

# SOUTHBANK CENTRE

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## March 2026 Listings



Clockwise L-R: *Theo Croker*, Image © Bruno Baretto; *Ballet de Lorraine*, Image © Laurent Phillippe; *Ece Temelkuran*, Image © Joanna Paciorek; *Vikingur Ólafsson*, Image © Mark Allan.

In March, the Southbank Centre's 75th anniversary celebrations continue with a forward-looking, multi-artform programme inspired by the galvanising nature of the Festival of Britain.

The **Montreux Jazz Festival Residency** (13 – 15 Mar) returns for a second year, exploring the influence, impact and sound of jazz today through the artists shaping it. **Theo Croker** marks the centenary of the legendary Miles Davis' birth with the *Miles Davis Mixtape* (13 Mar). Pioneering UK Jazz organisation **Women in Jazz** provide an evening showcase of up-and-coming talent led by Jazz vocalist **Lucy-Anne Daniels** (13 Mar), followed by an afternoon discussion on the influence and impact of Jazz on contemporary music with **Celeste** (14 Mar). The residency features a number of free events across the weekend, including an open jam session with the **Five Points**

**Project** (13 Mar) and a panel discussion celebrating the life and legacy of the late neo-soul pioneer **D'Angelo** (15 Mar).

The Spring/Summer Classical Season 2026 continues with performances from world-class soloists including **Vikingur Ólafsson** (1 Mar), alongside unmissable performances from the Southbank Centre's resident orchestras. Highlights include; the **Bach Choir's** annual performance of *St Matthew's Passion* (8 Mar), Southbank Centre Resident Artist **Sean Shibe** and the **Manchester Collective** uniting for an unlikely exploration of the world of sea shanties (28 Mar), and **Chineke! Orchestra** directed by Colombian violinist Julián Gil Rodríguez (18 Mar).

The Queen Elizabeth Hall welcomes the UK premiere of ***Ballet de Lorraine: Acid Gems and A Folia***, explosive new works from leading choreographers **Adam Linder** and **Marco da Silva Ferreira** (5 – 7 Mar). Drawing inspiration from Balanchine's *Jewels*, *Acid Gems* is a high-spirited, kaleidoscopic dance work that melds ballet with street and theatrical influences, changing the very DNA of the artform. Shortlisted for The Rose International Dance Prize 2025, with *a Folia* da Silva Ferreira takes inspiration from a 15th century Portuguese fertility ritual to explore ecstasy, euphoria and collective rebellion as drivers of cultural, political and artistic change.

The Spring Literature season continues to bring acclaimed, international authors to Southbank Centre stages. **Ece Temelkuran** discusses her new book *Nation of Strangers*, in conversation with Brian Eno (12 Mar), while Booker Prize-winning author **Yann Martel** presents his new novel *Son of Nobody* in an event hosted by Erica Wagner (29 Mar). Artist, broadcaster and founder of the Black Audio Film Collective **Edward George** presents *Sonic Essays*, exploring the music and language of Black sonic culture in a special live version of his acclaimed Morley Radio essay series *The Strangeness of Dub*.

In the Hayward Gallery, ***Yin Xiuzhen: Heart to Heart*** and ***Chiharu Shiota: Threads of Life*** (17 Feb – 3 May) continue, showcasing large-scale immersive installations, whilst a panel conversation in the Purcell Room brings together the curators, writers and scholars to unravel the worlds of these two globally celebrated artists (18 Mar). An exclusive artist edition by **Chiharu Shiota** will also be available at the Hayward Gallery Shop, titled *Connected to the Universe*. The edition will be on sale in-store and online from 17 Feb.

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## **EXHIBITIONS**

### **Visual Arts** | [Yin Xiuzhen: Heart to Heart](#)

Tue 17 Feb – Sun 3 May, Tue – Fri, 10am – 6pm, Sat, 10am – 8pm, Sun, 10am – 6pm, Closed on Mondays, Hayward Gallery. Tickets from £19.

### **Visual Arts** | [Chiharu Shiota: Threads of Life](#)

Tue 17 Feb – Sun 3 May, Tue – Fri, 10am – 6pm, Sat, 10am – 8pm, Sun, 10am – 6pm, Closed on Mondays. Hayward Gallery. Tickets from £19.

**Visual Arts** | **Free Programme** | [Samuel Laurence Cunnane: Blue Road](#)

Tue 17 Feb – Sun 10 May, Tue – Fri, 10am – 6pm, Sat, 10am – 8pm, Sun, 10am – 6pm, Closed on Mondays. HENI Project Space, Hayward Gallery. Free.

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## **EVENTS**

**Families & Young People** | [REPLAY: A Limitless Recycled Playground](#)

Wed 14 Jan – Sun 12 Apr, Various Times, Spirit Level, Level 1, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets £7.50 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 6 months – 11 years.

**Families & Young People** | [REPLAY: Relaxed](#)

Thu 15 Jan – Sun 12 Apr, Various Times, Spirit Level, Level 1, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets £7.50 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 6 months – 11 years.

**Classical Music** | [Víkíngur Ólafsson Celebrates Kurtág at 100](#)

Sun 1 Mar, 5pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £17 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Gigs** | [Maria Farantouri: 100 Years of Mikis Theodorakis](#)

Sun 1 Mar, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £34 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

**Literature & Spoken Word** | [Stadio Live with Nish Kumar](#)

Sun 1 Mar, 7.45pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £15 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 16+.

**Open Doors** | **Free Programme** | [Creative Encounters: The Londoners' Printing Press](#)

Wed 4 Mar, 6pm, The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For ages 12+.

**Classical Music** | [Tchaikovsky & Sibelius](#)

Wed 4 Mar, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £16 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Literature & Spoken Word** | [Special Edition: Echoes and Reflections](#)

Wed 4 Mar, 8pm, National Poetry Library. Tickets from £9 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 16+.

**Performance & Dance** | [Ballet de Lorraine: Acid Gems and a Folia](#)

Thu 5 Mar – Sat 7 Mar, 7.30pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £22 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 12+.

**Classical Music** | [Santtu Conducts Bernstein, Copland & Gershwin](#)

Thu 5 Mar, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £12 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Literature & Spoken Word** | [Sonic Essays: Edward George](#)

Thu 5 Mar, 7.45pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £15 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

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

Fri 6 & Fri 20 Mar, 11am, National Poetry Library, Level 5, Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets £4 (admits one adult and one child). For ages 0 – 5.

**Gigs** | [Kodo](#)

Fri 6 Mar & Sat 7 Mar, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £31.50 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

**Open Doors** | **Families & Young People** | **Free Programme** | [Relaxed Sessions: Improvising with Ascension Dance](#)

Sat 7 Mar, 11am, The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For ages 5+.

**Open Doors** | **Families & Young People** | **Free Programme** | [Saturday Sessions: Improvising with Ascension Dance](#)

Sat 7 Mar, 1.30pm, The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For ages 5 – 11.

**Open Doors** | **Families & Young People** | **Free Programme** | [Ballroom Boogie x Toasty Tots XL](#)

Sat 7 Mar, 2.45pm, The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For all ages.

**Visual Arts** | [British Sign Language Tours: Chiharu Shiota & Yin Xiuzhen](#)

Sat 7 Mar, 5pm, Hayward Gallery. Tickets from £8. For all ages.

**Classical Music** | [Jasdeep Singh Degun & Friends](#)

Sat 7 Mar, 8pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £32 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Classical Music** | [The Bach Choir: St Matthew Passion](#)

Sun 8 Mar, 11am, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £15 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Gigs** | [Laura Jurd x Royal Academy of Music Jazz Orchestra](#)

Sun 8 Mar, 7.30pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £19.50 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

**Gigs** | [The Songs of Joni Mitchell](#)

Sun 8 Mar, 7.30pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £32 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

**Classical Music** | **Talks & Debates** | **Free Programme** | [Philharmonia Debates... Composing Across Cultures](#)

Thu 12 Mar, 6pm, Level 5 Function Room, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For ages 11+.

**Classical Music** | **Free Programme** | [Music of Today: Gabriela Ortiz Curates](#)

Thu 12 Mar, 6pm, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For ages 7+.

**Classical Music** | [Royal Philharmonic Society Awards 2026](#)

Thu 12 Mar, 7pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £12 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Classical Music** | [Marin Alsop & Alisa Weilerstein](#)

Thu 12 Mar, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £17 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Literature & Spoken Word** | [Ece Temelkuran: Nation of Strangers](#)

Thu 12 Mar, 7.45pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £15 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 15+.

**Open Doors** | **Families & Young People** | **Free Programme** | [WordPlay: Ages 0 – 2](#)

Fri 13 Mar & Fri 27 Mar, 10.30am, The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For ages 0 – 2.

**Open Doors** | **Families & Young People** | **Free Programme** | [WordPlay: Ages 3 – 5](#)

Fri 13 Mar & Fri 27 Mar, 11.30am, The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For ages 3 – 5.

**Montreux Jazz Festival Residency** | **Gigs** | [Theo Croker: Miles Davis Mixtape](#)

Fri 13 Mar, 7pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £27 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

**Montreux Jazz Festival Residency** | **Gigs** | **Free Programme** | [The Five Points Project](#)

Fri 13 Mar, 7pm, The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For ages 14+.

**Classical Music** | [Pulse and Presence](#)

Fri 13 Mar, 7.30pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £13 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Montreux Jazz Festival Residency** | **Gigs** | [Women in Jazz: Lucy-Anne Daniels](#)

Fri 13 Mar, 7.30pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £12 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

**Montreux Jazz Festival Residency** | **Talks & Debates** | [Women in Jazz: In Conversation with Celeste](#)

Sat 14 Mar, 2pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £12 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

**Montreux Jazz Festival Residency** | **Gigs** | [Children of Zeus](#)

Sat 14 Mar, 6pm & 9pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £20 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

**Montreux Jazz Festival Residency** | **Gigs** | [Hidden Tracks](#)

Sat 14 Mar, 7.45pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £18 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

**Montreux Jazz Festival Residency** | **Courses & Workshops** | [Hidden Tracks: Write Your Story](#)

Sun 15 Mar, 12pm, The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For ages 14+.

**Montreux Jazz Festival Residency** | **Talks & Debates** | [Track Record: On D'Angelo](#)

Sun 15 Mar, 4pm, The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For ages 14+.

**Montreux Jazz Festival Residency** | **Gigs** | [corto.alto](#)

Sun 15 Mar, 7.30pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £20 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

**Montreux Jazz Festival Residency** | **Gigs** | [Ramzi Hammad & Collective](#)

Sun 15 Mar, 7.45pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £12 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

**Visual Arts** | **Talks & Debates** | [Memory of Materials: Chiharu Shiota & Yin Xiuzhen](#)

Wed 18 Mar, 7pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £14 + £3.50 booking fee. Under-12s must be accompanied by an adult.

**Classical Music** | [Julián Gil Rodríguez Directs Chineke! Orchestra](#)

Wed 18 Mar, 7.30pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £17 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Gigs** | **Free Programme** | [futuretense: Hillarynx + ROZZZQWEEN](#)

Thu 19 Mar, 6pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer. Free. For all ages.

**Classical Music** | [Nagano Conducts Mahler's Resurrection Symphony](#)

Thu 19 Mar, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £32 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Open Doors** | **Free Programme** | [Mix & Move: Ballroom and Latin Blend](#)

Fri 20 Mar, 3pm, The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For all ages.

**Classical Music** | [Fazil Say: Bach's Goldberg Variations](#)

Fri 20 Mar, 7pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £17 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Gigs** | [Graceland Reimagined: 40-Year Anniversary](#)

Fri 20 Mar, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £32 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

**Gigs** | [Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse](#)

Sat 21 Mar, 3pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £31.50 + £3.50 booking fee. Rated PG (Under-12s must be accompanied by an adult).

**Classical Music** | **Talks & Debates** | **Free Programme** | [Harmony with our Rivers](#)

Sat 21 Mar, 5pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Free. For ages 7+.

**Classical Music** | [Four Seasons of Buenos Aires](#)

Sat 21 Mar, 6.30pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £17 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

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

Sun 22 Mar, 1pm, Sunley Pavilion, Level 3, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £27 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 18+.

**Classical Music** | [Lisa Batiashvili Plays Tchaikovsky](#)

Sun 22 Mar, 3pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £17 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Classical Music** | [Arod Quartet & Danel Quartet: Mendelssohn Octet](#)

Sun 22 Mar, 6pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £17 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Classical Music** | **Free Programme** | [LPO Showcase: Crisis Creates](#)

Wed 25 Mar, 6pm, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For ages 7+.

**Open Doors** | **Free Programme** | [Creative Encounters: Puppets to Tradition](#)

Wed 25 Mar, 6pm, The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For ages 16+.

**Classical Music** | [Voices from Finland](#)

Wed 25 Mar, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £16 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Classical Music** | [Future Artists: Royal Academy of Music](#)

Fri 27 Mar, 7pm, Purcell Room. Free. For ages 7+.

**Gigs** | [Max Richter's Possible Futures](#)

Fri 27 Mar, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £42 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

**Classical Music** | [Beethoven's Ninth](#)

Sat 28 Mar, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £16 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Gigs** | [LUXE](#)

Sat 28 Mar, 7.45pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £25.50 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 14+.

**Classical Music** | [Manchester Collective & Sean Shibe: Sea Shanties](#)

Sat 28 Mar, 8pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £17 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Classical Music** | [Philharmonia Chamber Players](#)

Sun 29 Mar, 3.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Free. For ages 7+.

**Classical Music** | [Denis Kozhukhin Plays Beethoven](#)

Sun 29 Mar, 5pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £17 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Classical Music** | [St John Passion](#)

Sun 29 Mar, 7pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tickets from £17 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

**Literature & Spoken Word** | [Yann Martel: Son of Nobody](#)

Sun 29 Mar, 7.45pm, Purcell Room. Tickets from £15 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 16+.

**Classical Music** | **Families & Young People** | [OAE TOTS: Sailing Away](#)

Tue 31 Mar, 10.30am, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £15 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 2 – 5.

**Classical Music** | [Verdi Requiem with Barts Choir](#)

Tue 31 Mar, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall. Tickets from £17 + £3.50 booking fee. For ages 7+.

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**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. For all ages.

**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.

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**HAYWARD GALLERY TOURING EXHIBITIONS AROUND THE UK**

**Visual Arts** | [Linder: Danger Came Smiling | on tour](#)

Fri 21 November 2025 – Sun 1 March 2026, Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea. For timings and tickets, please see venue website.

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

Fri 30 Jan – Sun 10 May, The Wilson Art Gallery and Museum, Cheltenham. For timings and tickets, please see venue website.

**Visual Arts** | [Material Worlds: Contemporary Artists and Textiles](#)

Fri 30 Jan – Sun 3 May, Attenborough Arts Centre, Leicester. For timings and tickets, please see venue website.

**Visual Arts** | [Cornelia Parker: One Day This Glass Will Break](#)

24 January – 15 March 2026, The Robert Cripps Gallery, Cambridge. For timings and tickets, please see venue website.

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

28 February – 29 March, The Turner House, Penarth. For timings and tickets, please see venue website.

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

28 March – 23 May 2026, Beverley Art Gallery, Beverley. For timings and tickets, please see venue website.

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