



PRESS RELEASE

Watermans brings great cabaret, live music, writer talks, virtual reality and more to West London in new weekly Friday Nights Live.

Watermans is launching weekly *Friday Nights Live* from January 2019, to brighten West London Fridays! The programme includes something for every taste, from cabaret to virtual reality, live music to dance, meaning that there's always something entertaining, toe-tapping, thought-provoking or just plain hilarious to go and see every Friday night.

Highlights include New York Grammy-nominated Judy Carmichael, Finnish aerial performer and jazz musicians Jantti & Venna and the extraordinary and unsettling WHIST by AE which is back in London for one night only at Watermans following an international tour. Plus due to popular demand Watermans is bringing back live music working in partnership with music promoter and world music aficionados Continental Drifts: catch latino band Malphino and West African grooves with K.O.G. and the Zongo Brigade.

Expect top quality acts that are seen at some of London's best venues such as Soho Theatre, Zédel, Sadler's Wells and more, but on your doorstep and with tickets prices £15 and under. A perfect way to banish the winter blues!

Listings

Watermans, 40 High Street, Brentford TW8 0DS

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Box Office: 020 8232 1010

Nearest rail: Kew Bridge

Nearest tube: Gunnersbury then bus 237 or 267

Watermans' Friday Nights Live

JAZZ

Judy Carmichael: I Love Being Here With You

Fri 18 Jan, 8.30pm. 75min.

"...astounding, flawless, captivating." New York Times

In a new show, Grammy nominated American pianist, vocalist, songwriter Judy Carmichael will celebrate the music of Fats Waller, and other swing piano greats with an evening of gems from the Great American Songbook, as well as her own witty compositions.

CABARET

Roulston & Young: Je Regrette!



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Fri 25 Jan, 8.30pm. 70min. 14+.

★★★★★ 'Outstanding cabaret' Time Out Critic's Choice

Award-winning musical character comedy from Sarah-Louise Young and Michael Roulston. Funny, tragic and compelling, *Je Regrette!* is the story of La Poule Plombée, a French singer tortured by jealousy and unrequited love. Propped up by her hen-pecked pianist Mumu, she weaves her darkly comic tale with beautiful original music and stunning vocals.

WORLD MUSIC

Fri 1 Feb, 8.30pm

K.O.G and The Zongo Brigade

Under the leadership of the outrageously talented whirlwind of energy that is Kweku Sackey aka Ghanaian force of nature KOG, the 8-piece Zongo Brigade deliver infectious, high-energy West African grooves, drawing on afrobeat, soul, funk, rock and reggae to create a totally original sound that leaves every crowd dripping with sweat and begging for more.

CABARET

Dusty Limits & Michael Roulston: Heaven and Hell (and Highgate)

Fri 8 Feb, 8.30pm. 75min. 18+.

Songs of wit and passion, black humour and bawdy hilarity in an eclectic range of styles from 'the king of cabaret' (Critic's Circle) Dusty Limits and composer and pianist Michael Roulston, two leading lights of the cabaret scene. Backed by a dashing trio, these are songs to make light of the darkness. Fans of the Tiger Lillies, Fascinating Aida and The Divine Comedy should attend.

BOOKS

Fri 15 Feb, times TBC

Watermans With Words: Lewis Dartnell & Melanie Windridge

In past events, we've heard about Bletchley code breakers and Bowie, and this one promises to be just as fascinating. Talks by Lewis Dartnell, author of New York Times and Sunday Times best-selling *The Knowledge: How to Rebuild our World from Scratch*, and plasma physicist Melanie Windridge who will reveal the secrets of the Winter Lights, talking about her book *Aurora*.

VIRTUAL REALITY/DANCE/THEATRE

AOE: Whist

Fri 22 Feb, 6-10pm, every hour. 60min. 16+

"Great experience, definitely recommend" Londonist

After an international tour, Whist returns to London for one night only. In this mesmerising hour-long experience, you'll be immersed in a journey into the unconscious mind as Interactive Theatre and Virtual Reality combine. We're bringing back this fascinating and surreal VR experience after its first showing at the Digital Weekender 2017, and we think it's not to be missed. Something totally different.



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Jantti & Venna: Yabluchkov Candle

Fri 1 March, 8.30pm. 60min. 7+. £15.

“One of the most atmospheric theatre experiences I have encountered” Theatrefullstop.com

Enter the musical velvet world of cabaret in the 1920s for an evening of poetic jazz and aerial performance. The audience are surrounded by a mixture of sultry songs and sophisticated aerial choreography. Finnish aerialist Ilona Jäntti and singer-songwriter Aino Venna have created a unique and minimalist cabaret-esque night that will linger in your memory for months to come.

WORLD MUSIC

Malphino

Fri 8 March, 8.30pm. 90min. £10.

This London collective of musicians and visual artists concocts a barnstorming brew of hypnotic South American rhythm, a soundtrack from their namesake fantasy island. A promised land of hypnotic cumbia rhythms, subtle digital warbling, accordion textures, voodoo vapours and woodblock charm awaits the off-piste explorer willing to step through the arch and Visit Malphino, the debut album from this London based collective of musicians and visual artists. If you're missing that summer festival vibe, Malphino have it covered!

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Christine Bovill: Paris

Fri 15 March, 8.30pm. 90min + interval. 12+. £15

******* “This is the one show that we recommend you do not miss in this year’s Fringe. Take yourself to Paris with Christine” The Edinburgh Reporter**

Be transported into a Parisian scented twilight world of song. Winner of “Spirit of the Fringe” 2017 in Edinburgh, Glasgow chanteuse, Christine Bovill brings her new show to Watermans after the sell-out Piaf. She beckons you back into the Golden Age of French Song; a demi-monde of heroes and outcasts, cynics and bruised romantics. With drama, pathos and pizzazz, the show casts a sepia-tinged spotlight on the songs and stories of Jacques Brel, Edith Piaf, Barbara, Juliet Greco and more.

VIRTUAL REALITY/DANCE

Alexander Whitley Dance Company: Celestial Motion – A Shared Virtual Reality Experience

Fri 22 Mar, 6-10pm in 15min slots, two people per slot. Each performance lasts 10 minutes. 13+. £7

Celestial Motion transports you to an alternate universe where you are joined by a virtual cast of world-class dancers on a thrilling journey towards the sun.

This new experience from hot young choreographer Alexander Whitley uses motion tracking technology to playfully recreate your body/ This thrilling experience, created by Studio FENYCE, immerses you in a stunning visual environment inspired by the dynamic world of solar physics.

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Marcel Lucont's Cabaret Fantastique - A Brexit Night Party

Fri 29 Mar, 8.30pm. 90min. 18+. £15

"One of the finest nights in our fair city" Time Out

Come and get some Brexual healing on the night of Britain's divorce from the EU at a special edition of the Gallic legend's cabaret variety spectacular. Marcel Lucont (The John Bishop Show, BBC1, Comedy Central at the Comedy Store) presents the finest international acts from the realm of comedy, circus, music and magic, held together with dry wit and a dry white.

CABARET/DRAG

PAULUS: Beta

Fri 5 April, 8.30pm. 18+. £15.

"Master of the realm – whip cracks everyone into line with an acerbic flick of his tongue" The List

'Doyen of cabaret' (Time Out) Paul L Martin has teamed up with musical director Jordan Clarke and band (Tristan Butler and Petru Cotarcea) to bring you PAULUS: beta; the first show from Martin's new gender-fluid, alt-drag persona, PAULUS.

END

About Watermans

Watermans is West London's leading arts centre with a thriving and inclusive programme of independent cinema, family theatre, live performance, 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 outreach projects, primary concerned with broadening access to high quality arts in communities where there is little arts provision:

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. Watermans leads a consortium of arts organisations with the vision of creating a confident, colourful and creative Hounslow.

Bell Square, the outdoor arts venue in Hounslow Town Centre, programmed and delivered by Watermans

Circulate, a London-wide outdoor arts touring network, led by Watermans

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