

SOUTHBANK CENTRE

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME

It's a season of bobble hats, eggnog and dazzling performances here at Southbank Centre, as we welcome troupes of world-beating artists to our site by the river for October, November and December.

Winter brings sensational entertainment for the whole family with Circus 1903, appearing in Europe for the first time with a show conjuring up the golden age of circus, and the UK premiere of Rumpelstiltskin, a fantastical take on the beguiling fairy tale. We're keeping your spirits up through the coldest months with festive markets, activities, performances and our unforgettable New Year's Eve party.

In classical music, we present leading conductors and performers and the opportunity to listen to something new, whether you want to experience opera or see film music performed live.

There are gigs for every taste, new visual arts shows including our disruptive, large-scale exhibition Space Shifters, and thought-provoking evenings of theatre, comedy and dance.

Our annual London Literature Festival features the best of contemporary writing, while the final edition of China Changing Festival offers one last chance to catch innovative creativity from the Asian superpower. The EFG London Jazz Festival provides a musical feast for enthusiasts and newcomers. Plus there's our year-round programme for families, and a selection of free events for everyone. Come down to Southbank Centre this winter for all this and more.

Andris Nelsons

Space Shifters

Emma the Great

Circus 1903

Isabella Rossellini

Rumplestiltskin

Paul Weller

Sally Field

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Our Resident Orchestras

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

London Philharmonic Orchestra

Philharmonia Orchestra

London Sinfonietta

Orchestra of the Age of
Enlightenment

Top 3 World-famous faces:

These soloists and conductors are celebrated around the globe. Take the opportunity to see them in action at Royal Festival Hall.

Andris Nelsons and the Gewandhausorchester Leipzig: Mahler Symphonies Nos.1 & 5

One of the world's oldest and greatest orchestras perform some of the most emotional music ever written together with their new musical director.

Monday 8 & Tuesday 9 October, 7.30pm

Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment: Brahms – A German Requiem

The first woman to lead the Last Night of the Proms, Marin Alsop conducts Brahms' 'requiem for the masses'.

Sunday 11 November, 7pm

Mitsuko Uchida: Schubert Sonatas

Dark and turbulent, elegant and grand – a selection of the composer's most powerful solo works performed by the sought after pianist.

Tuesday 4 & Friday 7 December, 7.30pm

Beloved masterpieces

Hear music that's stood the test of time, interpreted by the greatest orchestras and performers, live.

Philharmonia Orchestra: Sibelius & Tchaikovsky

Revel in a pair of romantic classics performed by the Philharmonia Orchestra: Sibelius' deeply personal Second Symphony and Tchaikovsky's thrilling First Piano Concerto.
Sunday 28 October, 3pm

Inon Barnatan: Ravel & Mussorgsky

Mussorgsky's innovative and inventive Pictures at an Exhibition is performed alongside deeply emotive works by Ravel, in Barnatan's International Piano Series debut.

Wednesday 31 October, 7.30pm

London Philharmonic Orchestra: The Rake's Progress

In this outrageous opera, Stravinsky joins forces with WH Auden to create a very modern morality tale. Vladimir Jurowski conducts an unbeatable cast.

Saturday 3 November, 7pm

London Philharmonic Orchestra: Fantastique!

Berlioz's Symphony fantastique is a sprawling, opium-fuelled phantasmagoria of guillotines, witchcraft and star-crossed romance, scored for a supersized ensemble: here, the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Wednesday 14 November, 7.30pm

New music, opera and film

BBC Concert Orchestra: Julian Joseph's Tristan and Isolde

Witness romance and tragedy collide in the composer's retelling of the ancient legend, which draws inspiration from jazz.

Friday 5 October, 7.30pm, & Saturday 6 October, 2pm

Dusapin: Passion

Pascal Dusapin's contemporary dance-opera is presented by Music Theatre Wales and National Dance Company Wales with the London Sinfonietta.

Saturday 13 October, 7.30pm

Muriel Spark Centenary Concert

The Nash Ensemble presents chamber masterworks and a new work by David Matthews setting five poems by Muriel Spark for voice and piano quintet.

Saturday 13 October, 7.45pm

London Sinfonietta: Armistice – Maudite soit la guerre

Nearly 100 years after its release, one of the earliest anti-war films is brought to life with a 2013 score by Austrian composer Olga Neuwirth.

Thursday 1 November, 7.30pm

GIGS

Top 4 Highlights

James Holden & The Animal Spirits

Go on a folk-trance trip with electronic music producer James Holden and his expanded band, playing tracks from their new album.

Thursday 4 October, 8pm

Paul Weller with Orchestra

The Modfather showcases his new album and career classics at two live concerts, backed by an orchestra and joined by guests. Support comes from Lucy Rose.

Thursday 11 & Friday 12 October, 8pm

Hidden Orchestra

Electronica, jazz and ambient music coalesce in the live productions of Hidden Orchestra, brainchild of composer and producer Joe Acheson.

Friday 30 November, 7.30pm

Mala & The Outlook Orchestra

Dubstep right up for live music from The Outlook Orchestra, with special guests, and legendary producer Mala at the controls.

Sunday 2 December, 7.30pm

Rock and Pop

Trevor Horn

Hear from the producer who designed the sound of the 80s, Trevor Horn, founding member of The Buggles. After recording the 1979 hit 'Video Killed the Radio Star', Horn worked on a roster of chart-toppers.

Friday 2 November, 7.30pm

Grant-Lee Phillips

Hear the acclaimed Nashville-based singer-songwriter perform his latest album, *Widdershins*. 'Emotional rock songs that marry grandeur and raw punch' (Louder Sound).

Tuesday 6 November, 8pm

Folk and world

Dan Mangan and Laura Gibson

Twice as nice: see two of Berlin label City Slang's finest folk-infused songwriters backed by a full band.

Tuesday 13 November, 7.30pm

Uniting of Opposites

The worlds of jazz and classical Indian music collide in a new musical venture from Tim Liken, Clem Alford and Ben Hazleton.

Thursday 6 December, 7.30pm

Intimate gigs

Yazz Ahmed

The Bahraini-British trumpet and flugelhorn star performs her revamped and revitalised take on contemporary jazz, experimenting with electronic effects.

Monday 1 October, 7.30pm

Poppy Ackroyd

The progressive postclassical artist takes to the stage to celebrate her ambitious new full-length album, *Resolve*, released this year on Björk's label.

Wednesday 10 October, 8pm

Iglooghost

The electronic music producer continues his fantastical narrative with new EPs *Steel Mogu* and *Clear Tamei*. Catch a live set that features costumes, props, projections and characters.

Tuesday 30 October, 7.45pm

Federico Albanese

Be swept away on waves of meditative sound by the genre-fusing Italian composer and pianist as he launches his third album,

By The Deep Sea.

Sunday 2 December, 7.45pm

Concrete Lates

Our new late-night electronic music series brings you underground sounds until the early hours, in a brand new 1,000-capacity standing venue.

See southbankcentre.co.uk for more details.

ART

Shows at Hayward Gallery

Our world-renowned contemporary art gallery, a landmark of brutalist architecture, presents adventurous and influential artists from across the world.

Space Shifters

Our new exhibition brings together artworks by over 20 international artists that alter or disrupt our sense of space and reorient our understanding of our surroundings.

Constructed from reflective or translucent materials, the artworks in Space Shifters include pioneering sculptures from the 1960s that play with light, volume and scale.

Explore large-scale installations, ambitious architectural interventions and site-specific commissions that respond to Hayward Gallery's brutalist architecture and provide a dramatic and fitting conclusion to our 50th anniversary year.

Space Shifters features work by Leonor Antunes, Larry Bell, Fred Eversley, Felix Gonzalez-Torres, Jeppe Hein, Roni Horn, Robert Irwin, Ann Veronica Janssens, Anish Kapoor, Yayoi Kusama, Alicja Kwade, John McCracken, Josiah McElheny, Helen Pashgian, Charlotte Posenenske, Fred Sandback, Monika Sosnowska, Daniel Steegmann Mangrané, De Wain Valentine and Richard Wilson. Until Sunday 6 January 2019; see southbankcentre.co.uk

DRAG: Self-portraits and Body Politics

Our new HENI Project Space exhibition invites you to admire the work of more than 30 artists who have used drag to explore or question identity, gender, class and politics, from the 1960s to the present day. Featuring Pierre Molinier and VALIE EXPORT.

Until Sunday 14 October; see southbankcentre.co.uk

Emmanuelle Lainé: “Learn the Rules Like a Pro, So You Can Break Them Like an Artist!”

For her site-specific installation in Hayward Gallery’s HENI Project Space, Emmanuelle Lainé brings together familiar objects, organic materials and photographic imagery to form an ambiguous mis-en-scene exploring industry, display and the contemporary workplace.

Thursday 25 October – Monday 24 December; see southbankcentre.co.uk

Art at Southbank Centre

Koestler Awards: I’m Still Here

What’s it like having a loved-one in prison? The art, writing and music in the 2018 Koestler Awards, created by offenders, secure patients and detainees, were selected by families supporting someone inside.

Until Sunday 4 November; see southbankcentre.co.uk

Talks and courses

Space Shifters: What You Need to Know

Get the most out of the exhibition with a day of in-depth exploration, including a guided tour and entry to the show after the event. Find out more about the artists and artworks and hear the perspectives of artists, curators, technicians, critics and journalists.

Saturday 3 November, 9.30am

Poetry Course: Response to Space Shifters

Find poetic inspiration in the disorientating world of Space Shifters, in this six-week poetry writing course led by poet Tamar Yoseloff. Each Monday, you have exclusive afterhours access to Hayward Gallery to draw inspiration from this transformative exhibition, and workshop your compositions with the group.

From Monday 5 November, 7pm

Es Devlin

Artist and designer Es Devlin OBE has worked with Beyoncé, the National Theatre, Louis Vuitton and many more clients across music, visual arts, opera, theatre and dance. She gives a keynote talk about her own work in relation to Space Shifters at Hayward Gallery.

Thursday 15 November, 7pm

Performance & Dance

Link Link by Isabella Rossellini

A one-woman (and her dog) show by Golden Globe-nominated actress and film-maker Isabella Rossellini, Link Link is a theatrical lecture with a comic twist.

The surreal new show is inspired by the animal world and based on scientific research. Rossellini transforms herself into Aristotle, René Descartes, a medieval theologian, Harvard Professor BF Skinner and Charles Darwin to explore, in her own unique way, what distinguishes humans from animals. She is joined on stage by her dog Pan, an outstanding supporting artist, who helps to turn Link Link into a little circus.

Following Rossellini's widely acclaimed Green Porno (adapted from the celebrated Sundance Channel series), exploring the sexual behaviour of animals, Link Link addresses the latest scientific discoveries about animal minds, intelligence, and emotions.

Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 October, 7.30pm

Top 3 Theatre and comedy highlights

Powerful, political and resoundingly funny – witness new shows set to make you question everything.

The Blind Poet by Needcompany

Travel through time with seven stories from a mix of extravagant characters in The Blind Poet, an exploration of identity, immigration and acceptance. An acclaimed international performance group is accompanied by a live soundtrack.

Tuesday 2 October, 7.30pm

Dave Gorman: With Great PowerPoint Comes Great ResponsibilityPoint

Dave Gorman, the 'King of Powerpoint comedy' (The Guardian), is back on the road with a brand new live show. Hear detailed analysis of those parts of life you've never stopped to think about before.

Wednesday 31 October, Monday 26 November & Saturday 16 February, 7.30pm

That Night Follows Day by Forced Entertainment

A chorus of children interrogate the ways the adult world defines that of young people. See the 8- to 14-year-old cast offer up the advice, facts, white lies and excuses children hear from adults.

Tuesday 11 – Friday 14 December, 7.45pm & Saturday 15 December, 2pm & 7.45pm

Dance

MK ULTRA by Rosie Kay Dance Company

Be dazzled by bright lights, superhuman dancing and pounding music in a show exploring the conspiracy theories around pop culture. MK ULTRA features choreography, documentary, a mesmerising electroacoustic score and costumes from Lady Gaga's designer.

Thursday 8 November, 7.30pm

Fat Blokes by Scottee

Performance artist Scottee introduces a 'sort of' dance show about flab, double chins and getting your kit off in public. Why are fat men never sexy but always funny? This is fat rebellion.

Thursday 8 – Saturday 10 November, 7.45pm & Sunday 11 November, 6pm

Learning from the Future by Colette Sadler

Imagine a post-human future where bodies have no purpose and are on the verge of disappearance. The futuristic female cyborg, 'Body A', inhabits a world in which flows of information have replaced the true fabric of reality.

Wednesday 14 November, 7.45pm

WINTER

Circus 1903

Experience the thrills and daredevil entertainment of a turn-of-the-century circus this Christmas. Fresh from the Paris Theatre in Las Vegas, Circus 1903 visits Southbank Centre for its European premiere. The show includes sensational life-sized elephants created by puppeteers from War Horse, putting elephants back in the ring as never before.

The circus boasts a huge cast of jaw-dropping and dangerous acts from all corners of the globe. Featuring acrobats, contortionists, jugglers, trapeze and high wire performers and more, it captivates and transports audiences of all ages to the mesmerising golden age of circus.

Wednesday 19 December 2018 – Saturday 5 January 2019;
see southbankcentre.co.uk for more details.

Top 3 Spectacular nights out

As darkness falls, wrap up warm to enter a magical world of entertainment, including London's most spectacular New Year's Eve party.

Maureen Lipman Is 'Up for It'

Read her lips: an evening of rave, rollick and rant from the actor, writer and comedian, with music from Jacqui Dankworth and Charlie Wood.

Monday 17 December 2018 – Sunday 6 January 2019;
see southbankcentre.co.uk for more details.

Winter With...

Need a bit of sparkle as the nights draw in? We're hosting free performances from artists including comedy favourites The Fringe Wives Club. Expect raucous, transgressive delights at an innovative, inclusive evening.

Saturday 15, Friday 21 & Saturday 22 December;
see southbankcentre.co.uk for more details.

New Year's Eve Spectacular

Dance through the decades in one unforgettable night: five floors of themed club nights, five bars, three live acts, twelve DJs, six dance lessons, and a front-row seat to London's iconic New Year's Eve fireworks.

Monday 31 December, 7pm

Winter weekends

Caribbean Christmas

Warm up this winter with traditional music, stories and performances from the Caribbean that are typical during the festive season.

Saturday 15 December, 12 noon

Winter Gathering

Gather together for a day to celebrate the family we choose for ourselves, with performances, stories and music. Bring a friend.

Sunday 16 December, 12 noon

Snowball

Show off your best fancy dress and learn dance moves to seasonal hits, with festive fun for the family.

Saturday 22 December, 12 noon

Winter Knees Up

Join us for an inclusive day of music, storytelling and performances celebrating the generations. Bring older and younger friends and the entire family.

Sunday 23 December, 12 noon

Winter's a DRAG

Fed up with the cold? Top up your seasonal blessings with London's drag kings and queens.

Saturday 29 December, 12 noon

Winter on weekdays

Winter Choirs

Hear tidings of comfort and joy from our community choirs as they sing in the season in the foyer of Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Tuesday 11 – Sunday 23 December, 5.45pm

Warm up for the Weekend

Rock as if around the Christmas tree with our very merry DJs, spinning tracks selected specifically for your festive cheer.

Thursday 13 & Thursday 20 December, 9.30pm

Kids' Countdown

Start your family's New Year revels early at this countdown party for kids, featuring a countdown clock, confetti cannon and 'Auld Lang Syne'

Monday 31 December, 11.30am

Feelings of Home

Consider what home means to different people during winter with Tomorrow's Warriors and Women for Refugee Women, two groups who have their home here at Southbank Centre.

Monday 17 & Friday 19 December, 5.30pm

Rumpelstiltskin

See the UK premiere of this fantastic fairy tale, packed with theatrical spectacle, rocking music and supreme silliness. Full of twists and turns, it's a whole new spin on a heart of gold that is sure to delight the whole family this winter.

Spinning straw into gold is a party trick that will take you far. It can buy you a big house full of beautiful things, a wardrobe of designer clothes and a life of total luxury, but money, as they say, can't buy you everything. Two people, once best friends, are torn apart by desire for the things they cannot have. This is the story of the ultimate price of greed.

The exquisitely mercurial Australian singer and cabaret star Paul Capsis stars as a shape-shifting imp whose thirst for vengeance may well undo him.

Thursday 13 December 2018 – Sunday 6 January 2019;
see southbankcentre.co.uk for more details.

A Windmill Theatre Company and State Theatre Company
South Australia production.

Festive Fun

Winter Market

Eat, drink and be merry beside the River Thames at our Winter Market. Expect seasonal goodies, sparkling lights, mulled wine and that festive feeling, from top traders from around the world.

Friday 9 November – Thursday 27 December; see
southbankcentre.co.uk for more details.

Social Dances

Take the floor at four afternoons of free classes and dancing taking in swing, ballroom, tango and a ceilidh.

All levels of experience are welcome and there's no need to book or bring a partner.

Monday 24, Wednesday 26, & Thursday 27 December & Tuesday 1 January; see southbankcentre.co.uk for more details.

LITERATURE

Sally Field

Salman Rushdie

Roxanne Gay

Akala

June Dawson

Sue Perkins

Marilynne Robinson

Chibundu Onuzo

Barbara Kingsolver

Madeline Miller

David Olusoga

Carol Ann Duffy

Top 3 London Literature Festival events

Now in its twelfth year, our festival brings together today's leading writers, thinkers and cultural observers to explore the burning issues of our times.

An Evening with Roger Daltrey

Hear the inside story of British rock from the Who's Roger Daltrey on the publication day of Thanks a Lot, Mr Kibblewhite: My Life.

Thursday 18 October, 7.30pm

An Evening with Sally Field

Celebrated actor Sally Field tells her extraordinary story in her own words at this talk ahead of the release of her memoir, In Pieces.

Friday 19 October, 7.30pm

Salman Rushdie: From Midnight's Children to Trump's America

The celebrated author of enduring fiction on his life in writing and his latest novel, The Golden House.

Tuesday 23 October, 7.30pm

Modern odysseys

From Ancient Greece to contemporary America.

An Introduction to The Odyssey

Who is Odysseus? Why can't he get home? Find out from our panel, chaired by cult classicist Mary Beard.

Sunday 21 October, 2pm

The Odyssey Live Reading

Hear a live reading of the ultimate oral poem in an event inspired by Emily Wilson's new translation of Homer's text.

Sunday 21 October, 4pm

Akala and David Olusoga: Striking the Empire

Dissect the making and unmaking of civilisations with the poet and historian.

Saturday 20 October, 8pm

Marilynne Robinson in Conversation

The celebrated US novelist and essayist reflects on hope and generosity in tumultuous times in *What are we doing here?*

Saturday 20 October, 2pm

Sue Perkins

Enjoy a rare chance to share an evening with Sue Perkins, packed full of crackling wit, on the publication of her travel memoir, *East of Croydon*.

Sunday 28 October, 7.30pm

More literature highlights

2018 Man Booker Prize Readings

Meet the short-listed authors in an evening of readings and discussion, a few days before the 2018 prize winner is unveiled.

Sunday 14 October, 7.30pm

Barbara Kingsolver in Conversation

Award-winning author and incisive cultural commentator Barbara Kingsolver discusses her much-anticipated new novel *Unsheltered* and beyond in this talk.

Monday 12 November, 7.30pm

Lee Child and Ian Rankin in Conversation

The leading crime writers reflect on the art of creating characters in this exclusive talk, ahead of their eagerly anticipated novels.

Thursday 15 November, 7.30pm

Polari

Join Polari to celebrate the beloved LGBTQ+ literary salon's 11th birthday, with singer-songwriter David McAlmont. He reads an excerpt from his new performance project inspired by three LGBT lives lived in National Trust properties.

Monday 26 November, 7.30pm

Roxanne Gay in Conversation

In conversation on stage for the first time in the UK, Gay brings her candour and characteristic humour to contemporary culture.

Monday 10 December, 7.30pm

China Changing Festival

Top 8 Events not to miss

Eight (八) is an auspicious number in Chinese culture. Venture into China's past, present and future with our highlights plucked from across the festival.

Wen Hui's RED

The choreographer revisits a famous Chinese ballet from the tumultuous period of the Cultural Revolution, in a docu-drama featuring dance and filmed interviews with the original cast.

Thursday 4 & Friday 5 October, 7.45pm

Citizens of Nowhere?

In this intimate performance, over refreshments, eavesdrop on a conversation between a British Chinese family.

Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 October, 2pm & 4pm

Emmy the Great joined by Dfu

Singer-songwriter Emmy the Great shares the story of a life-changing trip to China, through music and performance. She is joined by one of Xiamen's finest musicians.

Saturday 6 October, 7pm

Ken Cheng: Best Dad Ever

Comedian Ken Cheng never had the most normal upbringing. Best Dad Ever is a tale of his unusual childhood.

Saturday 6 October, 9.30pm

Red INK

Chinese calligraphy is reimagined as hip-hop in a dance show about dissident artists.

Sunday 7 October, 2.30pm

Rosey Chan: Confluence

Pianist Rosey Chan and dancer Chi Katsura perform a spontaneous improvisation in dialogue with one another.

Sunday 7 October, 3pm

The Injustice to Tou O

Tou O is framed for a murder she didn't commit. Shudder to a 13th-century supernatural tale of love and intrigue accompanied by film and live music.

Sunday 7 October, 5pm

Cloud Show

Designer Tim Yip (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon) presents 25 spectacular costumes. This fashion show is created by London's most experimental designers, in collaboration with young people.

Sunday 7 October, 6pm

What is China Changing Festival about?

In 2018, there's one more chance to experience our three-year festival showcasing contemporary China. From Thursday 4 to Sunday 7 October, immerse yourself in works by some of the most innovative artists practising in China today, as well as leading and emerging British-based Chinese and Southeast Asian artists, over a packed four-day programme including theatre, comedy, contemporary and classical music, fashion, talks and family events.

Bite-Sized China

Taste your way around China at this lively event, led by food experts, exploring China's regional cuisines.

Saturday 6 October, 5.30pm

China Changing Festival Talks Day Pass

Get the low-down on contemporary China and its connection to the UK with a day of talks, tackling topics including feminism and climate change.

Sunday 7 October, 11.30am

The Empress & Me

This one-woman show introduces Princess Der Ling, lady-in-waiting to the infamous Empress Cixi.

Sunday 7 October, 5.30pm

EFG London Jazz Festival

Top 3 American Jazz gigs

Jazz has been called America's classical music: hear three accomplished State-side performers unleash their virtuosic voices.

Kandace Springs + AJ Brown

Groove to the singer-songwriter's refined soulful sounds as she releases her anticipated second album. Born in Nashville, Tennessee, Springs attracted the attention of Prince, who described her as having 'a voice that could melt snow'.

Saturday 17 November, 7.30pm

Madeleine Peyroux, The Anthem Tour + Support

Hear the soulful, seductive sound of the US jazz and blues singer songwriter. With her Billie Holiday-style vocals and classic blues sound, Peyroux returns to London to tour her new album alongside a full band.

Saturday 24 November, 7.30pm

Melody Gardot

Prepare for an evening of glamour with the American singer-song-writer, accompanied by a chamber orchestra.

Her latest release, *Currency of Man*, takes a soulful, restrained direction, allowing her stunning voice to come to the fore.

Sunday 25 November, 8pm

Crossover Jazz

Orphy Robinson's Astral Weeks

Van Morrison's masterpiece *Astral Weeks* gets a jazz and soul makeover by the 2017 winner of Jazz FM 'Live Experience of the Year'. Robinson presents his interpretation to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the album's release. Monday 19 November, 7.30pm

Stanley Clarke + The Headhunters

An evening of space funk with two seminal names from the heady days of 1970s jazz fusion. The two pioneers are still creating music that combines the soulful pulse of urban black America with instrumental wizardry.

Tuesday 20 November, 7.30pm

Bugge Wesseltoft. Magnus Öström. Dan Berglund

Witness three jazz masters come together in a live performance from their new trio. Rymden (Swedish for 'space' or 'the universe') combines atmospheric song-writing, dramatic rhythms and jazz at the highest level.

Thursday 22 November, 7.30pm

World jazz

Mariza

Feel the melancholy of the traditional Portuguese music style fado at a live performance from charismatic expert of the genre, singer Mariza. The singer is an eloquent ambassador for this much-loved style.

Saturday 17 November, 8pm

A Celebration of Hugh Masekela's Life & Music

A celebration of the South African jazz visionary and defiant political voice, featuring Sibongile Khumalo, Oliver Mtukudzi and Tsepo Tshola, and Masekela's full band.

The trumpeter and singer-song-writer died in January 2018.

Sunday 18 November, 7.30pm

Nella & Javier Limon

Hear the soulful, plaintive voice of Venezuelan star Nella Rojas at her first London show. The singer features in *Everybody Knows*, the new film by Oscar-winning director Asghar Farhadi starring Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem.

Sunday 25 November, 7.45pm

Family

Top 3 Events for families

We have events for budding instrumentalists, bookworms and dreamers this season – come and marvel at orchestral music and watch stories illustrated live.

FUNharmonics: The Highway Rat

This new animated film is based on the picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. With live music performed by the LPO, this is a wonderful first concert experience for all the family.

Sunday 14 October, 12 noon

Southbank Sinfonia Family Concert

Step into all kinds of stories and discover the many characters of the orchestra, with 33 musicians to guide you. For children aged 5 – 11, including a chance to try out instruments.

Saturday 27 October, 11.30am

Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler's Zog & Friends Show

Join the creators of Zog for the ultimate festive sing-along show for families – with stories and live drawing. Be on the lookout for your favourite characters from the UK's number one picture book pair.

Sunday 2 December, 11am

First musical experiences

Whether jazz or our percussion orchestra, new sounds are easy as 1, 2, 3.

Dragon Babies – Gamelan for 3 – 5 year olds

Let your Dragon Babies shake, rattle and gong in this music-making session for toddlers aged 3 – 5 years old. Bring your little ones to experience the sounds of Southbank Centre's gamelan (Javanese orchestra) through singing, movement and play.

Monday 1 October – Monday 10 December, see southbankcentre.co.uk for more details

Jazz for Toddlers

Introduce children aged 2 – 5 to the world of jazz in fun-packed workshops. This participatory session, for toddlers and accompanying parents and carers, includes live jazz music and movement, call and response, along with fun ideas for adults to take away and try at home. Presented by EFG London Jazz Festival.

Friday 16 & 23 November, 10.15am & 11.30am

Free events for everyone

National Poetry Library

Come and browse the largest public collection of modern poetry in the world, or bring the kids to the reading den.

Open daily, 11am – 6pm

Southbank Centre Food Market

With some of the best street food in London, our weekend market delights food lovers and explorers alike.

Friday – Sunday; see southbankcentre.co.uk for more details.

Rug Rhymes

Under-5s and their carers are invited to this short session of nursery rhymes, poems and rhyming stories– with puppets.

Fridays, 10.30am

Friday Lunch: Coalesce: Guqin & Piano

Sounds different? You're listening to the world's first compositions combining the Chinese guqin with the piano, with Cheng Yu and An-Ting.

Friday 5 October, 1pm

Cloud Fashion Workshops

Take part in a colourful afternoon of fashion workshops for all ages, curated by sustainable designer Mei-Hui Liu.

Sunday 7 October, 2pm

Your Visit

Southbank Centre

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.

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.

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

Membership

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

How to book tickets

Online

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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

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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

Enjoy the capital's best street food every Friday to Sunday at Southbank Centre's Food Market. We also have restaurants and cafés 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

Explore

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