

PRESS RELEASE

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CELEBRATE THE CARNABY UNIVERSE

4-WEEK LINEUP OF EXPERIENCES RELEASED

Welcome to the Carnaby Universe; a line-up of the best of shopping, dining and experiences on offer in the West End throughout December. Enjoy free live music performances and entertainment plus exclusive collections, menus, promotions and in-store activations in the heart of London's West End.

Discover the world famous **Carnaby Street Christmas lights** and be immersed in a dynamic and vibrant display of neon colour and light waves. Themed '**Carnaby Universe**' the light installation marks the entrances of Carnaby Street, from Beak Street and Great Marlborough Street, the renowned arches are adorned with shimmering discs and neon lights. This year's lights are on display until 7th January 2024.

On Thursday evenings from 7pm enjoy live music performances from **Kings Voices Choir** and **ROAMEO**. Be immersed in the **Sounds of the Carnaby Universe** whilst dining in Kingly Court with some of the best names in London's dining scene including **Darjeeling Express**, **Imad's Syrian Kitchen**, **Club Mexicana** and new opening, **Donia**. Head to [Carnaby.co.uk](https://carnaby.co.uk) to discover the full schedule and locations.

Carnaby has partnered with charity partner, **Choose Love**, for the fourth year. Visit the Choose Love Shop at 57 Carnaby Street to shop the full collection of fashion merchandise as well as the opportunity to gift forward a selection of essential supplies and life-saving interventions for refugees and displaced people around the world. 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. Plus, don't forget to pop by to see if there are any celebrity guests serving. Recent helpers have included Dermot O'Leary, Olivia Coleman and Jamie Dornan.

Events in the store throughout December include:

- 2nd December- Creative Writing with Laurie Bolger
- 3rd, 10th and 17th December-Kids Day: Flying Seagulls Takeover the Choose Love Shop
- 8th December - Resident Advisor Takeover Day
- 13th December - Live recording: She's a Rec Podcast with Lauren Lyle
- 14th December- Stand Up Comedy with Makani
- 16th December- Screening hosted by The Road to Nowhere

For the full events schedule please head to [Carnaby.co.uk](https://carnaby.co.uk)

Exclusive to Carnaby this Christmas is a line-up of exciting pop-ups here for the festive season only. Discover **RankinLIVE** with a photo studio and retail experience at 47 Carnaby Street from world renowned photographer Rankin. **London Made Me** opens on 2nd December at 14 Carnaby Street, which is run by a group of talented artists and makers as part of the Mayor of London's innovative 'London Made Me' retail training and shop programme. Open until 30th December, the pop-up will showcase a unique collection of limited-edition artworks, homeware, clothing, ceramics, accessories and gifts. The programme will give 12 creative entrepreneurs the opportunity to build and launch their own collective retail store right in the heart of Carnaby Street.

Additional pop ups this Christmas include **OMNES**, the perfect spot to buy that party season dress, **Uniform Standard** with their phygital showroom store and London based lingerie and swimwear brand **Fruity Booty**.

Dine out in Carnaby and celebrate with **Pastaio** for their collaboration with the 'I'll Have What She's Having' podcast. Enjoy their pasta and wine pairing for Christmas with £1 from each dish going to homelessness charity Refuge. Exclusive Christmas menus can be found at **POLPO**, **Señor Ceviche**, **Shoryu**, **INO** and **Dishoom**. Try **Zahter**, **Antidote** and **Bar Crispin** for the perfect private dining options for your Christmas celebrations.

Warm up with drinks from **Soho Grind**, **EL&N Cafè** or head to **Treats Club** for a S'mores Hot Chocolate. Try a Soju Hot Toddy winter drink special at **Korean Dinner Party** or a mulled wine Spritz in **Pizza Pilgrims**.

Shop in Carnaby as brands will come together to showcase what is on offer in this iconic shopping destination. On Thursdays, head to **RIXO** for a free gift box with every purchase or head to **Samsøe Samsøe** for gifting tote bags with every purchase. Explore new collection drops from the likes of **Ksubi**, **Lazy Oaf** and **Annie's Ibiza**. Not to be missed retailers include **Diesel**, **GANNI**, **Levi's**, **Sweaty Betty**, **Stine Goya** and **size?**.

For the beauty lovers out there, head to brand new opening **Sculpted by Aimee** or to laser facial specialist **Skin Laundry**. Purchase the newly launched 'Better Than Sex' Eau de Parfum in the Carnaby **Too Faced** store alongside exclusive merchandise including an umbrella, mug and tote bag. Head to **M.A.C.** for that ultimate Christmas makeover or head to Ukrainian nail bar **So.Shell** for a festive manicure.

Be entertained with experiences at **Cahoots** for a 1940s immersive bar or **Nightjar** for exclusive cocktails alongside late night jazz performances. **Ain't Nothin' But** is home to entertainment, with live music performances 7 nights a week.

For more information on what is happening in Carnaby this Christmas time head to [Carnaby.co.uk](https://www.carnaby.co.uk) or follow us **@CarnabyLondon**

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Shaftesbury Capital PLC ("Shaftesbury Capital") is the leading central London mixed-use REIT and is a constituent of the FTSE-250 Index. Our property portfolio, valued at £4.9 billion, extends to 2.9 million square feet of lettable space across the most vibrant areas of London's West End. With a diverse mix of restaurants, cafés, bars, shops, residential and offices, our destinations include the high footfall, thriving neighbourhoods of Covent Garden, Carnaby, Soho, and Chinatown, together with holdings in Fitzrovia. Our properties are close to the main West End Underground stations and transport hubs for the Elizabeth Line.

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Our purpose

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.

Follow **@CarnabyLondon** and visit www.carnaby.co.uk for full information.

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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