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CARNABY STREET LIGHTS UP WITH A BRAND NEW CHRISTMAS INSTALLATION:

CARNABY UNIVERSE

Thursday 2nd November 2023

Save the date for the iconic annual **Carnaby Street Christmas Switch On** taking place on **Thursday 2 November 2023 from 4pm to 8pm**. The destination in the heart of London's West End is world renowned for creating spectacular Christmas lights and this year will be no exception.

Welcome to the **Carnaby Universe**, a celebration of the best shopping, dining and experiences on offer in the globally renowned destination. Visitors will be immersed in a dynamic and vibrant display of neon colour and light waves creating a moving vortex on Carnaby Street. Marking the entrances of Carnaby Street, from Beak Street and Great Marlborough Street, the renowned arches will be adorned with shimmering discs and neon lights.

The new installation will be illuminated during an experiential **shopping and dining party**, where over 100 brands, restaurants and bars will come together to offer visitors an exciting evening of activations and promotions alongside live music and entertainment.

The Carnaby Christmas shopping and dining party is **free**; visitors can register for their ticket to the event at Carnaby.co.uk/Christmas. Shoppers can present the downloadable ticket to receive their offers in participating stores, including brands such as size?, Rixo, Ray-Ban, Levi's, Monki, Benefit, alongside restaurants, Nightjar, INO, Shoryu and many more. Find the full list of participating brands on Carnaby.co.uk/Christmas.

Andrew Price, Executive Director at Shaftesbury Capital, commented: *"We are proud of the world-class reputation that the Carnaby Street lights have built over the years. We look forward to welcoming visitors to experience the vibrant Carnaby Universe this year, which brings together fantastic offers from an unrivalled mix of shopping and dining, as well as our brilliant charity partner, Choose Love."*

The destination is partnering with charity partner, **Choose Love**, for the fourth year. Choose Love will have a shop at **57 Carnaby Street** which will launch on **2nd November** with a brand new concept called the **Choose Love Boutique**. The Choose Love Boutique will sell donated fashion pieces from a host of celebrities across music and film alongside high-end brand contributions across fashion, beauty and home. As well as helping to raise vital funds to support refugees around the world, it is the perfect chance

to shop second-hand and own a special piece of celebrity fashion whilst starting Christmas shopping early. From **22nd November**, the store will transform to the **Choose Love Shop**, stocking essential supplies and life-saving interventions for refugees and displaced people around the world alongside raising funds for the Winter months when help is needed the most. Following previous year's traditions, the Choose Love shop will host various workshops and events in-store, with craft sessions, film screenings, live music, child-focused days and much more.

Josie Naughton, Choose Love Co-Founder said *"We are so happy to be back with our Carnaby family once again this year! We can't wait to welcome everyone to Choose Love on Carnaby Street and we are excited to see the new Christmas installation light up our shop. The Choose Love boutique and then the Choose Love shop will quite simply be lifelines, over the cold months, and we are so looking forward to connecting with our incredible community to show what we can do when we come together and Choose Love."*

Dawn O'Porter, Choose Love Co-Founder said *"The Choose Love Shop is the absolute highlight of my year, every year. The way everyone steps up, when we open those doors on the iconic Carnaby Street, fills my heart with hope. It's incredible to meet people who have been on the journey with us since we started, 8 years ago. The Choose Love boutique promises to be a lovely addition too, with gorgeous bargains for Christmas party looks and pressies for everyone and all the proceeds helping make sure we can get supplies to people who need them most this winter."*

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Our purpose is to invest in and curate vibrant and thriving destinations in London's West End where people work, live and visit, delivering long-term social and economic value.

Carnaby

Carnaby is in the heart of London's West End, where over 100 retail brands of quality and distinction and over 60 independent restaurants, cafes and bars can be found across 14 streets, including the world famous Carnaby Street. Carnaby is a unique and iconic experiential shopping, dining and leisure destination.

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About Choose Love

The Choose Love store is the world's first shop that sells real items for refugees and displaced communities. From baby essentials, hot meals and sleeping bags, to services like medical care, legal aid and LGBTQ+ support - everything you buy at Choose Love is delivered to the people that need it most. Over the last six years, this pioneering model has provided refugees and displaced communities across Europe, the Middle East and along the US-Mexico border with urgently-needed supplies and the tools to begin to rebuild their lives.

Choose Love does whatever it takes to provide refugees and displaced people with everything from lifesaving rescue boats to food and legal advice. We've supported over 250 fast-acting community organisations around the world - all powered by a vision of a world that chooses love and justice every day, for everyone.

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