



LONDON  
VISION

‘Let’s Go Out’

August 2019

53rd Edition

‘Let’s Go Out’ is a regular newsletter to inform people with sight loss about accessible activities and events happening around London.

Acknowledgements: We are grateful to Service Users, the VocalEyes website [vocaleyeyes.co.uk](http://vocaleyeyes.co.uk) and [Metroblindsport.org](http://Metroblindsport.org) for their postings and related text which enabled this newsletter.

If you would like to unsubscribe from this newsletter at any time, then please call 020 37613656 or email [courtney.nugent@londonvision.org](mailto:courtney.nugent@londonvision.org)

Please note that a copy of this newsletter may have been despatched before receiving your request to unsubscribe.

Welcome to the August issue of our newsletter which highlights cultural events and activities – some are designed particularly to enable access for people with sight loss – while all of them will be accessible with a volunteer guide.

This is just a selection of what is available in and around London.

Please note that Let's Go Out is for information only and the activities listed below are not led by London Vision (unless specified). We recommend contacting the venue directly for further information including accessibility, health and safety and ticket sales.

## Exhibitions & Tours

Helene Schjerfbeck, Royal Academy

Date: Friday 2 August 2019

Time: 09:00

Ticket price: Free (booking required)

Join the Royal Academy for an early morning audio-described tour where you'll be introduced to the mesmerising paintings of Helene Schjerfbeck (1862–1946), one of Finland's best kept secrets. Through over 60 portraits, landscapes and still life paintings, this

survey show traces the evolution of her remarkable career from her early naturalistic style, honed during her studies in France, to her highly abstracted self-portraits. It is the first-ever exhibition to present Schjerfbeck's work to UK audiences.

Following the tour you'll explore a range of handling materials that offer insight into the development of her work and shifting styles throughout her career.

Refreshments included.

Booking contact number: 020 7300 5732

Booking contact email: [tickets@royalacademy.org.uk](mailto:tickets@royalacademy.org.uk)

Venue: Royal Academy, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BD

Closest Station: Piccadilly Circus

The Colour Palace, Dulwich Picture Gallery

Date: Thursday 8 August 2019

Time: 11:30

Ticket price: Free

Join Dulwich Picture Gallery for a picture description talk of our Dulwich Pavilion 2019: The Colour Palace.

The Colour Palace, created by Pricegore architects and designer Yinka Ilori, is a fusion of West African and European influences and is inspired by the buzz of fabric markets in Lagos and the symmetry, curves and right angles of Sir John Soane's iconic Gallery design.

The Colour Palace is a 10 metre high cube with a bold geometric pattern, standing on four huge red cylinders. At its core is an atrium, creating an arena where visitors can view the structure from many different perspectives, including from an interior raised viewing platform.

In partnership with the London Festival of Architecture 2019

Booking contact number: 0208 299 8730

Booking contact

email: [learning@dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk](mailto:learning@dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk)

Venue: Dulwich Picture Gallery, Gallery Road,, Dulwich SE21 7AD

Closest station: Brixton

Audio-description Tour: 60 years, Tate Britain

Date: Monday 19 August 2019

Time: 10:30

Hear more about this new display focusing on women artists working in Britain over the past 60 years

Blind and partially sighted visitors and companions are invited to join us for an audio described tour of the [60 Years](#) display. This tour examines a selection of works in Tate's collection by artists from 1960s to today, including [Mona Hatoum](#), [Liliane Lijn](#), [Bridget Riley](#) and [Lynette Yiadom-Boakye](#). The display features

a range of different media, from painting and other works on paper to installation and sculpture.

Chairs and hearing support equipment will be provided. Sighted companions and guide dogs are welcome.

Venue: Tate Britain, Millbank, SW1P 4RG

Closest Station: Pimlico

## Theatre

The End of History, The Royal Court Theatre

Date: Saturday 3 August 2019

Time: 14:30

Ticket price: From £12

Touch tour: 13:00

Newbury, 1997. Sal is attempting to cook dinner for the family. She and husband David have pulled off a coup and gathered their brood back home for the weekend. Eldest son Carl is bringing his new girlfriend to meet everyone for the first time; middle daughter Polly is back from Cambridge University for the occasion; and youngest Tom will hopefully make it out of detention in time for dinner.

Sal and David would rather feed their kids with leftist ideals and welfarism than fancy cuisine. When you've named each of your offspring after your socialist heroes, you've given them a lot to live up to...

“When I was your age I wanted to be in a band and sleep with Mick Jagger – and Jimi Hendrix – so who am I to judge the choices you’ve made so far?”

Writer Jack Thorne and director John Tiffany’s previous collaborations at the Royal Court include *Hope and Let the Right One In*. Other collaborations include: *Harry Potter & the Cursed Child* (West End/Broadway). Jack’s other credits include: *A Christmas Carol* (Old Vic); *National Treasure*, *This Is England ’90* (both earning a BAFTA for Best Mini-Series), *Kiri*. Royal Court Associate Director John’s other work at the Royal Court includes: *Road*, *The Twits*, *The Pass*.

Booking contact number 020 7565 5000

Booking contact email: [boxoffice@royalcourttheatre.com](mailto:boxoffice@royalcourttheatre.com)

Venue: Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, Chelsea, SW1W 8AS

Closest station: Sloane Square

Blues in the Night, Kiln Theatre

Date: Thursday 8 August 2019

Time: 19:30

Ticket price: £10-£32.50

The Olivier and Tony Award nominated musical sees its first major London revival in 30 years. Directed by Susie McKenna and starring Olivier Award winners Sharon D.

Clarke (Caroline or Change, Ghost, Amen Corner) and Clive Rowe (Guys and Dolls, Carousel), Blues in the Night is a scorching compilation of 26 hot and torchy blues numbers that frame the lives and loves of four residents of a downtown hotel. Featuring soul-filled songs by blues and jazz icons Bessie Smith, Duke Ellington, Johnny Mercer, Harold Arlen and many more, this will be a sizzling night to remember.

Booking contact number: 020 7625 0138

Booking contact email: [access@kilntheatre.com](mailto:access@kilntheatre.com)

Venue: Kiln Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 7JR

Closest station: Kilburn

The Worst Witch, Vaudeville Theatre

Date: Saturday 10 August 2019

Time: 14:00

Ticket price: Check with venue

Touch tour: TBC

Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches is now accepting new students. So, make sure you know the Witches' Code, get yourself a familiar, and let Mildred Hubble show you the ropes!

Mildred Hubble is just an ordinary girl who found herself in an extraordinary place: a school for witches. But not everyone is thrilled by Mildred's unexpected arrival and

her less than predictable ways. Can she overcome the objections of stern Miss Hardbroom and the conniving tricks of jealous Ethel Hallow?

Now in her final year, accident-prone Mildred and her fellow pupils are about to embark on their most important mission yet, when an old enemy returns with a plan for revenge that threatens not just the Academy, but the whole world...

Booking contact number: 0330 333 4815

Booking contact email [access@nimaxtreatres.com](mailto:access@nimaxtreatres.com)

Venue: Vaudeville Theatre, 404 Strand, London WC2R 0NH

Closest station: Covent Garden

Tree, Young Vic

Date: Thursday 15 August 2019

Time: 19:30

Ticket price: From £10

Tree takes you on a thrilling journey in search of the soul and the spirit of contemporary South Africa. Created by Idris Elba, whose album *Mi Mandela* provides the soundtrack, and Kwame Kwei-Armah, this major world-premiere production, performed in the round, is also directed by Kwame Kwei-Armah.

Important information:

Standing

The standing experience for Tree will be downstairs. Please note there will be no option to sit during the performance. If you have any accessibility related questions, please contact the box office on [020 7922 2922](tel:02079222922)

Booking contact email: [boxoffice@youngvic.org](mailto:boxoffice@youngvic.org)

Venue: Young Vic, 66 The Cut, Waterloo, SE1 8LZ

Closest station: Waterloo

Barber shop Chronicles, Roundhouse

Date: Saturday 24 August 2019

Time: 15:00

Ticket price: £15 - £59.50

Touch tour: TBC

Following two sell-out runs at the National Theatre and a world tour, Inua Ellams' acclaimed Barber Shop Chronicles is at the Roundhouse this summer.

Newsroom, political platform, local hotspot, confession box, preacher-pulpit and football stadium. For generations, African men have gathered in barber shops to discuss the world. These are places where the banter can be barbed, and the truth is always telling.

Directed by Olivier award-winning director Bijan Sheibani and designed by Rae Smith (War Horse), Barber Shop Chronicles is a heart-warming, hilarious and insightful new play that leaps from a barber shop in

Peckham to Johannesburg, Harare, Kampala, Lagos and Accra over the course of a single day.

Don't miss this 'joyous and life-affirming' (Independent) smash-hit, beginning 18 July for strictly limited season here in our main space.

Booking contact number: 0300 6789 222

Venue: Roundhouse, Chalk Farm Road, NW1 8EH

Closest station: Chalk Farm

## Sports

Tandem cycling with British Cycling at Herne Hill

Date: Monday 4 August 2019

Time: 11:00

Cost: £4 plus £1 application fee

For more information contact:

[daveryan@britishcycling.org.uk](mailto:daveryan@britishcycling.org.uk)

Venue: Herne Hill Velodrome, Burbage Road, London, SE24 9HE

Closest station: Brixton

Tandem Cycling with Merton Sport and Social Club

Date: Monday 4 August 2019

Time: 08:30 – 15:00

Cost: Free

For more information contact  
[cycling@mssc.org.uk](mailto:cycling@mssc.org.uk)



Venue: The Guardian Centre, 67 Clarendon Road,  
London, SW19 2DX

Closest station: Colliers Wood

Inclusive Tennis Festival

Date: Wednesday 6 August 2019

Time: 10:00 – 14:00

Cost: Confirm with contact

Contact: 07961 267942

[Matthew.Grover@lta.org.uk](mailto:Matthew.Grover@lta.org.uk)

Venue: The Queen's Club, Palliser Road, London, W14  
9EQ

Archery

Date: Sunday 11 August 2019

Time: 12 noon – 14:00

Cost: £2.50 for Members \*\* £5 Non - Members

Contact: [charlie.raven@metroblindsport.org](mailto:charlie.raven@metroblindsport.org)

07956292046

Venue: Southfields Academy

Sports Hall - Aspire@Southfields, 337 Merton Road,  
SW18 5JU