

# LIVERPOOL's 800th CELEBRATING 800 YEARS OF HERITAGE



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## DECEMBER 2006

### News Year's Eve Fireworks

Walker Art Gallery  
Sunday 31 December 5.00pm  
Start the 800th birthday year with a bang and enjoy a spectacular fireworks display.

## JANUARY 2007

*Monday 1 January: 160th anniversary of Dr William Henry Duncan appointed world's first medical officer of health*  
*Monday 1 January: 150th anniversary of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board*

### Liverpool Reads

'Small Island' by Andrea Levy  
The 2007 Liverpool Reads initiative will forge links with Bristol, Hull and Glasgow, exploring themes of ethnicity, nationality and love and offers specific links to slavery remembrance projects.

### 50th Anniversary

#### Cavern Concerts

Cavern City Tours  
The Cavern, Mathew St  
Tuesday 16 to Sunday 21 January

### The Roscoe Lectures

Liverpool John Moores University  
St George's Hall  
Wednesday 17 January  
Trevor Phillips Understanding the Lessons of the Killing of Anthony Walker.

### Liverpool Echoes

Royal Liverpool  
Philharmonic Orchestra  
Philharmonic Hall  
First concert Thursday 18 January 7.30pm  
Liverpool's 800th birthday is the inspiration for six concerts celebrating artists, music and musical events connected with the Phil and the musical history of the city.

### The Cathedral That Never Was

National Museums Liverpool  
Walker Art Gallery  
Saturday 27 January to Sunday 22 April  
Following a programme of major conservation work at Liverpool's National Conservation Centre, the stunning architect's model of Lutens' cathedral brings to life the story of an amazing and ambitious building proposed for Liverpool.

### Anthony Brown's 100

Heads Thinking as One  
Liverpool, Its History, Its Places, Its People  
Wednesday 24 January to Saturday 10 February  
The Capital Building, Old Hall Street.  
On tour until October

A truly unique and fascinating exhibition of mixed media portraits by Liverpool artist Anthony Brown. Revealing 100 subjects chosen for their unique contribution to Liverpool life and the 'Charter Canvases' which features Merseyside's ancestry.

## FEBRUARY 2007

*Thursday 22 February: 100th anniversary of scout movement.*  
*Birkenhead forms world's first scout group*

### Black Audio Film Collective

FACT, Wood St  
February to March

### City Charters Exhibition

Picton Reading Room,  
Liverpool Central Library  
February to June. Free  
Liverpool's most important documents from charters and maps to bank notes and photographs go on show in this amazing exhibition.

### The Roscoe Lectures

Liverpool John Moores University  
St George's Hall  
Thursday 8 February: Professor John Barrow - Our Place in the Universe  
Wednesday 28 February: Lord Goldsmith - QC Attorney General - How Law Holds Together a Civil Society.

### The Elements

The Pool of Life  
The Royal Court Theatre  
Wednesday 14 February 8.00pm  
The first major international collaboration between Chinese and UK artists.

### Chinese New Year

Nelson St and Berry St  
Sunday 18 February. Free  
Chinese New Year graces the oldest Chinese community in Europe. 2007 is Year of the Pig and The Pool of Life presents a cutting edge performance combining Chinese traditional martial arts and aerial modern dance.

### Centre of the Creative

Universe: Liverpool and the Avant-Garde  
Tate Liverpool, Albert Dock  
Tuesday 20 February to Saturday 9 September

Taking its title from a statement by Beat poet Allen Ginsberg, this major exhibition explores how artists contributed to an external view of Liverpool over the past four decades.

### Reflections on Faith,

History and Culture  
Our Lady and St Nicholas,  
Liverpool Parish Church  
Wednesday 21 February to Friday 30 March 1.05pm  
Continuing a century-old Lent tradition of daily talks featuring bishops, politicians and special guests. The theme will reflect 750th anniversary of the first mention of the church and how it and faith has shaped the city. [www.livpic.co.uk](http://www.livpic.co.uk)

## MARCH 2007

*Thursday 1 March: 170th Anniversary of 1st Grand National*  
*Sunday 25 March: 200th Anniversary of the Abolition of the British Slave Trade.*

### Mendelssohn's ELIJAH

Liverpool Welsh Choral  
Philharmonic Hall  
Sunday 4 March 7.30pm

### Liverpool Performing

Arts Festival  
Liverpool Culture Company  
St George's Hall  
5 to 9 March and 19 to 23 March  
Liverpool's St. George's Hall will come alive to the sound of more than 7,000 performers participating in the Liverpool Performing Arts Festival.

### LEAP Dance Festival

Merseyside Dance Initiative  
Various Venues  
1 to 10 March

Celebrating its 15th year featuring Russell Maliphant, Serge-Aime Coulibaly and Maresa Von Stockert.

### Royal Liverpool

Philharmonic Orchestra  
Stephen Hough Residency  
Philharmonic Hall  
Thursday 8 March 7.30pm  
Sunday 11 March 2.30pm  
Saturday 17 March 7.30pm

### Wirral History and Heritage Fair

Wirral Museum.  
Saturday 10 March  
Displays and talks by Wirral's Heritage and History group.

### The Roscoe Lectures

Liverpool John Moores University  
St George's Hall  
Monday 12 March: Esther Rantzen  
The Protection Society needs to provide to prevent Vulnerable Children from Exploitation and Abuse  
Thursday 22 March: Peter Sutherland KCMG (venue tbc)  
Citizenship, Globalisation, Free Trade & Fair Trade - the Role of Multi Nationals.

### Ecumenical Service of

Penitence  
Slavery Remembrance  
Liverpool Anglican Cathedral  
Saturday 24 March 11.00am

### Public Debate

National Museums Liverpool  
Sunday 25 March  
Public debate focussing on contemporary black issues.

### John Newton Promenade

Liverpool Culture Company  
Albert Dock  
Sunday 25 March

Performance featuring the story of slavery in Liverpool ending with a rousing chorus of Newton's hymn, Amazing Grace.

### Contemporary Art from China

Tate Liverpool, Albert Dock  
Friday 30 March to Sunday 10 June  
Liverpool has always embraced its thriving Chinese community and this is reflected in this illuminating exhibition.

## APRIL 2007

*160th anniversary of the opening of Birkenhead Park which was used as a template for New York's Central Park.*

### Coming of Age

Liverpool Culture Company  
Across the city  
April to May  
Liverpool school children will celebrate their generation and their place within Liverpool culture. 22 projects to be devised in collaboration with 22 arts organisations.

### The Lord Made These

Blessings For Us  
Liverpool Metropolitan  
Cathedral of Christ the King  
April to September  
This exhibition features displays, artefacts and information on aspects of Liverpool's 800-year heritage based upon the motto: "The Lord made these blessings for us".

### The Grand National

Aintree Race Course  
Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 April  
The world's most famous steeple chase, races into its 170th year.

### The Water's Edge:

Women's Work and the Liverpool Waterfront  
Open Eye Gallery  
Friday 13 April to Saturday 2 June  
Michelle Sank photographs 30 women who work, or have worked, on the Liverpool waterfront. Also includes an oral history project with 50 people whose stories span the period from WWII to the present day.

### Seafarers and Emigrants

Exhibition  
The Swedish Seaman's Church and the Liverpool International Nordic Community  
Scandinavian Seaman's Church  
Sunday 22 April to Sunday 20 May

### Gala re-opening of St George's Hall

Liverpool Culture Company and National Museums  
Liverpool, St George's Hall  
Monday 23 April: St George's day  
A day long series of celebrations will mark the completion of the £23m refurbishment of one of the world's finest examples of neo-classical architecture. The highlights will be the re-opening of the stunning Small Concert Room, the opening of a new Visitor Centre displaying the Singh Twins' special commission and a city-wide Bell Symphony.

### Sudley House re-opens

National Museums Liverpool  
Sudley House  
Spring 2007  
Sudley House, the former family home of the Liverpool merchant George Holt, has been undergoing a crucial redevelopment and will reopen. The house will be transformed with new displays, improved access and a temporary exhibition space.

## MAY 2007

*Wednesday 30 May: 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II visit to Liverpool*  
*Friday 25 May: 30th anniversary of Liverpool's first European Cup win*

### AI & AI

FACT, Wood St  
May to July

From the Archbishop of Liverpool, Patrick Kelly to Steven Gerrard, this film incorporates people into simulated spaces and landscapes inspired by the city and its history.

### Four Corners

Liverpool Culture Company  
Across the city  
May  
All five neighbourhoods in the city will work with an arts organisation to develop programmes around identity, climaxing with a series of performances.

### Elgar's 150th Birthday

Celebrations  
Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra  
Vernon Handley CBE conductor  
Liverpool Cathedral  
12, 16, 17, 24 and 26 May 7.30pm

### Halton Literature Festival

Monday 14 to Sunday 20 May  
In addition to various performances there will be a host of workshops and classes for all ages and abilities including Writing Your Life Story, Scriptwriting and Writing for Radio Journalism.

### Maritime Festival

Liverpool Culture Company  
South and Central Docks  
Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 June. Free  
The River Mersey will host a festival of tall ships and naval vessels.

### Sir Paul McCartney's Liverpool Oratorio

Carl Davis CBE conductor  
Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir with Liverpool Cathedral Choristers  
Liverpool Cathedral  
Saturday 16 June

### Sir Paul McCartney's 65th Birthday Party at The Cavern

The Cavern, Mathew St  
Monday 18 June

### The Trial of James Maybrick

Liverpool Cricket Club, Aigburth  
Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 May  
Conference on the life and death of Liverpool cotton merchant, Liverpool Cricket Club member and Jack the Ripper suspect James Maybrick, who was allegedly murdered by his wife Florence - whose infamous trial attracted

world wide interest. Event highlight of Liverpool Cricket Club's 200th anniversary celebrations in 2007.

### Southport International

Jazz Festival  
Southport  
Thursday 31 May to Sunday 3 June  
Sample some of the finest jazz, blues and soul in the north west.

## JUNE 2007

*165th anniversary of opening of world's first public baths and wash houses on Frederick Street by Kitty Wilkinson 1842*

### Historical Re-enactments

West Derby Village  
June  
Using the existing buildings of the village as backdrop, this cross generational event will provide the community with an opportunity to take part in re-enactments whilst at the same time learn about the local history of West Derby Village.

### Wall Talks

Liverpool Heritage Market Site  
June  
Producer and director Jen Heyes, screen and stage writer Andrew Sherlock, RSC musician and composer Edward Watson and a fine Liverpool cast bring you this once-in-a-lifetime experience that 'lets the ghosts speak and tell us what they know...' You will never see Liverpool in quite the same way again.

## JULY 2007

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*Sunday 15 July: 100th anniversary of Opening of Port of Liverpool Building*

### Cross Artform - Slavery:

Slavery in the 21st century  
Hope Street Ltd  
Venue tbc  
July  
Acclaimed director Hilary Westlake will be creating a multi-media piece focusing on slavery, its abolition in Britain and of slavery in the 21st century.

## AUGUST 2007

*Tuesday 28 August: 800th anniversary of King John granting Liverpool's first charter*

### 200th Anniversary of the

Abolition of Slavery Exhibition  
The National Trust  
Speke Hall  
August  
Exhibition exploring Speke Hall's links with slavery.

### Celebration of Leeds

Liverpool Canal  
Hope Street Ltd  
Canal side  
August  
Multi-award winning artist John Fox directs a production employing professional artists and a broad range of community groups that will culminate in performances celebrating Liverpool and Leeds' 800th birthdays. The piece will be performed in, alongside, on and above the Leeds Liverpool canal.

### Schools Birthday Party

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### St.Helens Arts Festival

Saturday 7 to Saturday 14 July  
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impact of Liverpool's Merchant Seamen in the 1950s on the development of Liverpool culture, particularly fashion and music, which laid the foundations for Merseybeat, and of course, The Beatles.

### North West Historic Motor

Show and Family Extravaganza  
Southport  
Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June  
Featuring hundreds of historic and modern motor vehicles.

### Birkenhead Park Celebrations

Friday 29 June to Sunday 1 July  
A weekend celebrating the restoration of Birkenhead Park.

### Peter Blake

Tate Liverpool, Albert Dock  
Friday 29 June to Sunday 23 September  
Tate Liverpool will present a major retrospective exhibition of paintings by Peter Blake, the largest since his Tate Gallery exhibition in 1983. A highly influential and original artist, Blake is often described as the 'Godfather of British Pop Art'.

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A major exhibition celebrating the city's 800th birthday in style with a look back across Liverpool's history. Told through the lives of its people, this tour demonstrates ways in which Liverpool has changed and evolved over the past eight centuries, from a tiny fishing village to a Victorian metropolis of global significance. Iconic objects on display include the Liverpool charters and a reconstruction of the long-lost Liverpool Castle. Free Entry.

### Brouhaha International Festival

Brouhaha  
July  
Celebrating a new three-year carnival arts programme. [www.brouhaha.uk.com](http://www.brouhaha.uk.com)

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### Liverpool Arabic Arts

Festival 2007  
Across the city  
First two weeks of July

### Origins - Early Music Festival

Sunday 1 July to Sunday 8 July  
A lively mixture of cultural activities from the Arabic world and Britain. Dance, music, clubs, visual art, film, architecture, family events and food.

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### Children's Boredom Busters

The National Trust  
Speke Hall  
19, 21, 26 and 28 July and 2, 4, 9 and 11 August

Activities for children focusing on various Tudor and Victorian pastimes to reflect key historical periods in the history of Speke Hall. Includes traditional games, painting, writing and period costumes.

### Theatre in the Park

Stadt Moers Park, Whiston  
Saturday 21 July to Sunday 22 July  
An amazing theatrical journey through Stadt Moers Park, as it becomes a giant promenade theatre venue. Performances also take place at Otterspool Park, Liverpool on 14 and 15 July.

### Do You Remember When?

The World of Glass Exhibition  
St Helens  
Tuesday 24 July to Sunday 2 September  
An exhibition of 150 years of St Helens seen through the different decades, giving an overview of each decade, its style and important events.

### St. Helens Show

Sherdley Park  
Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 July  
A fun-filled family event.

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### Poetry In The City (PiC)

Across the city  
August  
Poetry In The City will be hosting a series of events based around the themes of slavery and liberation in all their manifestations.

## B O U N D

Open Eye Gallery  
August to October  
International artists represent personal perspectives on the physical

and psychological impact of slavery on humanity, through photography, video, live art performance, interventions and installations.

### Woodvale Rally

Formby By-Pass  
Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 August  
Hugely popular heritage automobile and air show.

### Medieval Mersey Traders

Norton Priory Museum & Gardens, Runcorn  
Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 August  
A 15th century living history encampment demonstrating crafts and skills used at Norton Priory.

### Knowsley Flower Show

Court Hey Park  
Sunday 5 August 11.00am to 5.00pm  
Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society, the show offers budding gardeners and novices the opportunity to enter more than 100 classes.

### Southport Flower Show

Victoria Park  
Thursday 16 to Sunday 19 August  
Now in its 78th year, the 2007 event is on course to attract record breaking 80,000 visitors.

### Memorial Lecture:

Slavery Remembrance  
August 22 tbc

### International Day for the

Commemoration of Slavery and its Abolition  
UNESCO  
Thursday 23 August  
Liverpool has hosted a Slavery Remembrance Day event since 1999 in recognition of the city's role in the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

### Events include:

■ **Interfaith Service**  
Liverpool Community Spirit,  
St. Nicholas Parish Church

### ■ Libation Service

Liverpool Waterfront  
Traditional African ceremony, commemorates the lives and deaths of slaves.

### ■ International Slavery

Museum Opening  
Merseyside Maritime Museum  
The city's major new £10m museum is to open on 23 August 2007 to mark the 200th-year anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in Britain.

### Mathew Street Music Festival

Liverpool Culture Company  
Liverpool City Centre  
Friday 24 to Monday 27 August  
Europe's biggest FREE city centre music festival is going retro for 2007 in celebration of Liverpool's 800 years!

### Liverpool 800 Day

City-wide celebrations  
Tuesday 28 August

A dazzling civic and community procession, a thanksgiving service and what is set to be the largest firework display Europe has ever seen will mark the 800th anniversary of the granting of Liverpool's first Charter by King John in 1207.

### Heritage Open Days

Across the region  
29 August to 21 September  
A specially extended month-long season will give people even more chance to celebrate our fantastic architecture, culture and heritage. Local property openings and events will be organised by the Civic Trust, Liverpool City Council, civic societies, museums, and owners and managers of buildings.

**Liverpool's 800th Birthday Concert**  
Empire Theatre  
Wednesday 30 August

### Tudor Life Weekend

The National Trust  
Speke Hall  
August

16th century life at Speke Hall is recreated through Tudor music, food and drink; various Tudor pastimes, children's traditional activities and period costumed interpretation.

## SEPTEMBER 2007

*Friday 7 September: 100th anniversary of maiden voyage of Lusitania from Liverpool-New York*

### Sugar

Liverpool-Marseille  
Dance Collaboration  
Liverpool  
September  
Live urban dance performances in Liverpool's public spaces.

### Extraordinary Journey

Royal Liverpool Hospital,  
School of Tropical Medicine,  
Women's Hospital  
September to December  
This multi-media health festival celebrates past successes and advances in all health and social care using the creative arts. The festival will be launched at The Big History Show with events to take place in various health settings including Liverpool Royal Hospital.