

PRESS RELEASE

SUN, SPRITZ & SCREENINGS: COVENT GARDEN ANNOUNCES AN UNMISSABLE SUMMER SEASON



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- *Whether you're soaking up the sunshine on the Piazza, satisfying your shopping needs, or staying out late with cocktails and live music, Covent Garden's summer programme is packed with unmissable experiences.*
- *A new outdoor terrace, **The Summer House** pops up on the Piazza this June with botanical spritzes, a living herb bar and indulgent snacks from truffle fries to frozen cheesecake.*
- *Summer on the Big Screen is live from 20th June with free open-air showings of West End Live, movies & musicals, Royal Ballet and Opera performances, Glastonbury, and Wimbledon.*
- *Celebrate Father's Day with whisky tastings at Pivot, special menus at The Ivy Market Grill, and luxury gifts from Creed, Jo Malone London, Bucherer, Tom Ford and Paul Smith.*
- *From July, discover the Tusk Turtle Trail – a free art trail featuring giant sculptures designed by creative collaborators from the world of art, music, television, and theatre, including photographer Rankin, artist Adam Dant, and more.*
- *Join the Pride celebrations throughout June & July, including the Market Building's rainbow illumination and neighbourhood events and activities.*
- *As the sun goes down, Covent Garden turns up the summer energy with al fresco terrace dining, unbeatable happy hours, and late-night cocktails worth staying out just that little bit later for.*

Sunshine Sips & Spritz Moments in the Piazza

This June, summer starts in Covent Garden with the arrival of **The Summer House**, a sun-soaked spritz garden popping up on the East Piazza from 3rd – 29th June. Sip on refreshing serves from Aperol, Campari, and Sarti, paired with prosecco, then make your way to the Living Herb Bar. Here, you'll find fresh mint, rosemary, lemon balm, lavender and more, a DIY cocktail experience, ready to be snipped and stirred into your glass.

And the food? It's all about indulgent bites with a summer twist. Think loaded truffle fries, halloumi with fig jam, crispy calamari with aioli, frozen cheesecake bites, and scoops of gelato that taste just like holiday.

Covent Garden Presents: Summer on the Big Screen

From **20th June to 13th July**, Covent Garden turns up the volume with the launch of **Summer on the Big Screen**; a blockbuster season of free open-air screenings, right in the heart of the iconic East Piazza.

Things kick off with a West End takeover, as Covent Garden celebrates **20 years of West End Live**. Expect exclusive performances, behind-the-scenes highlights and live streams of the musical spectacular from **21st–22nd June**, making it the perfect spot for theatre fans to soak up the magic without leaving their deckchair.

From **23rd to 26th June**, it's movie time. With multiple screenings a day, the line-up features a mix of dazzling Disney favourites and West End-inspired crowd-pleasers. Titles include *Mamma Mia*, *Wicked*, *Matilda the Musical*, *My Fair Lady*, and *The Devil Wears Prada*, alongside family classics like *Hercules*, a timely tribute to the anticipated *Hercules* stage production coming soon to Theatre Royal Drury Lane, just steps away.

Step into the magic of the **Royal Ballet and Opera** and enjoy a curated programme of iconic performances from some of the most adored productions, from sweeping romantic ballets to stirring operatic drama, each chosen to offer a captivating glimpse into the world-class artistry of the Royal Ballet and Opera

Performance schedule:

- **Monday 23 June:** *The Nutcracker*, *Romeo and Juliet*
- **Tuesday 24 June:** *Rigoletto*, *La traviata*
- **Thursday 26 June:** *Romeo and Juliet* (encore), *Swan Lake*

Missed out on Glastonbury tickets? Covent Garden's got you covered. From **27th to 29th June**, tune in to **Glastonbury Live** and catch headline acts and crowd-favourites streamed right from the Pyramid Stage to the Piazza.

From **30th June**, its game, set, match as the **Wimbledon Championship** returns to the big screen. Pull up a deckchair, order a chilled PIMMs, and watch the action unfold daily – all served with a side of strawberries & cream!

Perfect for families, friends, and date nights alike, the screenings are accompanied by a line-up of tasty treats. Enjoy **Godfrey's** Strawberries & Cream popcorn, buttery hot dogs, ice creams, pick 'n' mix sweets, and refreshing summer drinks served from Piazza vendors.

Whether it's singalongs or sports or a first-time theatre experience for the kids, Covent Garden's **Summer on the Big Screen** is the ultimate way to make the most of London in the sunshine.

Celebrate Father's Day in Style

Treat Dad to something truly memorable this Father's Day in Covent Garden. From indulgent meals to unique gifts and experiences, this vibrant neighbourhood has everything you need to make the day extra special.

Start the celebration with complimentary whisky and chocolate truffles at **Pivot** on Sunday, 15th June, added to any main dish purchase. Pivot's full Sunday roast menu, including the popular Sharing Roast for four, is also available, making it the perfect way to celebrate.

Over at **The Ivy Market Grill**, treat Dad to a delicious two-course menu for £29.95, or go all out with a three-course feast for £34.95, available on the 14th and 15th June. Savor their indulgent Cowboy Steak, paired with a rich butter sauce, and make it extra special with their exclusive Father's Day cocktail – the Western Whisky Smash. For those preferring a non-alcoholic option, try the refreshing 'Giddy Up' Nettle and Mint Panache. Take home a fun keepsake from with their specially designed Father's Day playing cards.

For something a little different, head to **SUSHISAMBA** for bold, global flavours or enjoy classic Parisian brasserie charm at **Balthazar**. For something a little more classic head to **Cora Pearl** or **Henri** for their Sunday lunch menus or **Story Cellar** for their signature rotisserie chicken off the grill, the ideal spot for a relaxed and refined Father's Day lunch.

When it comes to gifts, Covent Garden is brimming with options. Head to **Axel Arigato**, **Barbour**, **Batch LDN**, **Hackett**, **Polo Ralph Lauren** and **Sunspel** for everything from timeless tailoring to standout summer pieces. For gifts for an active adventurer, the options are endless at Covent Garden, from **Arc'Tyrex**, **HOKA** and **Peak Performance** to **Finisterre**, **Peloton** and **SunGod**.

Looking for something personal? Stop by **Creed**, **Diptyque**, **Jo Malone London**, **Penhaligon's** or **Tom ford** for sleek signature scents, and for dads who appreciate a fine timepiece, **Bucherer**, **Hublot**, **Tag Heuer**, **Longines** and more offer expert guidance on watches that blend craftsmanship with never-ending style.

Art for the Ocean: The Tusk Turtle Trail

Covent Garden will become a canvas for conservation this summer with the arrival of the Tusk Turtle Trail. Running from early July through August, this free public art experience invites visitors to discover 16 spectacular turtle sculptures, each designed by a celebrated artist or public figure.

Look out for bold creations by Rankin, Deborah Meaden, Steven Bartlett, John & Jen Cleese, Harland Miller, Ralph Steadman, Adam Dant and more, each telling a unique story about ocean conservation and the fight to protect endangered sea turtles.

Perfect for families, art lovers, and curious explorers, the trail is fully self-guided. Download your free interactive map at tuskturtletrail.com and scan QR codes along the way to uncover each sculpture's story and support Tusk's vital work.

Must-See Events This Pride

Throughout June & July, Covent Garden celebrates **Pride in London** with a spectacular tribute to love, identity, and community. From 4th – 6th July, The historic **Market Building will glow in full colour**, illuminated with over **1,000 rainbow lights** in a dazzling display of support for the LGBTQI+ community.

Across the neighbourhood, Pride energy will be in full swing. On 5th June and 3rd July, **Seven Dials Market** are hosting West End Drag Pride Parties. Ticket holders can expect a line-up of live West End performances, outrageous drag acts and special cocktails all in support of the Albert Kennedy Trust, who support LGBTQ+ young people facing homelessness. Tickets are £20 and include a welcome cocktail, the best seats in the house, and a 10% donation to the charity.

Live now until 7th July, **Shake Shack** are serving up their limited-edition Pride Shake, a delicious blend of Frozen Vanilla Custard and crushed shortbread, topped with whipped cream, strawberry glaze and rainbow sprinkles. Serving both 'looks and purpose' £1 from every Pride Shake sold is donated to local LGBTQ+ charities.

Adding to the Pride line-up, **The Royal Ballet and Opera House** are hosting a series of 'Pride of the ROH' tours, where visitors can explore the rich contributions made by the LGBTQ+ icons who have helped shape The Royal Ballet and The Royal Opera. During the 75-minute tour, explore how composers and choreographers have pushed the boundaries of gender roles on stage for centuries, from cross-dressing characters in ballets to the enduring tradition of trouser roles in operas. Tickets are £25 and entitles you to 10% off at the ROH Shop and café on the day of your tour.

Whether you're raising a glass, taking part in the conversation, or simply soaking in the atmosphere under the rainbow lights, Covent Garden is the place to be this Pride.

Alfresco Vibes to After-Hours Adventures

Settle into a summer terrace at **VyTA**, where seasonal Italian plates pair perfectly with people-watching on the Piazza. For patisserie lovers, **Ladurée** offers macarons and Champagne with views over Covent Garden's West Piazza. Enjoy Japanese flavours with robata-grilled skewers at **Sticks'n'Sushi**, steaming dim sum at **Din Tai Fung**, or seasonal bowls at **26 Grains**, all whilst dining outdoors. For something more intimate, **The Barbary** and **The Barbary Next Door** bring bold Mediterranean flavours and wine bar warmth to Neal's Yard as the evening breeze sets in.

As day turns to dusk, Covent Garden starts to sparkle. **Cora Pearl** adds a touch of luxury with complimentary Champagne for two-course dinners booked between 8:30pm and 9pm, whilst nearby, **Stereo** keeps the party going with midweek magic from 5.30pm every Wednesday with £7 cocktails and live jazz all night until 1am!

Then it's time to turn up the tempo. Every Friday and Saturday, **Gaucha** invites you to their Secret Tango show, where sultry live dance performances start at 10:30pm, served with cocktails, a curated late-night menu, and the largest collection of Argentinian wine.

From sunlit spritzes and alfresco feasts to open-air theatre, live music, and art trails, Covent Garden is a go-to destination for summer in the city. Whether planning a family day out, catching up with friends, or a night that doesn't end at sunset, there's always something new to discover around every corner.

Come for the food, stay for the culture - and celebrate summer the Covent Garden way.

For more information on summer activities in Covent Garden, visit the official Covent Garden website or email coventgarden@thebeaconuk.com

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About Covent Garden:

Covent Garden is a world-class global destination in the heart of the West End, including the iconic Piazza, Market Building and surrounding streets, together with Seven Dials. The portfolio is home to over 200 retail stores including global flagships, British and independent brands as well as 200 restaurants, bars and cafes.

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