Press Briefing

What's New October 2012

After the amazing success of the Games, the spotlight is still very much on our incredible capital. Now is the time to see London for yourself, with its world class tourist attractions and theatres, world renowned restaurants and world famous shopping.

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Hollywood Costume

Marvel at the vast collection of iconic outfits worn by the Hollywood greats on the big screen at the V&A.

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Cedar Lake Ballet

Visit the Royal Opera House to see the Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet from New York take to the floor.

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Cake 'n' Cocktails

Indulge in a tempting afternoon tea inspired by Cocktail Week at The Royal Horseguards hotel.

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Exhibitions

William Klein + Daido Moriyama

Tate Modern, 10 October 2012 – 20 January 2013

William Klein + Daido Moriyama will be the first exhibition to examine the relationship between the work of William Klein (b.1928), one of the twentieth century’s most important photographers and film-makers, and that of Daido Moriyama (b.1938), the most celebrated photographer to emerge from the Japanese Provoke movement. Taking as its central theme the cities of New York and Tokyo, this display will explore both artists’ celebrated depictions of modern urban life, presenting approximately 300 works from the 1950s to the present day, including vintage prints, film stills, photographic installations and archival material. For more information contact Duncan Holden on 020 7887 4939 / pressoffice@tate.org.uk.

David Nash at Kew

Kew Gardens, 13 October 2012 - 14 April 2013

New works by sculptor David Nash, using mostly Kew trees, will officially be revealed on 13 October, as his major exhibition enters its next phase. Using trees that have come to the end of their natural life at Kew, he has created a series of new sculptures which will be installed in the gallery spaces across the Gardens. The new sculptures, along with a number of drawings and short films, will form an exciting new chapter, in what has already been a very well received exhibition. For more contact the RBG Kew Press Office on 020 8332 5607 / pr@kew.org.

The Lost Prince: The Life and Death of Henry Stuart
National Portrait Gallery, 18 October 2012 – 13 January 2013
The world’s first exhibition on Henry, Prince of Wales (1594-1612), the boy who would have become King Henry IX had he not died at the age of 18, is to be staged by the National Portrait Gallery this autumn. Marking the 400th anniversary of his death, this exhibition will look at the extraordinary life of the eldest son of James I of England and VI of Scotland, and Anne of Denmark. His importance in life and the impact of his death was reflected by his funeral, which was considerably bigger than that of Queen Elizabeth I nine years earlier. For more information contact Neil Evans on 020 7312 2452 / nevans@npg.org.uk

Broadsides! Caricature and the Navy 1756-1815
The National Maritime Museum puts a small selection of its extensive collection of naval caricatures on show this autumn in Broadsides! Caricature and the Navy 1756-1815. The new display examines caricature and the Royal Navy during the second half of the eighteenth century - a period when events at sea assumed an unprecedented importance in the popular imagination and graphic satire became a highly sophisticated art form. The National Maritime Museum holds one of the most comprehensive collections of naval and maritime caricatures in the world, and this display brings together the lively and bitingly satirical work of James Gillray, George M. Woodward and Thomas Rowlandson. For more information contact Jenny Stewart on 020 8312 6732 / press@rmg.co.uk

Hollywood Costume
Hollywood Costume, the V&A’s major autumn exhibition, will gather together over one hundred of the most iconic costumes designed for unforgettable cinema characters over a century of film-making. For the first time, Hollywood Costume will unite classics from the Golden Age including Dorothy’s blue and white gingham pinafore dress designed by Adrian for The Wizard of Oz, Scarlett O’Hara’s green ‘curtain’ dress designed by Walter Plunkett for Gone with the Wind and the ‘little black dress’ designed by Hubert De Givenchy for Holly Golightly in Breakfast at Tiffany’s, with the latest Hollywood releases including Consolata Boyle’s costumes for Meryl Streep in The Iron Lady. Hollywood Costume will explore the central role of costume design – from the glamorous to the very subtle – as an essential tool of cinema storytelling. For more information contact Katy Towse on 020 7942 2503 / k.towse@vam.ac.uk

Events

London Cocktail Week
Seven Dials, 8 - 14 October 2012
The biggest drinks festival in the UK is back, and this year will be basing its main hub in the beautiful Seven Dials area of Covent Garden, so get ready to shake, sip and party your way to a fantastic celebration of our capital’s unrivalled cocktail culture. You’ll find a special London Cocktail Week shop filled with must-have cocktail making equipment. There’s also the chance to visit the area’s mix of high end luxury hotels, underground bars, retail spaces and exclusive members clubs, which will be buzzing with tastings, masterclasses, pop up shops and cocktail parties. For more information contact Kirsty Taylor on 0207 632 4800 / sevendials@threepipe.co.uk

Chocolate Week
Across London, 8 – 14 October
The nation’s favourite themed week, returns for an eighth consecutive year in 2012, with the country’s top chocolatiers and chocolate companies, as well as hotels, bars and restaurants celebrating by hosting talks, tastings, demonstrations and sampling, as well as creating exclusive products, new launches, offers, chocolate meals, cocktails and recipes using some of the best chocolate brands from around the world. For more information contact 07801 442733 / kate@nudgepr.co.uk

Kingston Run Challenge
Kingston, 14 October 2012
The historic town of Kingston-Upon-Thames is to host a new running festival, previously known as RunKingston, which has evolved into a more extensive contest with the addition of 24-mile races to the already established eight and 16-mile routes. In addition to a 24-mile race for individuals there will be a Challenge Relay where teams of three runners will take on eight miles each to complete a 24 mile, three lap course in the quickest possible time. For more information contact Liz Blakeborough on 07813 089347 / liz@blakeborough.com

Entertainment
Aphex Twin: Remote Orchestra
Barbican Hall, 10 October 2012
British electronic musician and composer Richard James, aka Aphex Twin, brings the UK premiere of his groundbreaking Remote Orchestra concept to the Barbican in October. The Remote Orchestra will see Aphex Twin control a 28-piece string section and a 12-strong choir by remote control. The concert also includes an Interactive Tuned Feedback Pendulum Array that expands on Steve Reich's Pendulum Music, and more. For more information contact Annikaisa Vainio on 020 7382 7090 / annikaisa.vainio@barbican.org.uk

Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet
Sadler's Wells, 13 October 2012
New York based company Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet makes its highly anticipated UK debut, presenting three UK premieres at Sadler's Wells this autumn. Featuring a talented corps of 16 dancers led by artistic director Benoit-Swan Pouffer, the company is known for its “impressive articulation and intensity” (New York Times) and for commissioning new works from some of the world's most highly regarded and sought-after dance makers. For more information contact Maxim Bendall on 020 7863 8112 / maxim.bendall@sadlerswells.com

Disney Fantasia – live in concert
The Royal Albert Hall presents, 21 October 2012
Disney shares one of its crown jewels of feature animation in this UK premiere which showcases selections from Walt Disney's original Fantasia and Disney's Fantasia 2000. Presented in high definition on a large screen within the magical setting of the Royal Albert Hall, Disney’s groundbreaking marriage of symphonic music and animation will be brought to life by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by John Mauceri. For more information contact Jessica Silvester on 020 7959 0510 / jessicas@royalalberthall.com

An Evening of Burlesque
The IndigO2, 26 October 2012
Showcasing award-winning talent from across the country, it's an opportunity to see some of the world's biggest burlesque stars in the flesh. Theatregoers are promised corsets, killer heels and stockings aplenty. Sparkling with couture costumes recalling the golden eras of burlesque, it’s the most glamorous show on tour. Prepare for a combination of sultry vocals, breath-taking choreography, mischief, magic, frivolity and fun. For more information visit Adam Bass on 01702 427 102 / abass@entertainers.co.uk

Haunted Theatreland Walking Tour
Central London, 28 October 2012
Be brave and join Diane Burstein to discover some of the capital's most haunted theatres and uncover their ghostly secrets. You'll hear about the man in grey, the ghost of a clown and the phantom prompter, and discover the stories behind some well-known theatrical superstitions as you explore the cobbled streets and gas-lit back alleys between Covent Garden and St. James's. For more information contact Phil Hooks on 020 7557 6729 / phil@solttma.co.uk

Shopping, restaurants and nightlife

The Bonnie Gull Seafood Shack
Foley Street, opens 2 October 2012
Born from a pop-up Seafood Shack in Hackney last year, this restaurant on Foley Street will offer accessible, affordable, responsibly sourced and 100% British produce. Head chef, Luke Robinson's menu will adapt and reflect the seasons and the day's catch. Sample dishes include Isle of Lewis mussels with cider and bacon; west coast Scottish lobster with shoestring fries and garlic butter. The raw bar will offer a great selection of fresh British shellfish and fantastic cocktails. For more information contact Syamala Upham on 0208 600 3600 / syamala@saucecommunications.com

Hotels

Outlaw's Seafood & Grill
The Capital Hotel, opens 2 October 2012
Outlaw's Seafood & Grill at The Capital Hotel in Knightsbridge will give the Cornish-based, seafood-championing Nathan Outlaw a London outpost for the first time in his celebrated career. The menu will focus on simply prepared, ecologically sound Cornish seafood – differing from his Cornish restaurants – sustainable catches from elsewhere in the UK. Expect Cornish crab on toast, grilled lemon...
sole with potted brown shrimp butter, roast brill on-the-bone and whole Port Isaac lobster. For more information contact Caroline Warwick on 020 7722 5466 / caroline@crispmedia.co.uk

**Opera Gala Dinner**
Elegant five-star hotel, The Landmark London is to stage another operatic event, this time in partnership with charitable organisation Streetwise Opera - which aims to provide homeless people with a voice. A ticketed event, the opera dinner will take place in the surrounds of the hotel’s Winter Garden restaurant underneath the eight-storey glass-roofed atrium – providing a stunning backdrop to the evening’s entertainment and fantastic acoustics for the performance. For more information contact Jenni Watson on 020 7629 2899 / jenni@rivapr.co.uk

**Cocktail & Cake Liquid Afternoon Tea**
Designed to coincide with the highly anticipated London Cocktail Week - Guoman Hotel’s historic five-star The Royal Horseguards Hotel has revealed it will be offering an exclusive limited edition Cocktail & Cake Liquid Afternoon Tea menu. Giving guests a thoroughly welcome excuse to indulge, the alcohol-infused tea includes a selection of deliciously boozy treats including: strawberry daiquiri macaroons, Long Island iced tea jelly shot with Coca Cola foam, Mojito rum baba and many more. For more information Natalie Eales on 0208 237 1210 / natalie.eales@sirencomms.com

**V&A Hollywood Costume Exhibition Package**
Hotel group Radisson Blu Edwardian, London has teamed up with the V&A to offer exclusive packages to their autumn blockbuster exhibition, Hollywood Costume, which brings together over 100 of the most iconic movie costumes from across a century of film-making. The package includes: accommodation at the Radisson Blu Edwardian, Vanderbilt, Mercer Street hotels only, full English breakfast, a pair of tickets to the V&A's Hollywood Costume Exhibition, free WiFi throughout your hotel. For more information contact Helen Davies on helen@mason-williams.com