunday at Southbank Centre's Food Market. We also have restaurants and cafes galore – and we can't resist listing them all. Our venues are Central Bar, Topolski, Las Iguanas, Cote Brasserie, Hayward Gallery Cafe and Concrete Cafe, EAT., Le Pain Quotidien, Beany Green, Riverside Terrace Cafe, Skylon, Ping Pong, The Wahaca Southbank Experiment, Strada, Canteen, Honest Burgers, wagamama, Yo! Sushi and Giraffe.

## **Shop**

Our three on-site shops and online emporium offer a thoughtful selection of items inspired by our festivals and events. Browse to find gifts, jewellery, books, stationery, household goods and much more. Shop on site or at [shop.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://shop.southbankcentre.co.uk)

## **Explore**

Did you know there's a beehive on the roof of Royal Festival Hall? Unravel the secrets of our iconic venues in tours from July to September.

Our *Behind-the-scenes* tour allows you to take a peek at life backstage, while our *Architecture* tour conveys expert information about our revolutionary brutalist buildings. Find out more at [southbankcentre.co.uk/tours](http://southbankcentre.co.uk/tours)

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