

Calendar of London 2012 Cultural Olympiad activity in the East of England

The London 2012 Cultural Olympiad is a four year programme involving young people and communities around the UK in a wide range of cultural activity in the run up to the Games.

This Calendar outlines some of the key activity that will be part of the Cultural Olympiad in the East of England in 2012 in date order.

The London 2012 Festival, the finale of the Cultural Olympiad, will run from 21 June to 9 September this year. Details of some of the projects that will be part of this Festival are included in this document. Final programming for the Festival will be announced in the Spring.

As at 31 January 2012



The projects included in this summary are all part of the Cultural Olympiad and cultural celebrations around the London 2012 Olympic Paralympic Games.

They are part of the Cultural Olympiad by having been programmed as part of the London 2012 Festival, the finale of the Cultural Olympiad, as part of UK wide programmes such as Artists Taking the Lead and Stories of the World, or have been awarded a cultural Inspire Mark by London 2012 recognising the project as officially part of the celebrations.

We expect that as celebrations build next year in addition to this programme communities across the UK will make their own creative contributions to mark this extraordinary year.

Two of our larger programmes that will have events throughout the region next year, and have been developed over the past three years are On Landguard Point and Eastern Exchanges.

Artists Taking the Lead – On Landguard Point

On Landguard Point is a project about HOME by the Pacitti Company. It explores how we construct our diverse notions of home, what home means to each of us, and what it means to host others in our home. In 2011 there were a series of extraordinary live large-scale outdoor events and activities as part of the On Landguard Point project which engaged thousands of people as participants and audience across the East of England. These events collectively form the content of a new feature film, which will premiere in 2012.

www.onlandguardpoint.com

Stories of the World – Eastern Exchanges

From 2010-2013 the amazingly rich heritage of the Far East will take centre stage in the region's museums. A major programme of exhibitions, events, artist residencies and community projects will unlock the secrets and stories of China, India and Pakistan. At the heart of Eastern Exchanges are the region's young people, creating exciting new ways for visitors to experience great collections.

http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/Whats_On/Eastern_Exchanges_Cultural_Festival/index.htm

Both On Landguard Point and Eastern Exchanges have been funded by Arts Council England.

Key

* throughout this document London 2012 Festival Events during the Festival period are asterisked *

NOW

On Landguard Point's Encyclopedia for the East of England

Over the past year the On Landguard Point Project team have gathered lots of stories and local knowledge with help from East of England residents. Local stories have helped to create 205 symbols which represent a shared experience of life in the East of England. If you want to submit a story you can go to www.onlandguardpoint.com/encyclopedia to select a symbol and add a factual entry.

January 2012

Ongoing China in the East Workshops, Eastern Exchanges

Between January 2011 and April 2012, creative workshops will enable families, children and adults to get up close fantastic objects and create their own Chinese-inspired work. Both the original museum collection and the new work created will be showcased within the touring exhibition, demonstrating just some of the innovative material produced as part of the China in the East Stories of the World exhibition. http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/Whats_On/Eastern_Exchanges_Cultural_Festival/index.htm

February 2012

February – March Journey to the Podium

Exhibitions of work from the Inspire marked Journey to the Podium project which involves artists and the county's most promising athletes, funded by the Team Essex Ambassadors' Award scheme.

- Beecroft Art Gallery February - March 2012
- Basildon Sporting Village from July 2012

<http://www.essexlegacy.org/about/essex-cultural-olympiad/journey-to-the-podium/>

March 2012

Sat 3 – Sun 4 March Music Nation*

The BBC has unveiled plans for a weekend festival celebrating orchestral music across the UK as part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad. Music Nation will take place on 3 and 4 March next year, with related performances during the preceding week. (Orchestras Live is one of the BBC's partners on this project)

- Saturday 3 March, Saffron Walden - The Britten Sinfonia in partnership with the Saffron Walden Choral Society, The Granta Chorale and SignuptoSing perform a specially commissioned cantata involving all the partners in MazeMusic. Members of Britten Sinfonia will also be running composing workshops with Saffron Walden County High School students and selected compositions will be performed in the concert.
- Grays, A Making Music project, Harmonie Concert Band working with Aaron Parker under Making Music's Adopt a Composer scheme.

- Saturday 3 March Making Music Overture Project – UK Wide , various locations Performance premières around the UK of the Making Music Overture around the UK
- Sunday 4 March, Apex Bury St Edmunds Orchestras Live presents a concert by the Academy of Ancient Music with violinist Alina Abragimova.
<http://www.makingmusic.org.uk/our-work/projects-and-programmes/London-2012-Cultural-Olympiad/music-nation/mazemusic>

31 March

Tomb Treasures of Han China opens

Exhibition opens at the Fitzwilliam Museum (part of Stories of the World) Featuring nearly 400 priceless treasures from the Imperial tombs of the Han Dynasty, this will be the most important exhibition of ancient Chinese royal treasures ever seen outside China. <http://www.cimuseums.org.uk/whats-on/2012/06/30/treasures-of-china.html>

TBC March - April 2012 On Landguard Point Dig and Sow dates in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex and Norfolk

On Landguard Point team have hosted mass archaeological excavations across the East of England. So far digs have taken place in Ashwell, Hertfordshire and Ipswich, Suffolk. Members of the public have been able to discover treasures and traces of home in their own back gardens! Dig sites in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex and Norfolk will be confirmed soon. If you're interested in taking part and live in these counties please email info@onlandguardpoint.com or call us on 0207 488 0800 to register your interest.

<http://festival.london2012.com/about/culturalolympiad/on-landguard-point.php>

April 2012

23 April 2012

World Shakespeare Festival*

World Shakespeare Festival Opens, RSC Open Stages professional/amateur collaboration is being delivered with regional partners, including the New Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich. Activity began in summer 2011.

<http://www.worldshakespearefestival.org.uk/>

Date TBC Spring 2012 On Landguard Point Film Premiere

All of the events in On Landguard Point are being made as part of a new feature film that will premiere in 2012. Inspired by the histories and culture of the East, the On Landguard Point film will exist at an intersection between live performance, community and cinema. Both professional and non-professional groups have worked with the project team to make all of the live outdoor events that form the content of the film, including performance, music events and parades. East of England residents have given their time to get involved with On Landguard Point across the Summer in 2011, as participants and as audiences.

<http://festival.london2012.com/about/culturalolympiad/on-landguard-point.php>

Date TBC Spring 20120 On Landguard Point Live Trade exhibition opens

Opening at the Museum of East Anglian Life Abbot's Hall, Live Trade is a collection of objects, artefacts, and other material crafted and collected during On Landguard Point. The collection will include the People's Encyclopedia for the East of England, all 205 of the symbols generated by Encyclopedia entries and a full set of the 205 symbol silver charms.

The exhibition extends the opportunity to engage with On Landguard Point, offering a reflective experience to the many thousands of people involved in the programme and beyond.

<http://festival.london2012.com/about/culturalolympiad/on-landguard-point.php>

April tbc Luton World Exhibition (working title)

Opening of exhibition connecting people of Luton to Olympic nations at Stockwood Museum, part of Stories of the World

<http://www.museumsluton.com/truckart>

Spring Aldeburgh Exchanging Worlds Project

Legacy Trust UK funding will extends the reach of the Aldeburgh World Orchestra project into local communities. Dates and presentation of project to public tbc

<http://www.aldeburgh.co.uk/bpp/awo>

May 2012

Friday 18 May Torch arrives in UK - Big Dance Schools challenge*

A world record attempt at 1pm on 18 May 2012 to coincide with the start of the Olympic Torch Relay in the UK. Renowned choreographer, Wayne McGregor, will be creating the choreography for it.

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000962007>

May Carnival Crossroads East Bound Mas Camps

Carnival Crossroads East Bound project is bringing together the East of England's local carnival artists, community groups and schools to create a carnival showcase of our history and celebrating local pride for Festival 2012. The UK Centre for Carnival Arts will be connecting 100 people from each of Cambridge, Ipswich, Norwich, Southend on Sea and Luton, with renowned national carnival artists to exchange techniques and design. Local artists will lead community workshops, where everyone's invited, to share and explore our story through carnival. Pop-up Mas Camps will arrive in May to start to create carnival designs, costumes, music and dance. The creations will be exhibited and open days will enable everyone to get together and participate in carnival.

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961884>

18 May – 6 July Sparks Will Fly events in boroughs in Essex

A county wide spectacle will run in Essex from May to July in 2012. Engaging over 100,000 people, it will culminate in a large scale pyrotechnic performance in Hylands Park in early July 2012. Walk the Plank, a highly experienced outdoor performance and pyrotechnic company, will be designing and orchestrating Sparks Will Fly. Sparks will Fly will be delivered by Essex County Council's Arts Development and 2012 Legacy Teams, Chelmsford Borough Council Cultural Events Team, local authorities and communities across Essex.

18-May at Harwich Children's Carnival welcoming first giant visitor
19 May around Saffron Walden museum
20-May .. at Tour de Tendring in Dovercourt
24-May .. in Basildon's Sporting Village
27-May .. in Harlow Market Square
30 May .. in Stansted Airport as second giant visitor arrives
02-June.. at Wild Woods Day in Rochford
09-June.. in Braintree Town Centre
16-June .. in Maldon's Promenade Park
17-June.. at Castle Point Show on Canvey Island
23 June.. in Southend-on-Sea
24 June.. at Waltham Abbey Town Show
30-June.. in Colchester at the Celebrate! Diversity Festival
1-July at Brentwood Goes Global at Brentwood Centre

6 July Finale at Hylands Park Chelmsford with Torch Relay*

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961969>

June 2012

June – Sep 2012 Cambridgeshire Competes

Cambridgeshire Competes is a partnership between local museums, sports centres and community groups to tell stories related to the Olympic and Paralympic Games across Cambridgeshire. As well as exploring and exhibiting local connections to the Games, the exhibition will also highlight rising stars from the local area to look out for in the Olympic Games events.

www.cambridgeshirecompetes.org.uk

20 June – 14 July Crash of the Elysium

Crash of the Elysium is the Live Doctor Who show created by Punchdrunk in which the audience is the star of the show.

<http://www.wolseytheatre.co.uk/2012crash>

2 – 5 July Ring Round the World

The biggest children's opera ever made: an adventure in world music promising great performance, theatrical spectacle and sing-along fun. Ring Round the World is an opera in 220 scenes – one for every major world nation. Working with hundreds of schools, which have been twinned with a different world nation, and a cast of more than 6,000 children, this tale of adventure will journey around the world, collecting a 'story' from each place visited.

The story starts and ends in London, visiting China, Greece and Australia at every performance. A voyage of discovery into well and lesser-known territories, Ring Round the World will gather all that is best from every place visited, and bring it back to London as a recipe for more harmonious living.

2 & 5 July 7.00pm Comberton Village College Cambridge
3 & 4 July 7.00pm West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge
<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961503>

21 June – 9 Sept LONDON 2012 FESTIVAL
The London 2012 Festival programme will include national join in moments

26, 27 and 28 June How Like an Angel, Norwich Cathedral
Circa and I Fagiolini, produced by Norfolk and Norwich Festival, How Like an Angel is Circa's site-specific creation for cathedrals. The project aims to celebrate and humanise the grand edifices of belief, to restore their sense of wonder and to deepen our sense of awe. By combining contemporary circus with live music, theatrical lighting and staging elements, the project aims to create a physical manifestation of the soaring wonder of great sacred music.
<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961364>

30 June Hopscotch to Victory!, LACE
A project from Live Art Collective East (LACE), a new artist-led organisation based in the East of England. The hybrid artistic practice within the group draws from visual arts, theatre and site-specific work and comes under the umbrella 'live art'. LACE artists are currently working on a series of projects for Summer 2012, produced by Artsadmin, which will involve several artists' commissions. One of these projects will see LACE attempt to break the World record for the most people hopscotching at the same time in, the same place for their Inspire marked project Hopscotch to Victory! The event will be held in Colchester Park in summer 2012. The group will also be encouraging satellite events around the region. If you are interested in participating in the world record attempt, arranging a Hopscotch event or finding out more there will be a Hopscotch schools' pack, video trailer, and limited edition artists' multiple available from 12th September 2011.
lace@artsadmin.co.uk
www.liveartcollectiveeast.com/hopscotch-to-victory/

July 2012

Tues 3 – Sun 8 July	Olympic Torch Relay East of England Dates	
Tuesday 3 July	Peterborough	Peterborough Festival
Wednesday 4 July	Norwich	Lord Mayor's Parade/Carnival
Thursday 5 July	Ipswich	Ip Art
Friday 6 July	Chelmsford	Sparks will Fly
Saturday 7 July	Cambridge	The Big Weekend (& Big Dance)
Sunday 8 July	Luton	Cultural Weekend (& with Big Dance)
Monday 9 July	Torch leaves the region from Luton on the Mon morning	

5 – 8 July National Shake the Dust Weekend

National Poetry program that brings together young people from up and down the country; shining a spotlight on voices that would otherwise be unheard. It uses slam poetry as a tool to inspire and motivate young people to share their lives, stories and dreams, and gives them a platform from which to speak out. In the East the Writers Centre Norwich is working with local schools and Poets
<http://www.shakethedust.co.uk/>

6 July Concert at Kings College Cambridge

Choral project including a competition for a new processional commission will be performed in Kings College Chapel as part of a concert on the eve of the Olympic torch arriving in Cambridge

Fri 6 – Mon 9 July Love Luton 2012 Festival

Four day celebration including Luton International Carnival, Luton Mela and other cultural activities
<http://www.loveluton.org.uk/festival-weekend/>

6 July Anthem

Performance on Southend Sea Front

Sat 7 – Sun 15 July Big Dance*

Big Dance 2012 is the ultimate dance experience. The festival will feature nine days of dance in unusual spaces throughout the UK in 2012 – shops, parks, galleries, shopping centres and theatres - showcasing the diversity of dance styles. The programme is funded by the Legacy Trust UK and Arts Council England.
www.bigdance2012.com

School holiday Summer Reading Challenge*

The annual summer reading challenge will be part of the London 2012 Festival, connecting young people to world stories.
<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961835>

Fri 6–Sun 29 July Aldeburgh World Orchestra Residency

The Aldeburgh World Orchestra is a new project under development in which renowned conductor, Sir Mark Elder will bring together 100 of the most talented young musicians (age 18-28 years) from across the globe to create a true 'world orchestra'

20 and 22 July Aldeburgh World Orchestra at Snape*

29 July Aldeburgh World Orchestra Prom at the Albert Hall*

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961162>

Sun 8 July Carnival Crossroads East Bound finale*

The UK Centre for Carnival Arts Carnival Crossroads East Bound project is bringing together the East of England's carnival artists, community groups and schools to create a carnival showcase of our history and celebrating local pride for Festival 2012. The project will culminate in an extravaganza parade, bringing together 500 people from across the East of England to perform in Luton's International Carnival
<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961884>

