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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SURPRISE AND SPECTACLE

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ABOVE &
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22 AUG

6 SEP

ABOVE & BEYOND

This year GDIF is 30 and our theme “Above and Beyond” has inspired a programme of outdoor theatre, circus and dance in parks, town centres, water spaces, roofs, a basketball court and even up into the sky.

Our opening night will feature eight French parkour performers in a heart-stopping performance, across the landmark buildings and recently relandscaped public spaces of Woolwich, culminating in a collaboration with the locally based Citizens of the World Choir.

This year's theme also brings *Dancing City*, our flagship programme of outdoor dance, back to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in Newham. Amongst many highlights from UK and international artists, the programme features three exciting new productions from disabled artists and companies, all coupled with the high standards of access for which GDIF has become renowned.

The festival has recently moved to new offices at Greenwich Peninsula, a vibrant and buzzing destination, which will become the setting for *Turning Worlds*, a fantastic expression of this year's festival theme through ingenious collaborations between engineering and performance. There's inventive staging too in Thamesmead with the Dutch company Panama Pictures' *The Weight of Water* which features a huge floating structure, which tips back and forth, with nail-biting choreography as dancers fight to cling on. After a year's break, *Greenwich Fair*, our much-loved “festival within a festival”, is happily returning to its historic nineteenth century home in Greenwich Park.

GDIF's reinvention of the original fair brings together a packed programme of uplifting, fun and disruptive street theatre, games and family fun to the beautifully relandscaped General Wolfe Piazza at the top of the Grand Ascent.

A 30th birthday is traditionally an occasion to look back as well as forward and so I'm feeling hugely proud that Unicorn will be publishing *Above and Beyond, 30 Years of Greenwich+Docklands International Festival* on 22 August. It's a lavishly illustrated hardcover book written by Fiona Hughes, featuring stunning images and memories of past

GDIF events and achievements and will be available to buy at the festival and online so please do look out for it.

I hope that you have a wonderful time at the festival this summer and find a moment to take a breath with friends and family to experience something joyous and uplifting. If you are able to, please do consider making a donation – in these difficult times every pound is vital and you'll be playing your part in keeping GDIF free.

bit.ly/support-gdif

Bradley Hemmings
Artistic Director

GDIF 2025

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HOW TO USE THIS BROCHURE

There is an exciting mix of events for you to discover at GDIF 2025. Use this brochure to explore the full programme and plan your visits. Greenwich Fair, Turning Worlds and Dancing City maps and schedules are on pages **34**, **36** and **38** respectively. These will help you plan your routes and get the most out of these events.

GDIF 2025 events happen in unexpected public spaces that are not always easy to find. Download the what3words app in your app store and use the w3w words on each event page to plan your travel routes.

Accessibility and inclusion are at the heart of GDIF. Each event page has Access and What To Expect icons as shown here →

Turn to page 42 for more information on access at GDIF 2025.

**GDIF 2025
EVENTS ARE FREE
AND UNTICKETED**

ACCESS KEY

BSL Interpreted



Audio Described



Captioned



Easy Read



Touch Tour



WHAT TO EXPECT

Join In



On The Move



Great For Kids



Speech Free



Sensory Spectacle



All the events in this brochure are FREE to attend and do not require a ticket – just show up. When you arrive, our volunteers in pink T-shirts will be on hand to welcome you and answer any questions you might have.

LÉZARDS BLEUS • CITIZENS OF THE WORLD CHOIR

ABOVE AND BEYOND

FRANCE & UK

FRI 22 AUG • 6.45PM (45 mins)

📍 Beresford Square, Woolwich, SE18 6AR
w3w.co/scope.farmer.shell



Gaze up in awe as eight parkour performers embark on a breathtaking journey across landmark buildings in Woolwich.

Following the success of *Life Lines* at GDIF 2024, the French company **Lézards Bleus** return with their virtuosic combination of movement and climbing skills, to interpret this year's theme of "Above and Beyond".

With new music composed by **Roma Yagnik** ("Resurgam" GDIF 2023) and a finale set from the Greenwich-based **Citizens of the World Choir**, this specially commissioned event opens GDIF's 30th festival in celebration of mutual support and limitless possibility.

Live AD, BSL and guided access route



Supported by The Royal Borough of Greenwich, Royal Greenwich Festivals, Berkeley and Arts Council England. With thanks to Greenwich Enterprise Board, Equitable House, Coffee Lounge, Gulmi Nepalese to Gulmi Bar & Restaurant.

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You can't
spell spectacle
without GDIF

TIME OUT



FREE UNTICKETED • JUST SHOW UP

CIE DES CHAUSSONS ROUGES

EPIPHYTES

BELGIUM

SAT 23 & SUN 24 AUG • 6.15PM (45 mins)

📍 Lawn Lookout, Greenwich Park, SE10 8XJ
w3w.co/slim.this.shack



This all-female circus company takes inspiration from the life of trees to put nature centre-stage.

Four aerial performers create exquisite choreography inspired by the cyclical world of plants and trees, framed by open skies above and the panorama of London below. This evocative performance expresses the transformative, cyclical power of nature, revealing new ways of connecting with each other and the natural world.

Live AD 24 August, TT 6pm

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GREENWICH FAIR

GREENWICH PARK

📍 The Grand Ascent
w3w.co/lots.mini.newly



SAT 23 + SUN 24 AUG
1PM — 7PM

GDIF's cherished festival within the festival is back! Family-friendly street theatre, circus, dance, games and installations take over Greenwich Park, overlooking the best view of London from the top of General Wolfe Piazza for a Bank Holiday weekend of fun for all ages. All shows are FREE and unticketed.

See pages **34** to **35** to plan your visit.



Live BSL on 23 Aug, Live AD assisted route on 24 August. Suggested routes all weekend.

Supported by The Royal Parks, The Royal Borough of Greenwich, Royal Greenwich Festivals, Arts Council England, The Reed Foundation, Charcoal Blue, Without Walls, Global Streets and two anonymous supporters. With thanks to all Big Give Donors.



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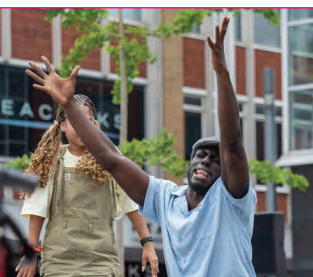
THEATRE-RITES

GENERAL WOLFE PIAZZA, GREENWICH PARK
W3W.CO/LOTS.MINI.NEWLY**SAT 23 + SUN 24 AUG**
2.10PM + 5.45PM (30 mins)

An enchanting tale of choice, trickery and joy featuring puppetry, dance and music. Join our dancers and a puppeteer as they find themselves at an enchanted crossroads. They have a decision to make but don't know which way to turn – what will help them?

Live AD 24 Aug
2.10pmSupported by
The Royal Parks,
Royal Greenwich
Festivals,
Royal Borough
of Greenwich,
Without Walls
and Arts
Council England.**GO GRANDAD, GO!**

COMPANY DHW

GENERAL WOLFE PIAZZA, GREENWICH PARK
W3W.CO/LOTS.MINI.NEWLY**SAT 23 + SUN 24 AUG**
3.10PM + 4.55PM (25 mins)

A heart-warming Caribbean welcome awaits at this inter-generational story told through hip-hop, street arts, audience participation and integrated British Sign Language.

BSL at all showsSupported by
The Royal Parks,
Royal Greenwich
Festivals, the
Royal Borough
of Greenwich,
Without Walls
and Arts
Council England.**EPIPHYTES**

CIE DES CHAUSSONS ROUGES

LAWN LOOKOUT, GREENWICH PARK
W3W.CO/SLIM.THIS.SHACK**SAT 23 + SUN 24 AUG**
6.15PM (45 mins)

With breathtaking high-wire skills, four aerial performers create entrancing images of arboreal growth in the glorious setting of Greenwich Park, home to more than 3,000 trees.

Live AD 24 Aug,
TT 6pmSupported by
The Royal Parks,
Royal Greenwich
Festivals, the
Royal Borough
of Greenwich,
and Arts
Council England.**IT'S CLASSIC CONNEE**

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THE AVENUE, GREENWICH PARK
W3W.CO/FACED.METALS.ENTERTAINER**SAT 23 + SUN 24 AUG**
1.35PM + 3.40PM (30 mins)

A lavish, larger than life, lip-syncing outdoor performance celebrating Connee Boswell, the most popular singer you've never heard of. Combining music, comedy and audience interaction to create a playful and offbeat performance with a lot of heart, a bit of cheekiness, and a pinch of politics!

Live BSL 23 Aug
3:40pm, Digital
Audio IntroSupported by The
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Greenwich, Royal
Greenwich Festivals,
Arts Council England
and one anonymous
supporter.**LADY GARDEN**

MISS HIGH LEG KICK

PAVILION LAWN, GREENWICH PARK
W3W.CO/VOICE.LIGHT.BELTS**SAT 23 AUG**
2.05PM + 4.20PM (30 mins)

Explore the enchanting world of flowers in this playful mix of performance, dance and comedy celebrating the floral world and culminating in a unique human flower arrangement.

Live BSL 23 Aug 2.05pm, Digital Audio IntroSupported by
Stomping Ground,
The Royal Parks,
Royal Greenwich
Festivals, The
Royal Borough
of Greenwich
and Arts Council
England.**TONY & RAY FIND THEIR FEET**

RUDKIN & HICKS

GENERAL WOLFE PIAZZA, GREENWICH PARK
W3W.CO/FACED.METALS.ENTERTAINER**SAT 23 + SUN 24 AUG**
2.50PM + 5.25PM (15 mins)

Inspired by the uplifting vaudeville and variety acts of times gone by, Tony and Ray's celebration of friendship, slapstick, tomfoolery and dance will delight and inspire audiences of all ages.

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of Greenwich
and Arts Council
England.

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GENERAL WOLFE PIAZZA, GREENWICH PARK
W3W.CO/LOTS.MINI.NEWLY**SAT 23 + SUN 24 AUG**
1.00PM + 4.15PM (30 mins)

A celebration of the courage it takes to keep on going when times are tough. With a blend of acrobatics, movement and humour, this heart-warming all-female show dismantles big problems to leave you with a smile on your face and a spring in your step.

Digital Audio Intro

Supported by The Royal Parks, Royal Greenwich Festivals, The Royal Borough of Greenwich and Arts Council England.

TRUTH!

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PAVILION LAWN, GREENWICH PARK
W3W.CO/VOICE.LIGHT.BELTS**SUN 24 AUG**
2.05PM + 4.20PM (30 mins)

A playful call to action and quiet rebellion fusing games, theatre, dance and participation. You are invited to join in a series of games as the excitement bubbles, until we – the people – are united in a joyful riot of love.

Live AD 24 Aug, 4.20pm. Contains smoke

Supported by The Royal Parks, Royal Greenwich Festivals, The Royal Borough of Greenwich and Arts Council England.

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GANDINI JUGGLING

PAVILION LAWN, GREENWICH PARK
W3W.CO/VOICE.LIGHT.BELTS**SAT 23 + SUN 24 AUG**
1.00PM + 3.10PM (20 mins)

Follow two ambitious characters determined to create the world's first juggling-ballet in this tongue-in-cheek mix of classical ballet with remarkable juggling tricks.

Supported by The Royal Parks, Royal Greenwich Festivals, The Royal Borough of Greenwich and Arts Council England.

ARRELS

TOC DE FUSTA

THE GREEN, GREENWICH PARK
W3W.CO/SPEND.THING.DRANK**SAT 23 + SUN 24 AUG**
1.00PM - 7.00PM (Durational)

Let curiosity lead you through a series of 20 large interactive installations which double up as hugely entertaining games for the whole family. Each game has it's own playful story and character which is inspired by traditions and cultures from around the world.

Digital Audio Introduction

Supported by The Royal Parks, Royal Greenwich Festivals, The Royal Borough of Greenwich, Global Streets and Arts Council England.

**THE ELEPHANT & THE DRUMMER**

SONIA SABRI DANCE COMPANY

STARTING POINT: GENERAL WOLFE PIAZZA, GREENWICH PARK
W3W.CO/OTHER.VASE.JOIN**SAT 23 + SUN 24 AUG**
1.30PM, 3.45PM, 5.25PM (30 mins)

Follow best of friends Elnaz the Elephant and Dholli the Drummer on an adventure of music and dance through the leafy green spaces of Greenwich Park. This dynamic duo have some awesome dance moves and incredible beats to share with you.

Live AD 24 August, 1.30pm. TT 1pm

Supported by The Royal Borough of Greenwich, Royal Greenwich Festivals, The Royal Parks and Arts Council England.



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TURNING WORLDS

GREENWICH PENINSULA

📍 Peninsula Square, Greenwich Peninsula, SE10 0ES
w3w.co/boom.active.outfit



SAT 30 + SUN 31 AUG

1PM — 5PM

Expect the unexpected at Turning Worlds – two days of ingenious, gravity-defying shows, all showcasing Greenwich Peninsula's vitality and creativity.

See pages **36** to **37** to plan your visit.



Live AD Assisted Route Sun 31

Supported by Greenwich Peninsula, Royal Borough of Greenwich, Royal Greenwich Festivals and Arts Council England. With thanks to the IFS Cable Car.



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TEATIME COMPANY

RIPPLE

NETHERLANDS

SAT 30 + SUN 31 AUG • 1PM + 3.40PM (35 mins)

📍 PENINSULA SQUARE, GREENWICH PENINSULA, SE10 0ES
W3W.CO/BOOM.ACTIVE.OUTFIT



A giant metal spiral becomes an acrobatic playground as circus, dance and physics come together in a performance exploring the consequences of our actions. Enacting a “ripple effect”, three virtuosic performers are confronted with a series of increasingly challenging and unexpected hurdles, forcing them to push their limits, jump higher and even suspend time itself.

TT 12.30pm, Live AD
 1pm, Sun 31 Aug

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ROBOPOLE

GERMANY

SAT 30 + SUN 31 AUG • 2.10PM + 3.10PM + 4.50PM (8 mins)

📍 PENINSULA SQUARE, GREENWICH PENINSULA, SE10 0ES
W3W.CO/BOOM.ACTIVE.OUTFIT



This stunning fusion of precision engineering and virtuosic circus skills, delivers extraordinary images through a seamless integration of human and robot choreography.

Beginning with an apparently everyday encounter between an engineer and a robot, an experiment begins in which the robot and the engineer become equal protagonists in a spectacular pas de deux.

Live AD Sun 31 Aug,
 2.10pm

Supported by Greenwich Peninsula, the Royal Borough of Greenwich, Royal Greenwich Festivals and Arts Council England. With thanks to the IFS Cable Car.



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COMPAGNIE BARKS

THE SCALE

FRANCE

SAT 30 + SUN 31 AUG • 1.50PM + 2.50PM + 4.30PM (8 mins)

DESIGN DISTRICT BASKETBALL COURT, BUILDING C1, CRIPPS YARD, GREENWICH PENINSULA
W3W.CO/TINSEL.BLUR.CYCLES



One of two productions from **Compagnie Barks**, exploring themes of gravity and our relationship with the physical world, by combining acrobatics with ingenious staging. Presented at London's only rooftop basketball court, this captivating show will be framed by stunning views across Greenwich and Canary Wharf to evoke the weightless, effortless movement of astronauts in space.



Accessible via lift

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COMPAGNIE BARKS

WALKING ON THE WALL

FRANCE

SAT 30 + SUN 31 AUG • 1.10PM + 2.25PM + 3.25PM (10 mins)

DESIGN DISTRICT, A2 BUILDING, 4 SOAMES WALK, GREENWICH PENINSULA
W3W.CO/TAKES.MUSIC.GUARD



This second performance from **Compagnie Barks** uses inventive staging to enable a performer to defy gravity and walk on walls. Conceived by artistic director Bastien Dausse as an escape from the commonplace, this performance will showcase the playful architecture of the Design District encouraging us to celebrate creativity in everyday life.



Supported by Greenwich Peninsula, The Royal Borough of Greenwich, Royal Greenwich Festivals and Arts Council England. With thanks to the IFS Cable Car.

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COMPANY DHW

GO GRANDAD, GO!

UK

THU 4 SEP • 1.30PM + 3.30PM (25 mins)

📍 GENERAL GORDON SQUARE, WOOLWICH, SE18 6FH
[W3W.CO/ORBIT.LUCKY.OBEY](https://www.w3w.co/orbit.lucky.obey)



This joyous celebration of inter-generational family relationships and Caribbean culture combines hip hop dance and storytelling. With relatable characters, infectious moves and fully integrated access, this is a feel-good show for all ages, which will have you joining in and leave you with a smile on your face.

BSL at all shows

Supported by The Royal Parks, Royal Greenwich Festivals, The Royal Borough of Greenwich, Without Walls and Arts Council England. With thanks to the Caribbean Social Forum.



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TALAWA, FUBUNATION & SONIA HUGHES

FRAGMENTS OF US

UK

THU 4 SEP • 4PM + 6.30PM (20 mins)

📍 GENERAL GORDON SQUARE, WOOLWICH, SE18 6FH
[W3W.CO/ORBIT.LUCKY.OBEY](https://www.w3w.co/orbit.lucky.obey)



Celebrating the endless possibilities of Black masculinity, this dance theatre performance features fluid movement and poignant poetry to reveal snapshots of joy, struggle, love and loss. With rhythmic beats and soulful expressions, striking images of brotherhood and the richness of community, are layered with moments of up-close personal storytelling to create a moving testimony to collective history and identity.



Live AD 6.30pm

Supported by Talawa, the Royal Borough of Greenwich, Royal Greenwich Festivals and Arts Council England.



PANAMA PICTURES

THE WEIGHT OF WATER

NETHERLANDS

FRI 5 + SAT 6 SEP • 2.30PM + 6.30PM (45 mins)

📍 Birchmere Lake, Epstein Road, Thamesmead, SE28 8DQ
w3w.co/buzz.sulk.junior



This spectacular water-based event sees 6 incredible performers struggle for survival on an unpredictable floating stage.

Whilst world leaders indulge in power games, performers deal with the impacts of indecision as they fight to maintain a foothold on a floating platform which see-saws so violently that there's a constant risk of falling. The stakes are high in this modern parable of global warming, which merges dance, circus and live music on water to nailbiting effect.

Live AD and BSL, 5 Sep, 6.30pm

Explore **Placard Power** as part of your visit, an installation created by local people and artist Chloe Cooper to celebrate sustainability and green spaces.



Supported by Peabody, The Royal Borough of Greenwich, Royal Greenwich Festivals, Arts Council England, Global Streets, Performing Arts Fund NL and The Dutch Embassy

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DANCING CITY

📍 Stratford Town Centre, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and East Bank

**SAT 6 SEP****1PM — 6.30PM**

A CELEBRATION OF OUTDOOR DANCE IN NEWHAM

This year's alfresco dance take-over, showcases a host of amazing outdoor spaces across Newham – popping up in Stratford Town Centre, East Bank and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. With stunning staging and a huge variety of dance styles, you can catch exceptional homegrown and international talent. Every performance is FREE and unticketed – just show up.

See pages **38** to **39** to plan your visit.



BSL and Live AD Assisted Routes.

Supported by the London Borough of Newham, Sadler's Wells East, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, East Bank, Without Walls, East London Dance, University of the Arts London, Arts Council England, Stratford Original, Embassy of Sweden, Creative Australia and Create SA. With thanks to The Source and Stratford Shopping Centre.

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FIRE ISLAND DANCE FESTIVAL AND GDIF

FIRE ISLAND DANCE FESTIVAL TRIPLE-BILL

SAT 6 SEP • 1PM + 3.30PM + 6.05PM

📍 STRATFORD WATERFRONT, E20 2AQ
W3W.CO/PACK.LIKE.GOODS

In an exciting new partnership with New York's iconic Fire Island Dance Festival, a stellar line-up of international LGBTQIA+ dance artists perform at Dancing City presenting a triptych of UK premieres.

Fire Island Dance Festival was established in 1995 as a fundraising event for Dancers Responding to AIDS (DRA) and has become a celebrated annual outdoor festival showcasing world-class emerging and established dance.

Supported by The London Borough of Newham, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Arts Council England.

With thanks to Fire Island Dance Festival, Dancers Responding to AIDS and Sadler's Wells.

LAYL (NIGHT)

AHMAD JOUDEH

Syrian-born dancer and international Emmy-winner Ahmad Joudeh brings his deeply personal choreography to London for the first time. As an artist who has risked his life in his commitment to dance, this performance is a testimony to his courage and dedication.

Supported by The London Borough of Newham, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Arts Council England.

SAT 6 SEP
1PM + 3.30PM + 6.05PM (4 mins)



COURTNEY'S DINER

COURTNEY WASHINGTON BALENCIAGA AND
MASTERZ AT WORK DANCE FAMILY

Brought to you by the legendary mother of the House of Balenciaga and founder of the Kiki House of Juicy Couture, Courtney 'Balenciaga' Washington's electric fusion of ballroom choreography and contemporary dance celebrates identity, perseverance and partying.

Supported by The London Borough of Newham, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Arts Council England.

SAT 6 SEP
1PM + 3.30PM + 6.05PM (5 mins)



A DELICATE BALANCE

PONTUS LIDBERG

An entrancing duet exploring themes of trust, vulnerability and human connection. This intimate and stunningly realised performance uses a simple prop (a glass water) to reveal achingly beautiful perspectives on the essence of relationships.

Supported by The London Borough of Newham, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Arts Council England.

SAT 6 SEP
1PM + 3.30PM + 6.05PM (6 mins)



THROUGH ANOTHER LENS

RESTLESS DANCE THEATRE

WATERFRONT SQUARE, E20 2AR
W3W.CO/CROSS.ORBIT.PETSSAT 6 SEP
2.55PM + 5PM (17 mins)

From Australia's internationally acclaimed inclusive company, this bold new performance invites you to slow down, look closer, and experience the world from a different perspective. Take part in free dance workshops on Fri 5 Sep. Find out more at festival.org/gdif-get-involved

Live AD 5pm

Supported by the London Borough of Newham, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Creative Australia and Create SA.

ONE SKY

PAGRAV DANCE COMPANY

STRATFORD WALK, E20 2AS
W3W.CO/THAT.STATUS.FAMESAT 6 SEP
2.30PM + 5.40PM (30 mins)

The spirit of South Asian kite festivals comes to Stratford, in this dance spectacular which celebrates the importance of togetherness. Drop in to free kite-making workshops from 3.15pm-5.15pm at Sadler's Wells East.

TT 5.30pm, Live AD 5.40pm

Supported by Sadler's Wells East, the London Borough of Newham, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Arts Council England.

**360°**

LA GUALTERO

CAROUSEL ROOM, E20 2AG
W3W.CO/BETS.FULL.TOPSSAT 6 SEP
3.10PM + 4.40PM (17 mins)

This hypnotising performance features continually rotating choreography which Raquel Galtero uses to evoke her Columbian heritage. With echoes of carnival, 360 unfolds as an all-encompassing evocation of female lived experience.

Supported by The London Borough of Newham, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Arts Council England.

PASSAGE

YOANN BOURGEOIS

FOUNTAIN ROOM, E15 2NG
W3W.CO/SAMPLE.LOVE.BULBSAT 6 SEP
3.45PM + 5.10PM + 6.20PM (8 mins)

What secrets lie hidden on the other side of the door? Yoann Bourgeois, widely known for viral live performance videos and recent collaborations with Harry Styles and FKA Twigs, brings his signature blend of gravity-defying performance, hypnotic movement and extraordinary staging to Dancing City.

Supported by The London Borough of Newham, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Arts Council England.

**FRAGMENTS OF US**

TALAWA, FUBUNATION & SONIA HUGHES

STRATFORD ROOFTOP, E15 1BN
W3W.CO/FOSTER.CALMS.THEYSAT 6 SEP
1PM + 3.20PM (20 mins)

Celebrating the endless possibilities of black masculinity, this dance theatre performance features fluid movement and poignant poetry to reveal snapshots of joy, struggle, love and loss.

Dialogue available digitally. Audience interaction

Supported by The London Borough of Newham, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Stratford Original and Arts Council England

PASSIONATELY DEFIANT

JOE POWELL-MAIN

MARSHGATE SOUTH, E20 2AE
W3W.CO/OFTEN.SPUN.POOLSAT 6 SEP
1.55PM + 3.30PM (10 mins)

Mixing paso doble, tango and ballet, this deeply personal performance celebrates Joe Powell-Main's journey back to dance after becoming disabled at the age of 15 and going on to become the first wheelchair user to dance with the Royal Ballet.

Live AD at 3:30pm

Supported by The London Borough of Newham, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Arts Council England.



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STOPGAP DANCE

MARSHGATE SOUTH, E20 2AE
W3W.CO/OFTEN.SPUN.POOLSAT 6 SEP
1.15PM + 4.15PM (30 mins)

With groundbreaking innovation in wheelchair design, Stopgap and Nadenh Poan invite you into a world of bold movement, irresistible rhythms and joyful celebration of progress, community, and possibility. TT 1pm and 4pm, AD at all shows also available via captions

Supported by The London Borough of Newham, Without Walls, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Arts Council England.

ROOTS TO RISE

NANDITA SHANKARDASS

THE CAROUSEL ROOM, E20 2AG
W3W.CO/BETS.FULL.TOPSSAT 6 SEP
2.15PM + 5.30PM (30 mins)

Three women confront their personal and collective histories, learning from one another and those who came before. Blending classical Indian dance with contemporary and folk movement.

BSL, Digital AD at all shows. TT 1.55pm

Supported by The London Borough of Newham, Without Walls, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Arts Council England.

JUNGLE BOY

LEVAN PEART

STRATFORD WATERFRONT, E20 2AQ
W3W.CO/PACK.LIKE.GOODSSAT 6 SEP
2PM + 4.15PM (10 mins)

Newham local Levan Peart celebrates self-discovery, healing and community in this vibrant performance featuring four London dancers and live music.

After the performance join free screenings of the accompanying Jungle Boy short film at the nearby London College of Fashion.

Supported by The London Borough of Newham, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, University of the Arts London, and Arts Council England.

WATERKIND

LAND BEFORE TIME

CARPENTER'S LOCK, E20 2ST
W3W.CO/YAPPY.EGGS.GLADSAT 6 SEP
1.35PM + 4.05PM (26 mins)

This choreographic tribute to water features expressive freestyle and popping echoing the flows and currents of rivers and oceans. This captivating duet offers a meditation on the fundamental importance of water to our lives.

Supported by The London Borough of Newham, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Embassy of Sweden, and Arts Council England.

**WHEN JAZZ MEETS HIP HOP**

UEL DANCE COLLECTIVE

STRATFORD ROOF TOP, E15 1BN
W3W.CO/FOSTER.CALMS.THEYSAT 6 SEP
1.30PM + 3.00PM (7 mins)

Exploring the connection between Jazz music inspired by the Harlem Renaissance and hip-hop culture and how the two genres each represent the musical language of rebellion and give power to the voiceless. Brought to you by renowned choreographer Jade Hackett.

Supported by The London Borough of Newham, East Bank, Stratford Original, East London Dance, University of the Arts London and Arts Council England

**THE WHISPERING FOREST**

THE YORUBA TALES COLLECTIVE

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EVERY 30 MINUTES FROM 1PM

Ijapa the Tortoise and the Forest Spirits battle for supremacy, mirroring the human destruction of an ever shape-shifting natural environment. This free live VR experience requires a pre-booked ticket. Find out more at

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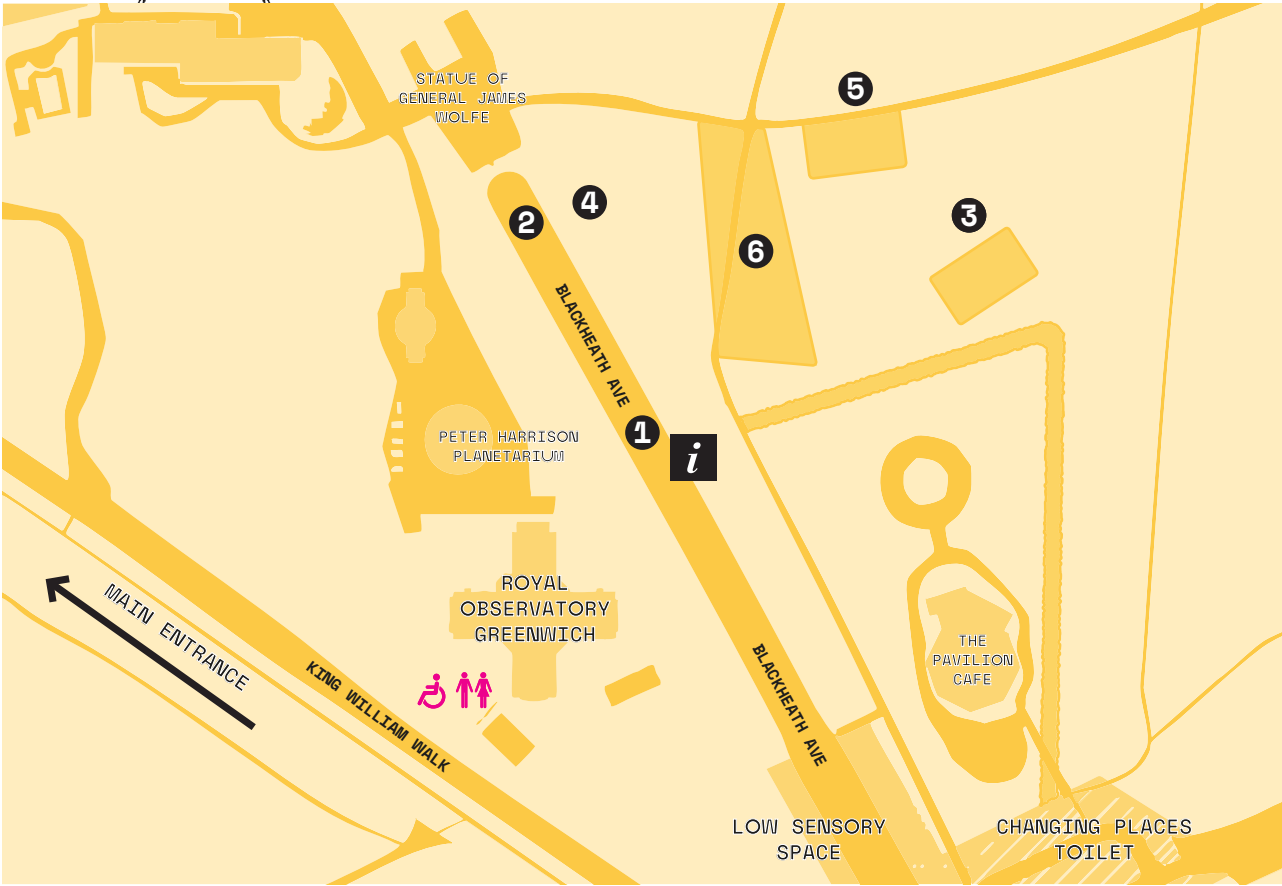
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 GREENWICH PARK



SAT 23 + SUN 24 AUG
1PM — 7PM

Live BSL on Sat 23. Live Audio Description
and Touch Tours on Sunday 24



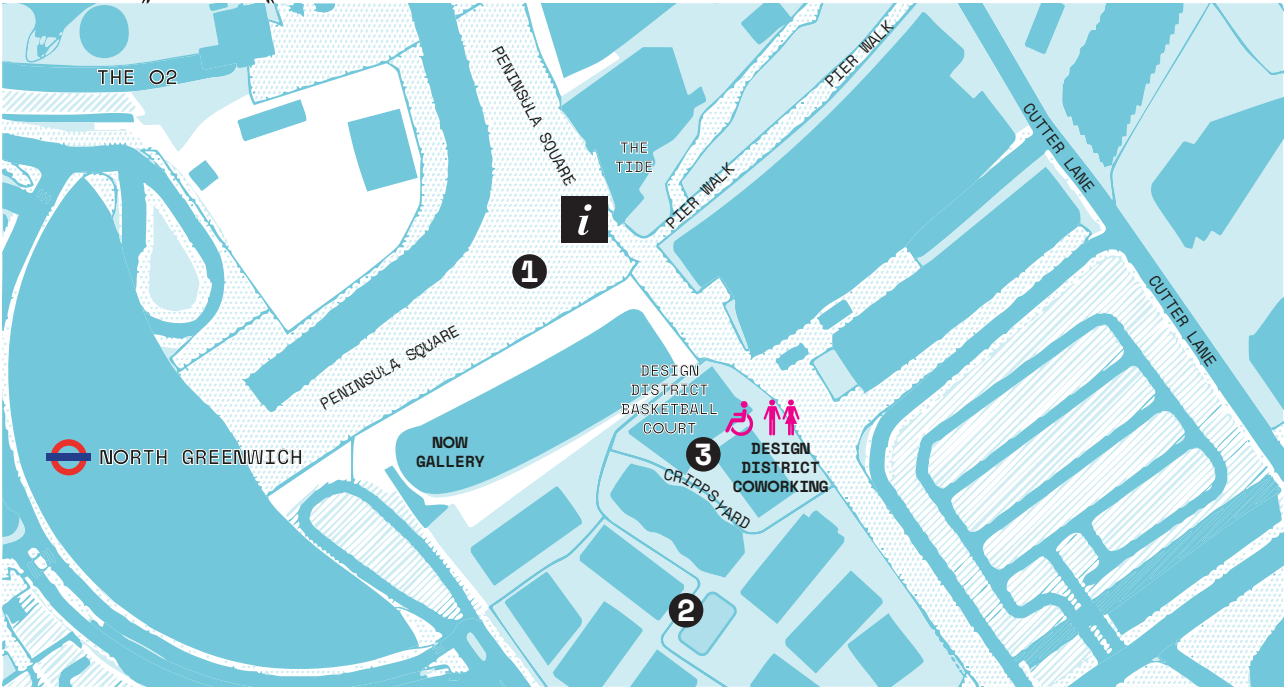
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1) THE AVENUE			IT'S CLASSIC CONNEE <small>(AD)</small>					TONY & RAY				IT'S CLASSIC CONNEE <small>(AD) (A)</small>							TONY & RAY							
2) GEN WOLFE PIAZZA	WEIGHT (LESS) <small>(AD)</small>				ESHU AT THE CROSSROADS <small>(AD)</small>				GO GRANDAD, GO! <small>(A)</small>					WEIGHT (LESS) <small>(AD)</small>			GO GRANDAD, GO! <small>(A)</small>			ESHU AT THE CROSSROADS						
3) PAVILION LAWN	YOU TOO CAN TUTU				LADY GARDEN (SAT) <small>(AD) (A)</small>				YOU TOO CAN TUTU					LADY GARDEN (SAT) <small>(AD) (A)</small>												
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4) PROMENADE			THE ELEPHANT & THE DRUMMER <small>(AD) (TT)</small>									THE ELEPHANT & THE DRUMMER							THE ELEPHANT & THE DRUMMER							
5) LAWN LOOKOUT																						EPIPHYTES <small>(AD) (TT)</small>				
6) THE GREEN	ARRELS <small>(AD)</small>																									




TURNING WORLDS

 GREENWICH PENINSULA

SAT 30 + SUN 31 AUG
1PM — 5PM

Live Audio Description and Touch Tours
on Sunday 31 only

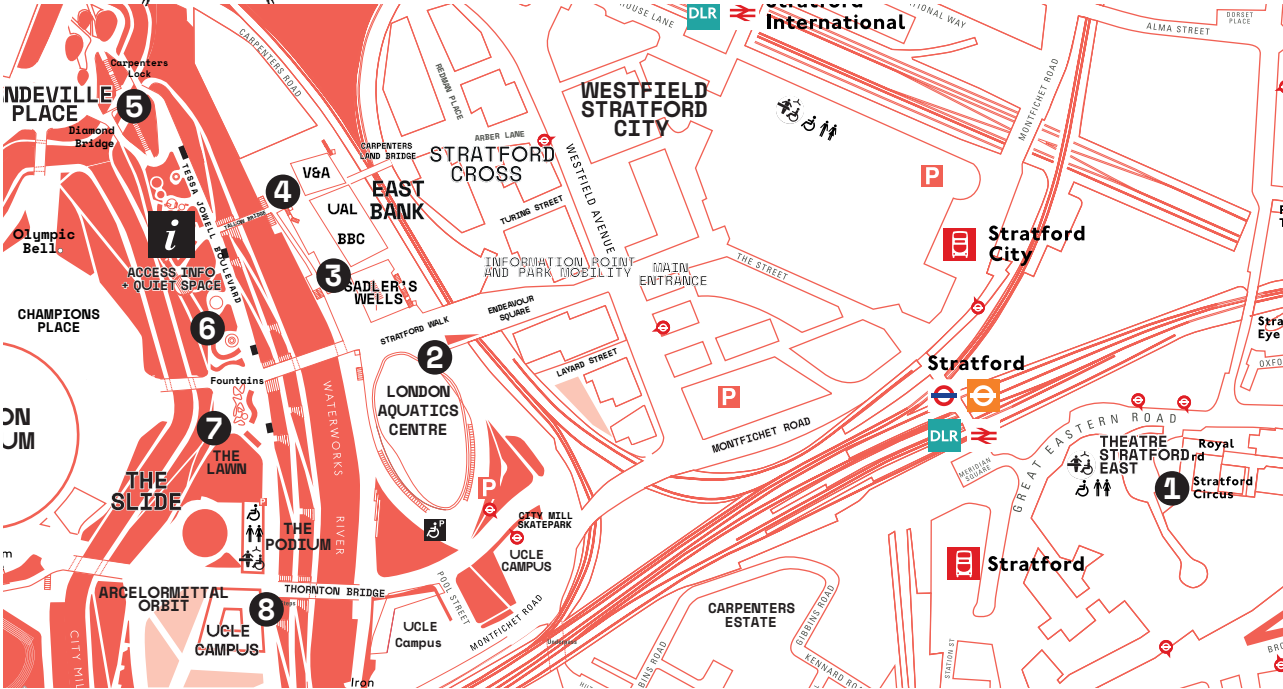


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1 PENINSULA SQUARE	RIPPLE  					ROBO-POLE 			ROBO-POLE			RIPPLE				ROBO-POLE	
2 A2 BUILDING		WALK-ING ON THE WALL					WALK-ING ON THE WALL				WALK-ING ON THE WALL						
3 BASKETBALL COURT				THE SCALE				THE SCALE							THE SCALE		

DANCING CITY

 STRATFORD/NEWHAM


SAT 6 SEPTEMBER
1PM — 6.30PM





	13.00	13.15	13.30	13.45	14.00	14.15	14.30	14.45	15.00	15.15	15.30	15.45	16.00	16.15	16.30	16.45	17.00	17.15	17.30	17.45	18.00	18.15	18.30					
STRATFORD ROOFTOP	FRAGMENTS OF US		WHEN JAZZ MEETS HIP HOP						WHEN JAZZ MEETS HIP HOP		FRAGMENTS OF US																	
STRATFORD WALK							ONE SKY			ONE SKY WORKSHOP											ONE SKY							
EAST BANK WATERFRONT	FIRE ISLAND TRIPLE BILL				JUNGLE BOY						FIRE ISLAND TRIPLE BILL		JUNGLE BOY								FIRE ISLAND TRIPLE BILL							
WATERFRONT SQUARE								THROUGH ANOTHER LENS									THROUGH ANOTHER LENS											
CARPENTERS LOCK			WATERKIND										WATERKIND															
CAROUSEL ROOM						ROOTS TO RISE CAP AD TT				360°						360°				ROOTS TO RISE CAP AD								
FOUNTAIN ROOM												PASSAGE						PASSAGE				PASSAGE						
MARSHGATE SOUTH	RO-TES -1914 CAP AD TT				PASSIONATELY DEFIANT						PASSIONATELY DEFIANT AD				RO-TES -1914 CAP AD TT													


YOUR VISIT

You can help make sure everyone has a great experience at GDIF by:

 Allowing children to the front, and being mindful of sight lines at busy shows by sitting on the ground

 Respecting accessible viewing areas and toilets

 Respecting others' personal space and comfort zones

 Following us on social media for live updates, including weather related information. We will only ever cancel if absolutely necessary, so remember to check the forecast and bring appropriate clothing.

PHOTOGRAPHY + FILMING

There will be photographers and film makers at GDIF events. If you don't want to be featured in our content, please wear a 'No Photography' sticker, available from our volunteers. Taken a great photo at GDIF? Share on social and tag **@GDIFestival** using **#GDIF2025**

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We want to hear from you about your experience of the festival and how we can make it even better next year. Please fill out our feedback form online or at a GDIF event. We'd love to hear from you: festival.org/gdif-2025-survey

♥ GDIF VOLUNTEERS ♥

We are immensely grateful to GDIF's volunteers who are on hand at every event to help with information and directions. You can't miss them in their bright pink t-shirts. Ask them about travel options, access information, or show recommendations.

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ACCESS AT GDIF

Access and Inclusion are at the heart of GDIF. We are committed to creating an unforgettable experience for Deaf, disabled and neurodivergent audiences and artists.

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ACCESSIBILITY ON SITE:

On site you will be greeted by our friendly staff and volunteers.

All of our sites:

- Are relaxed - you can move around and make noise
- Are wheelchair accessible
- Welcome Assistance dogs
- Have chairs available
- Larger sites will have low sensory spaces, changing places facilities, induction loops at the welcome point and BSL information.

ON OUR WEBSITE

Check out our website for full accessibility information and resources, including:

- Photo routes and maps
- Blue badge parking
- Assisted routes
- Viewing and low sensory areas
- Accessible toilets
- Easy Read, large print guides and other downloadable resources

ACCESS KEY

BSL Interpreted



Audio Described



Captioned



Easy Read



Touch Tour



SHOW ACCESSIBILITY:

- We have tailor-made accessibility for each show. There are access symbols on each event page - use the key below
- Shows with speech will have a BSL interpreted performance. Lots of shows are speech free!
- Lots of shows will have audio description. Some will be live via headsets and some will have digital audio introductions.
- Easy Read is available on our website and printed copies will be on site.
- At Greenwich Fair there will be an assisted Live AD route and a suggested BSL/ speech free route. At Dancing City there will be guided BSL and Live AD routes. **Email access@festival.org or phone 079899 893 935 to book your space.**

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Great For Kids



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Sensory Spectacle



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