

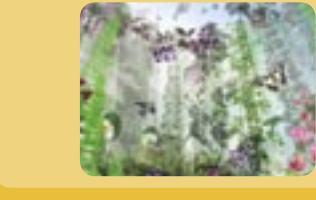
Throughout 2008

The Infinite Sea of Possibilities
September '07 - July '08
Arts in Regeneration

Creative learning experiences for people who have experienced or experience mental health distress.

Liverpool's Public Art Programme
November '07 - December '09
Various venues

A year long programme of Public Art in city centre and surrounding neighbourhoods including; Winter Lights, Pavilions and Visible Viruses.



Iconic Public Art in the City
Throughout '08
Various venues

Stockholm artists collective Akay & Peter will explore the life, behaviour and consumer habits of the average Liverpooldlian.

Jyll Bradley Fragrant

Throughout '08

Various venues

International visual artist Jyll Bradley celebrates Liverpool's Botanical Collection.

Centre of our Creative Universe

Throughout '08

In schools

Touring mechanical sculpture visiting schools and outdoor venues.

Generation 21

Throughout '08

In schools

Young people and children become city planners creating a healthy 21st century city.

Tales... from far away and the house next door

Throughout '08

In schools

From Liverpool - Leningrad young people across the Boroughs tell tales from far away and the house next door.

Little Acorns

Throughout '08

In schools

Mess it up and explore it in this programme for under 5's.

Waiting

Throughout '08

Various venues

Health and Arts initiative that explores the theme of waiting.

Barging In

Throughout '08

Leeds - Liverpool Canal,

Sefton & North Liverpool

A project for children and young people on the history and heritage of the Leeds Liverpool canal with Merseyside Dance Initiative.

tenantspin

Throughout '08

FACT and city-wide

Offers a unique view of the rapidly developing cityscape and culture.

World in One City

Throughout '08

Various venues

A series of community commissions celebrating Liverpool's rich diversity.

The Contact Sessions

Throughout '08

Various venues

Series of sessions exploring the world of theatre created by young people.

Treasures

Throughout '08

City-wide

A mass participation project for '08 celebrating Liverpool's cultural identity through personal treasure boxes.

Singh Twins

Throughout '08

St George's Hall Heritage Centre

Commissioned artwork representing Liverpool's past and future.

The Potting Shed

Throughout '08

Canning Dock

Fitzcaraldo Theatre Ship hosts monthly cabaret evenings.

Digital Departures

Throughout '08

Various venues

Three feature length films commissioned for 2008.

The Line

Throughout '08

Various venues

A line of choreography bringing together 100 different people making unlikely appearances.

Literate Medicine

Throughout '08

Liverpool Medical Institute

Programme of lectures recommending reading for doctors.

Disability Sports Festival

Throughout '08

Various venues

A range of sports taster sessions aimed at increasing participation.

Open Culture

Throughout '08

Various venues

The Open Culture project is a platform to enable the people of Liverpool and the region to engage with the celebrations for 2008.

January

Now These Days Are Gone

18 August '07 - 2 March '08

National Conservation Centre

Features the photographs of Michael Peto who took hundreds of informal shots of The Beatles.

The Twentieth Century: How it looked and how it felt

September '07 - 27 April '09

Tate Liverpool

Major re-hang of the Tate Collection reflecting its richness and variety.

John Stezaker

November '07 - 19 January '08

Open Eye

Most substantial exhibition of John Stezaker's work in the UK for many years.

Victorian Visions

1 December '07 - 16 March '08

Lady Lever Art Gallery

Fascinating insight into the Victorian view of the world.

Astrid Lingren Exhibition

12 December '07 - 31 January '08

Picton Library Reading Room

This exhibition commemorates the 100th anniversary of the birth of the writer responsible for Pippi Longstocking books.

Blood Brothers by Willy Russell

31 December '07 - 26 January '08

Empire Theatre

Willy Russell's Blood Brothers comes home.

Emilia di Liverpool

1 - 5 January

Small Concert Room,

St George's Hall

New production of Gaetano Donizetti's opera performed by 50 young singers and musicians from across Europe.

Fresh Festival

3 - 5 January

Philharmonic Hall

Cutting edge jazz, world and contemporary music with international artists.

The Anne Frank Festival

5 January - 7 February

Liverpool Anglican Cathedral

Exhibition celebrating the life and works of the young Holocaust victim.

The Wayne Shorter Quartet with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

5 January

Philharmonic Hall

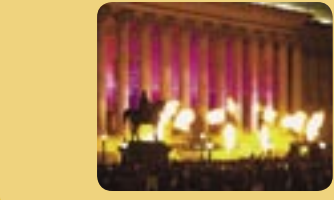
Multi-Grammy Award winner performs with the RLPO.

The People's Opening

11 January

St George's Plateau

St George's Hall Plateau will become an outdoor stage with a spectacular performance to start the year.



Liverpool - The Musical

12 January

ECHO Arena Liverpool

Tells the story of Liverpool with one of the most original and unusual line-ups ever seen in any city.

Roscoe Lecture Series '08

14 January

St George's Hall

"Liverpool - Holocaust Survivors".

Roscoe Lecture Series '08

24 January

St George's Hall

"Liverpool - City of Sport".

Supercross

25 - 26 January

ECHO Arena Liverpool

One of the world's most spectacular sporting events will transform the Echo Arena.

Three Sisters on Hope Street

25 January - 16 February

Everman Theatre

New take on Chekhov's classic, relocated from Russia to Liverpool.

Out of Body

25 January - 22 March

Open Eye

Exhibition of photographs and moving images that explore, manipulate and reflect upon the human body.

National Holocaust Memorial Day

27 January

Philharmonic Hall

Liverpool hosts the national commemoration ceremony on the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.

British Dance Edition: Debates and Talks

30 January - 2 February

Venue tbc

Debates and sessions to compliment its contemporary dance programme.

British Dance Edition

31 January - 2 February

Empire Theatre and various venues

One of the biggest events in the UK dance calendar, a prestigious showcase of some of the most exciting dance companies in the country.

Merchant Palaces

January - Autumn

Sudley House, Aigburth

Exhibition of photographs taken between 1888 and 1916.

February

sk-interfaces

1 February - 30 March

FACT

A series of exhibitions, events and debates exploring biotechnology and the underlying subject of skin.

Anima by Momentum

5 - 9 February

Unity Theatre

A highly visual piece experimenting with innovative lighting design, projection, animation and live music.

Chinese New Year

10 February - New Year's Day

Chinatown

Liverpool welcomes the Year of the Rat.

Chinese Dub EP Release

11 February

Venue tbc

Aims to open the City's eyes to this beautifully artistic genre of music.

Roscoe Lecture Series '08

18 February

St George's Hall

"Liverpool - City of Sculpture".

Tavener Requiem

28 February

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

Sir John Tavener's new Requiem is an attempt to reconcile the world's warring religions through music.

March

St David's Day Concert Liverpool

Welsh Choral Union with Aled Jones

1 March

Philharmonic Hall

Liverpool Welsh Choral celebrates St David's Day with presenter and singer Aled Jones.

Leap Festival

1 - 15 March

Various venues including Liverpool Playhouse and Unity Theatre
Annual dance festival profiles innovative works from national and international companies.

Liverpool Performing Arts Festival

3 - 7 & 10 - 14 March

St George's Hall & Town Hall

A celebration of music, speech, drama and dance.

Liverpool Reads

6 March onwards

City-wide

City wide reading initiative of award-winning author Mal Peet.

Akram Khan-bahok

7 - 8 March

Liverpool Playhouse

bahok is a long awaited new group choreography based on the tale of Babel.



English Schools Cross Country Championship

8 March

Sefton Park

Britain's biggest cross-country running event.

Ken Dodd & Liverpool's

Laughter Makers

8 - 9 March

Small Concert Room,

St George's Hall

Special celebration of the great comedians from the cities past.

Circelation - Harnessing

Performance: exploring dancing

in the air

15 March

Wired Aerial Space

Circelation's Performance Laboratory brings aerial circus artists and dancers together to explore anti-gravity performance.

Circelation

11 March

Venue tbc

A number of leading voices in performance, dance and the arts discuss the nature of aerial dance practice.

International Table Tennis

Tournament (Pre-Paralympics qualifier)

13 - 16 March

Greenbank Sports Academy

Competition amongst top disabled players as they set their sights on qualifications for the Beijing Paralympics.

Globalization - the Making of Our World. The Royal Society of Antiquarians

14 March

Small Concert Room,

St George's Hall

Sir Neil Cossons traces the origins of today's world and the roots of globalization.

The Long Walk

14 - 15 March

The Great Hall, Cornerstone

In response to the Morecambe Bay cockling tragedy More Music have developed a unique theatrical event.

Beijing Modern Dance Company

15 March

Southport Arts Centre

Finale event of the LEAP Dance Festival.

Karl Jenkins Stabat Mater

15 March

Liverpool Cathedral

The Welsh musician will conduct the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.

Now/Then

15 March - 4 May

The Bluecoat

New commissions by bluecoat artists and rising stars.

Roscoe Lecture Series '08

19 March

St George's Hall

"Liverpool - City of Music".

'08 Carnival Olympiad Seminar

19 March

The Cornerstone

The Carnival Arts Sector explores the opportunities over the next four years and beyond.

Whyte & Mackay Premier

July

Clipper Round the World Yacht Race 07-08

4 July

Mersey Waterfront

The maritime race finishes at the mouth of the River Mersey.

Big Dance

5 - 13 July

Various venues

A week-long celebration of dance in all its styles and forms and is open to everyone to join in!

Chinese Dub

5 July

Carling Academy

Jah Wobble brings spectacular performers from China together with the best dub reggae musicians and Liverpool's own Pagoda Chinese Youth Orchestra.

Merseyside Youth Games

5 July

Wavertree Sports Complex

3,500 children compete to be Merseyside's finest sports person.

St Helens Festival

5 - 6 July

Sherdley Park, Sutton

Local groups showcase their work in 200 acres of parkland.

Arabic Arts Festival

10 - 27 July

Various venues

Celebration of Arabic culture.

Arab Cities

10 - 27 July

the Bluecoat

Exhibition of works responding to cities in the Middle East.

Halton Youth Culture Festival

12 - 13 July

Halton Stadium, Widnes

Young people can experience the best of youth culture on Merseyside.

The Wirral Show

12 - 13 July

New Brighton

Free weekend of air and land based entertainment.

The Beat Goes On

12 July - 1 November '09

World Museum Liverpool

A showcase of Merseyside's vibrant music scene over the past 60 years.



Everyword

14 - 26 July

Everyman Theatre

The Everyman's annual, new writing festival returns.

Open Golf Championship

17 - 20 July

Royal Birkdale

The Open returns to host one of sport's greatest golfing occasions.

European Youth Parliament

17 - 24 July

St George's Hall

300 young people from 20 countries will gather to share ideas, culture and experience.

Tall Ships' Races '08

18 - 21 July

Waterfront

Liverpool is the host port for this maritime extravaganza, one of the main highlights for 2008.



International Shanty Festival

18 - 21 July

Albert and Wellington Docks

A showcase of maritime songs and music.

4-Nations Junior Chess Championship

22 - 25 July

Liverpool John Moores University IM Marsh campus

Junior teams compete for the prestigious Glorney and Faber Cup in chess.

YPPT International Conference

25 - 27 July

The Cornerstone

A conference led by young people to celebrate, play and explore new ideas and approaches.

Contacting the World

27 July - 3 August

Various venues

A creative exchange between hundreds of young theatre makers.

British Chess Championships

27 July - 9 August

St George's Hall

The world's oldest chess championship will be in Liverpool for the very first time.

Magical History Tour

28 July - 27 September

Merseyside Maritime Museum

Exhibition documenting Liverpool's history and looking to the future.

The Liverpool-Knowsley International Youth Soccer Festival

29 July - 3 August

Mather Avenue playing fields, Allerton

Local leading teams compete against international counterparts.

Liverpool Summer Pops

Throughout July

ECHO Arena Liverpool

This event is a series of gigs that will run throughout the month.

High Hopes

July - Broadcast,

November - Showcase

Venue tbc

Documentary series following teenagers approaching adulthood.

Movieflex World cinema in a nutshell

July - August

Children's Festival and Brouhaha

The fictional, film making dynasty of Shanta Rao Dutt is brought to life by this film, performance and installation piece.

Hopes Street Limited Public Art Programme

July - August

Speke and Garston

An eight week project to create a piece of public art.

August

Liverpool Community Games

1 August

Wavertree Sports Complex

Five neighbourhoods come together for a mass participatory sports festival.

Imagine...

1 - 10 August

St George's Hall and

St John's Gardens

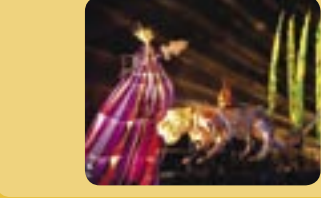
Ten days of performances and activities that invite children and young people to use their imagination and creativity.

The Emperor and the Tiger

1 August

Venue tbc

Costumed carnival dancers, drummers and fireworks will come together in this fantastic performance.



BROUHaha International Festival Parade and Princes Park Festival

2 August

Liverpool City Centre and Princes Park

The region's largest multi-cultural parade.

Samba School

2 August

Various venues

Bringing a Rio-style carnival to the streets of Liverpool.

Sensazione

6 - 10 August

St Georges Plateau

This theatrical fairground brings together performer and audience.

Liverpool Children's Festival

8 August

Cultural Quarter

Performances and workshops celebrate the diverse heritage of Liverpool.

Knowsley Flower Show

10 August

Court Hey Park, Huyton

A joy for both the experienced to the novice gardener.

Merseyside Community Youth Games

13 August

Wavertree Sports Complex

To encourage young people in the community to engage in sport and cultural activities.

Honda Formula 4-Stroke Powerboats Series' 08

16 - 17 August

Mersey Waterfront

UK's premiere off-shore powerboat championship.

National Table Tennis Grand Prix

16 - 17 August

Liverpool Tennis Centre

Britain's top table tennis players compete.

Southport Flower Show

21 - 24 August

Victoria Park

Britain's largest independent Flower Show.

Creamfields '08

23 August

Daresbury, Cheshire

Award-winning electronic, live music, dance festival celebrating it's 10th Anniversary.

Slavery Remembrance Day

18 September

Otterspool, South Liverpool

Events to remember the victims of transatlantic slave trade.

World Firefighter Games

24 August - 2 September

City-wide

A 10-day international spectacle with over 5,000 firefighters.

Mathew Street Festival Parade

August Bank Holiday

City Centre

World famous free music event celebrating Liverpool's musical heritage.

Community Shakespeare

August

Birkenhead Park, Wirral

Three night open air production of 'A Winter's Tale'.

September

Berliner Philharmoniker

4 September

Philharmonic Hall

Sir Simon Rattle brings the internationally acclaimed Berliner Philharmoniker to his home city.



European Individual Open Chess Championships

5 - 14 September

World Museum

Open Tournament which allows amateur chess players to compete against some of the best in the world.

Southport Airshow

6 - 7 September

Southport Seafront

Air show featuring military, civilian and historical aircraft.

The British Association's Festival of Science

8 - 12 September

University of Liverpool

Talks, debates, exhibitions, hands-on activities and excursions.

Hope Street Market

8 - 14 September

Hope Street

The world of 'Oliver!' and Marrakech converge for this European Street Market.

Heritage Open Days

11 - 21 September

Merseyside wide

Hundreds of heritage buildings open to the public.

Milapfest ONAM Festival

12 September

City-wide

Celebrate Indian culture with this popular harvest festival from Kerala.

Tour of Britain Finale

14 September

City Centre

Tour of Britain cycling race will end in Liverpool.

Audiovision

15 - 20 September

George's Dock Building

Musicians, VJs and light artists use the Mersey Tunnel vent as a performance space and projection surface.

LV County Cricket Championship match

17 - 20 September

Liverpool Cricket Club

Lancashire v Kent.

Roscoe Lecture Series '08

18 September

St Georges Hall

"Liverpool - City that looks beyond itself"

UNMADE by

The Art Organisation (TAO)

19 - 20 September

MelloMello

An un-curated and self-organised event which will be defined during the course of the event.

British Musical Fireworks Championships

19 - 21 September

Kings Gardens, Southport

Six of the country's best firework's companies compete for this prestigious title.

5th Liverpool Biennial

20 September - 30 November

City-wide

International Festival of Contemporary Art.

Javier Tellez

20 September - 30 November

A Foundation

Representations of madness in film is explored concentrating on Lewis Carroll's, Alice in Wonderland.

Phil Collins

20 September - 30 November

A Foundation

New film piece made in collaboration with the people of Liverpool.

Sefton Festival of Writing

22 - 28 September

Various venues

A week of writing, scriptwriting and poetry experienced through readings, performances and film.

Milapfest NAVRATRI

29 September - 8 October

City-wide venues

Everybody is invited to join the Gujaarti folk dances of Garba and Raas.

Vintage Fair and Organ Rally

27 - 28 September

Victoria Park, Widnes

Attractions including classic cars, motorbike and traction engines.

Strictly Awesome

September

All over Liverpool

Witness something truly amazing and magical.



Hope Street Fest

September

Hope Street

A free festival of music, food, film, dance, theatre, exhibitions and tours along Hope Street.

International DaDaFest

September

Various venues

Disabled and deaf artists from every continent present a programme that reflects the very best in their fields.

METAFEX by REEL EYES

CoLECTIVE, TAO

September

Number Two, 2 Roscoe St.

and city-wide

Performance piece that experiments with spaces and times.

Play for the People

September

Royal Court Liverpool</