



PRESS RELEASE

Spring Live Events at Watermans: Theatre, music, books, cabaret & more!

There's a varied spring programme this spring in Watermans' intimate theatre, with something for everyone: from chanson in *Christine Bovill's Piaf* to a top-quality, hilarious drag act *La Voix*; from a relaxed evening book festival featuring two entertaining popular scientists to a critically-acclaimed new play about the political activist Jayaben Desai (recently named on Radio 4 Woman's Hour Power List).

It's West End entertainment without the trek (or prices!).

Free Exhibition Launch Event

Shanzhai Archeology

Weds 21 Mar, 6.30pm (FREE)

Join artists from Disnovation.org in conversation with Brendan Cormier, the V&A's lead Curator of 20th and 21st Century Design for the Shekou Project. Shanzhai Archeology brings a collection of counterfeit mobile phones Made in China to the UK for the first time and considers how these extraordinary devices are the result of the collision of creativity and technology outside the realms of regulation.

Watermans with Words Book Festival

Science & Superstition

Fri 13 April, 7pm & 8.15pm (£7-10)

Our second Watermans With Words book festival presents two fascinating and wonderfully entertaining scientists talking about their new books. Helen Czerski is a physicist who has the knack of making mind-bending concepts easy to grasp, while Simon Singh will bring his own rare Enigma machine to Watermans. Plus new writing from MA students from the Central School of Speech and Drama on the subject of Friday 13th.

Cabaret

Christine Bovill's Piaf

Fri 20 April, 8.30pm (£15)

"something that will stay with you for the rest of your life" Sunday Times

Piaf's songs stunningly recaptured by this award-winning singer, and interwoven with Piaf's life and Bovill's own journey to a life singing Piaf.

Theatre

We are the Lions Mr Manager!

Weds 9 May, 7.45pm (£15)

"a powerful story, powerfully told" Clare Brennan, The Observer



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Following a sell-out premiere tour, Townsend Productions comes to Watermans with the remarkable story of Jayaben Desai, the inspirational leader of the 1976-78 Grunwick Film Processing Factory Strike. Desai was recently chosen as one of Radio 4 Women's Hour Power List, featuring women who have had the biggest impact on women's lives over the past 70 years.

Book Now

Cabaret

Hello La Voix!

Fri 18 May, 8.30pm (£15)

A semi-finalist on Britain's Got Talent, and cameo star of Absolutely Fabulous the Movie, La Voix is a superbly entertaining, polished drag act who has even performed for the royal family! Fun, fun, fun...

Cabaret

Dusty Limits & Special Guests in The Outer Limits

Fri 15 June, 8.30pm (£15)

Leading compere Dusty Limits is back with another of our exceptionally popular variety nights, featuring the best on the London cabaret scene. Prepare for sophisticated sizzle!

Comedy

Shazia Mirza presents With Love from St Tropez

Fri 29 June, 8.30pm (£15)

*"Shazia Mirza is provoking laughter and large intakes of breath once again ... brave and urgent" **** THE TELEGRAPH*

Following her critically acclaimed 2016, 103 date sell-out international tour; 'The Kardashians Made Me Do It' Shazia Mirza brings you her brand new stand-up show.

Cabaret

Anya Anastasia in Rogue Romantic

Fri 13 July, 8.30pm (£15)

*"...an exquisite cabaret show full of entertaining wit and enlightening spectacle. A piece that raises the bar and cheers." ***** EDINBURGH FESTIVAL MAGAZINE*

Feisty, feminist, fierce - multi-award winning internationally acclaimed Australian cabaret femme fatale Anya Anastasia - has gone ROGUE! Her new show 'Rogue Romantic' made its European premiere at the Edinburgh Festival 2017 to rave reviews.

About Watermans

Watermans is West London's leading arts centre. It attracts over 230,000 visits a year to its thriving and inclusive programme of independent cinema, family and Asian theatre, regular weekend festivals, exhibitions and courses. Watermans runs a year-round programme of cutting-edge digital arts for which it receives National Portfolio Organisation funding from Arts Council England, and has done so for many years.

Watermans also leads several other major projects outside its venue. These are primarily concerned with broadening access to high quality arts in communities that engage little, if at all, in the arts, to support community cohesion and economic regeneration:

- **Bell Square**, the outdoor arts venue in Hounslow Town Centre, now in its third year. It attracted 34k visitors to Hounslow Town Centre in 2015, just under half of whom said that these events were the primary reason for their visit and that they would go onto spend money elsewhere in Hounslow. 72% say they are more likely to return to the



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town centre because of these events

- **Circulate**, a London-wide outdoor arts touring network that regularly brings free events to Hounslow including to Bell Square and the Brentford Festival
- **Creative People & Places Hounslow**, Arts Council England's major investment in increasing arts capacity in underserved areas, working in Feltham, Heston and Cranford, and central Hounslow

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