

SOUTHBANK CENTRE

July / August / September

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HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME TO SOUTHBANK CENTRE

After a winter spent huddled indoors, the sun inspires us to venture outside, gather with friends and open ourselves up to new activities.

Make the most of this new lease of life with Summertime, which brings magnificent circus and dance productions to our riverside site, along with plenty of opportunities to try new things, from social dancing to a Swedish crayfish feast.

From Africa Utopia to Darbar, the summer is packed with festivals of art and ideas. Africa Utopia brings us inspiration from a fast-changing continent. Chorus presents numerous opportunities to sing together. New Music Biennial introduces the freshest ideas in contemporary music while Nordic Music Days presents composers from the Nordic regions. Darbar invites us to see some household names from the world of Indian classical music.

We've also listed some of our upcoming highlights in classical music, gigs, literature, dance and performance and visual arts. Enjoy your summer.

Jude Kelly CBE, Artistic Director

What's on today?

Want to find out what's on today? Check our website for the latest updates, last-minute gigs, concerts and free events at southbankcentre.co.uk

SUMMERTIME

Until Monday 28 August

Southbank Centre is the place to be this summer with dance and performance from international companies, themed weekends, an outdoor music stage, free family events and art installations across the site.

English National Ballet: Romeo and Juliet

The world's greatest love story comes to Royal Festival Hall with Rudolf Nureyev's passionate choreography and Prokofiev's exhilarating score performed live. Nureyev's award-winning production was created especially for English National Ballet.

'Powerfully atmospheric' (Observer)

Tuesday 1 – Saturday 5 August, 7.30pm (Thursday & Saturday matinee, 2pm)

Cirkus Cirkor

Marvel at contemporary circus featuring teeterboard artists, contortionists, acrobats, jugglers and aerial artistes. *Limits* explores migration and borders, the world of new frontiers and the artists' physical limits.

Sunday 13 – Wednesday 16 August, times available online.

ZooNation Presents the Next Generation

ZooNation Youth Company presents a night of dance, music, spoken word and beatboxing. The company is made up of some of the best young hip-hop artistes in the UK.

Monday 28 August, 7pm

Summertime weekends

On Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 July, our stage showcases music and dance, with lots of opportunities to join in. On Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 July, our seaside-themed weekend features activities for the whole family.

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 August bring live music including a soul train, jazz DJs and Reggae-oke. On Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 August, there's dance from around the world, including a ceilidh.

Saturday 19 and Sunday 30 August have a Nordic theme, featuring Swedish singing and a traditional crayfish party. Our urban weekend from Saturday 26 to Monday 28 August features a hip-hop jam and basketball game.

AFRICA UTOPIA

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 July

Champion the arts and culture of one of the world's most dynamic and fast-changing continents by spending a weekend getting your fill of talks, workshops, music, performances, fashion and food.

“Where our real home might be is tricky to say: In a way that is the point.”

Selina Thompson, creator of salt., part of Africa Utopia

Talks

BAFTA award-winning screenwriter Amma Asante talks about telling Black stories. Plus, hear how Africa is leading the way in fashion, activism and tech, and discuss the role of feminism on the continent and in the diaspora.

Saturday 15 July, 11.30am – 5pm, and Sunday 16 July, 11.30am – 4pm

salt.

Performer Selina Thompson retraces a slave ship's route in a show about grief, ancestry, home and colonialism. salt. is about where colonial history exists in the everyday, the politics of grief and being part of a diaspora.

Saturday 15 July, 2pm & 6pm, and Sunday 16 July

Black in the Day

Add your photos documenting Black British life to our digital archive, sharing your lived experience down the ages.

Saturday 15 July, 4pm

African fashion

Strut your stuff on the People's Catwalk, showcasing African-inspired style, before seeing the very best contemporary African fashion on the catwalk – curated by African Fashion Week London. For all ages.

Saturday 15 July, 4pm & 5pm

Presidents of Laughrica

Britain's Got Talent finalist Daliso Chaponda brings together some of the best comedians of the diaspora to tackle the issues facing Africa and beyond. The line-up features irreverent stand-up Ava Vidal and Somali-born British comedian Prince Abdi.

Saturday 15 July, 8.45pm

Chineke! Orchestra

Chineke! Orchestra, Europe's first professional majority Black and Minority Ethnic orchestra, performs works by Florence Price and Sibelius.

Sunday 16 July, 6.30pm (See the Junior Orchestra from 5pm – 5.30pm)

Whether you want to dance to Afrobeat, discuss the future of the continent, try a workshop or explore art, discover the whole festival on our website.

southbankcentre.co.uk/africautopia

CHORUS FESTIVAL

Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 July

Southbank Centre's Chorus festival celebrates the power of the voice and the spirit of communal singing. The weekend features over 50 community choirs, and groups from across the Nordic regions.

English National Opera

The ENO present a concert staging of Elgar's epic *Dream of Gerontius*. Plus, you can join a half-day workshop about the piece, and sing alongside opera singers in our Big Sing.

Find out more at southbankcentre.co.uk/chorus

Screaming Voices with Huutajat

Huutajat (the screaming men) is a Finnish choir that doesn't sing a note. Scream, bellow and shout in a four-hour workshop before hearing a pop-up performance from the choir.

Saturday 1 July, 1.30pm (workshop) & 5.30pm (performance)

Our Carnal Hearts

Who do you envy? Theatre maker Rachel Mars and four belting female singers perform a funny, dark show about an ugly mental state. Explore your own emotions in a singing workshop beforehand.

Sunday 2 July, 2.30pm & 7.30pm (performances) 3pm (workshop)

NEW MUSIC BIENNIAL

Friday 7 – Sunday 9 July

Listen to composers who are pushing the boundaries of new music in the UK. Hear fresh sounds and try activities as 20 free compositions are performed across the site.

Ring Out

Walk around a space to experience micro-melodies shifting in this composition from sound artist and composer Ray Lee. It features electronically generated bell sounds, each swinging from a giant metal tower.

Saturday 8 July, 11.30am, 2pm & 6pm; Sunday 9 July, 12.30pm, 2pm & 5pm

Mica Levi and BBC Concert Orchestra BAFTA-nominated composer Mica Levi is best known for her band Micachu & The Shapes and her innovative film soundtracks. Her new piece for the BBC Concert Orchestra draws on the orchestra's huge sound and great power.

Sunday 9 July, 3pm

Darkstar After Party

London-based electronic music duo Darkstar, aka James Young and Aiden Whalley, present a one-off show, following the performance of their new collaboration with James McVinnie in Royal Festival Hall.

Friday 7 July, 10pm

DARBAR FESTIVAL

Monday 11 – Sunday 17 September

Open your ears to ghazal, thumri and abang, Rajasthani folk music and jazz influences, as Darbar 2017 presents two household names in the world of Indian music, Shankar Mahadevan and Hariharan.

Shankar Mahadevan's Krishna In his first UK performance, legendary classical and Bollywood singer Shankar Mahadevan presents a musical celebration of the Hindu divinity Krishna. His sonorous voice travels through folk, thumri, qwaali and Bollywood songs from several regions.

Saturday 16 September, 7.15pm

Hariharan

- King of Ghazal

India's king of ghazal, Hariharan, opens up a world of ancient Arabic poetry expressing love, beauty, loss and separation. A pioneer of fusion styles, Hariharan has recorded film hits in languages including Hindi, Tamil and Malayalam.

Sunday 17 September, 6.30pm

Indian Music Course

Welcome to the essential all-singing, all-dancing guide to everything you wanted to know about Indian classical music but were afraid to ask. The award-winning broadcaster Jameela Siddiqi leads the course. Sessions feature musicians performing live.

Monday 11 September, 7.30pm

NORDIC MUSIC DAYS

Thursday 28 September – Sunday 1 October

Nordic Music Days was founded in 1888. This year it showcases pioneering contemporary music by Nordic composers performed by leading musicians from Britain, alongside family events and workshops.

Nordic Forests

Young Manchester ensemble Distractfold and conductor Rei Munakata guide us through a shimmering musical forest with works by six contemporary Nordic composers. They play instruments, objects, solenoids and transducers.

Friday 29 September, 7pm & 9.15pm.

Late Night Nordic Sounds

Cutting-edge electronica and visuals collide with traditional Nordic sounds in this show featuring TMRW and Gidge with visuals by Annie Tadne. Explore an immersive audio-visual wonderland.

Saturday 30 September, 10pm

Big Joik Sing

Learn the art of traditional joik singing in this workshop for all ages and abilities, led by joik singers Jörgen Stenberg and Cecilia Persson.

Sunday 1 October, 12.45pm

Discover a new composer? Try a family event? Hear some late-night music? Find out more at [southbankcentre.co.uk/ nordicmusicdays](http://southbankcentre.co.uk/nordicmusicdays)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Our Classical Season 2016/17 encompasses masterworks by legendary composers and experimental modern classics. With our Resident Orchestras and star guests Southbank Centre truly is the home of classical music in London.

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 Orchester

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

Philip Venables: Illusions

Philip Venables' music for nine musicians takes on themes of government and LGBT rights. This anarchic concert features footage of avant-garde performance artist David Hoyle.

Sunday 9 July, 7.30pm

London Philharmonic Orchestra: Enescu's Oedipe

Teddy Tahu Rhodes and Sir Willard White star in the London Philharmonic Orchestra's performance of Enescu's powerful opera Oedipe, conducted by Vladimir Jurowski. In 2016, critics hailed this production as 'spellbinding'.

Tuesday 11 July, 7.30pm

Chineke!

Europe's first professional majority Black and Minority Ethnic orchestra returns by popular demand for their third year at our Africa Utopia festival. They perform works by Florence Price, Sibelius and Rachmaninov, with multi-award-winning pianist Gerard Aimontche.

Sunday 16 July, 6.30pm

Auroa Orchestra with Pierre-Laurent Aimard

Explore birdsong and the human relationship with the natural world in this Aurora Orchestra concert. Pianist Pierre-Laurent Aimard performs in Messiaen's Oiseaux exotiques and the orchestra presents Beethoven's Pastoral symphony from memory.

Sunday 24 September, 3.30pm

Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment: The Judas Passion

This provocative new chronicle of Jesus' nal days is told through the eyes of his betrayer, Judas Escariot. Written for the OAE's period Europe's rst professional majority Black and Minority Ethnic orchestra returns by popular demand for their third year at our Africa Utopia festival. They perform works by Florence Price, Sibelius and Rachmaninov, with multi- award-winning pianist Gerard Aimontche.

Monday 25 September, 7pm

Philharmonia Orchestra with Esa-Pekka Salonen: Sibelius

Hear music by two contemporary Icelandic composers alongside momentous works by Sibelius. His majestic Symphonies No.6 and No. 7 are paired with Anna Thorvaldsdottir's vastly textured Aeriality and the UK premiere of Daniel Bjarnason's Violin Concerto.

Thursday 28 September, 7.30pm

Part of Nordic Matters

'We like to sit in the choir seats when they are available and get a good feeling for the conductor's directions and the player's responses'

Southbank Centre visitors

LITERATURE

Not only does Southbank Centre host prestigious writers all year round; we also house The National Poetry Library. Hear from great authors, poets and spoken word artists at our events.

Naomi Klein

In an exclusive London event, journalist, activist and bestselling author Naomi Klein delivers a keynote talk on the surreal political upheavals of recent months and discusses the art of resistance in a time of Trump.

Tuesday 4 July, 7.30pm

Zadie Smith

Zadie Smith reads from her new novel and talks about how dance inspires her writing. *Swing Time* follows the lives of two girls who dream of being dancers, in a story that moves from London to West Africa.

Thursday 6 July, 7.30pm

John le Carré: An Evening with George Smiley

Join us for a celebration of one of the world's greatest writers, as he shares the secrets behind the creation of his most beloved character.

Thursday 7 September, 7.30pm

GIGS

Did you know you can stand up and dance at gigs in Royal Festival Hall? Throughout the summer, we have artists performing genres from jazz to folk to rock to Afrobeat.

Kiasmos / Dawn of Midi

Icelandic BAFTA-winning composer Olafur Arnalds and electropop artist Janus Rasmussen create minimal electronica as Kiasmos. They appear alongside Brooklyn-based jazz trio Dawn of Midi, who draw on North and West African folk traditions.

Friday 8 September, 7.30pm

Penguin Cafe / Peter Broderick & Friends Penguin Cafe brings together musicians from the likes of Suede, Gorillaz and Razorlight. Hear them in a double bill with Peter Broderick & Friends, who perform minimalist music on a violin and upright bass.

Saturday 9 September, 7.30pm

Christy Moore

Hear the Irish folk singer songwriter and guitarist live as he performs songs from across his career. Having produced more than 25 solo albums, Christy Moore presents favourite tunes from his repertoire over an evening's entertainment.

Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 September, 7.30pm

HAYWARD GALLERY

Hayward Gallery is currently closed for essential refurbishment.

Hayward Gallery is a world-renowned contemporary art gallery and a landmark of brutalist architecture. It holds regular exhibitions and is the home of Britain's 8,000-piece Arts Council Collection.

Collected Shadows: The Archive of Modern Conflict

A Hayward Touring exhibition Over 200 images drawn from the Archive of Modern Conflict explore themes of divinity, astrology, light and the elements.

Launching Saturday 12 August at VOID, Derry

Kaleidoscope:

Colour and Sequence in 1960s British Art

An Arts Council Collection Touring exhibition

Bringing together outstanding painting and sculpture from the Arts Council Collection, Kaleidoscope examines 1960s visual art through a fresh and surprising lens.

See Kaleidoscope at Djanogly Gallery, Nottingham from 15 July – 24 September. Buy the catalogue at shop.southbankcentre.co.uk/hayward

More visual arts on-site: INSIDE

Antony Gormley curates art by offenders, secure patients and detainees for the 2017 Koestler Awards.

**From Thursday 21 September, 10am – 11pm,
Level 1, Royal Festival Hall, Free**

DANCE & PERFORMANCE

Theatre, comedy, dance, performance: all sorts of artists take to our stages to tell amazing stories and create a fantastic spectacle from July to September. Look out for our Nordic events.

Sacrifice

Iceland Dance Company presents a powerful celebration of dance, art and music combining choreography and visual art. Enjoy movement and film created by artists such as Matthew Barney.

Friday 18 – Saturday 19 August, 7pm & Sunday 20 August, 4pm

Morphed

In a visually striking, internationally acclaimed contemporary dance show featuring choreography by Tero Saarinen, seven men explore different facets of masculinity.

Thursday 10 August, 7.30pm

Prurience

Described by The Guardian as an 'entertainment maverick', Christopher Green invites you to attend a fictional self- help group in this immersive theatre piece. Dive into playful science.

Until Sunday 30 July; find out times online

“Southbank Centre places the arts at the heart of everyday life”

Southbank Centre visitor

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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 us

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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.

* There are no transaction fees for in-person bookings or Southbank Centre Members and Supporters Circles. For all other bookings transaction fees apply: £2.50 online; £3 over the phone. If you wish to receive tickets in the post, a 75p 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 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. Our address is Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, London SE1 8XX

Eating and drinking

Alongside our cafes and restaurants, our summer pop-ups bring delicious street food to every nook and cranny of Southbank Centre, while our food market is on site every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Find out more at southbankcentre.co.uk/visit

Play

Splash about in our unpredictable fountain, bring your bucket and spade to our summer beach, or visit our blossoming roof garden. Plus, Jeppe Hein's social benches offer new ways of sitting, and installations appear around our site. Learn about our outdoor attractions at [southbankcentre.co.uk/visit/ outdoor-spaces](https://southbankcentre.co.uk/visit/outdoor-spaces)

Explore

Ever wanted to peek behind the scenes at Southbank Centre? Our tours offer a look backstage or the chance to find out more about our famous architecture. Alternatively, visit our archive to leaf through our history. Find out more at southbankcentre.co.uk/tours and southbankcentre.co.uk/archive

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