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 Programm 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 Liverpudlian.

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.

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 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 Chroughout '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 Liverpool - The Musical reading for doctors.

Disability Sports Festival Throughout '08 Various venues A range of sports taster sessions aimed at increasing participation.

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 oked and how it fe 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 .2 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

- 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.



2 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".

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 **Everyman 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. of Babel.

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 ghly visual piece experimenting with innovative lighting design, projection, animation and live music

Chinese New Year 10 February - New Year's Day

Chinatown iverpool 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 Februarv 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



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.

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 14 March Small Concert Room, St George's Hall

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

The Long Walk The Great Hall, Cornerstone

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

ijing Modern Dance Company 15 March Southport Arts Centre Finale event of the LEAP Dance Festival.

ow/Then

the Bluecoat

and rising stars.

St George's Hall

The Cornerstone

19 March

9 March

and beyond.

20 March

the sport.

30 March

Philharmonic Hall

dynamic ensembles.

March - April

in Merseyside.

oscoe Lecture Series '08

'08 Carnival Olympiad Seminar

The Carnival Arts Sector explores the

opportunities over the next four years

"Liverpool - City of Music".

ECHO Arena Liverpool

Features the best 8 players in

European Union Youth Orchestra

Ashkenazy conducts the European

Union Youth Orchestra, one of the

Novas Contemporary Urban Centre

This new annual art competition

is for professional artists based

Desperate Optimist film makers in

partnership with Newcastle, Gateshead,

world's most prestigious and

The Liverpool Art Prize

All Day and All Night

Birmingham and Dublin.

March - Premiere

Various venues

conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy

15 March - 4 May

Karl Jenkins Stabat Mater 15 March Liverpool Cathedral The Welsh musician will conduct the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra

in Two Parts 17 - 18 April **Pacific Roads Arts Centre** A dramatic and poignant re-telling of The Pied Piper. New commissions by bluecoat artists

Orchestra.

Art in the Age of Steam 18 April - 10 August Walker Art Gallery The influence of the railway on 19th and 20th Century art including Hopper, Monet and Van Gogh.

AL and AL 18 April - 8 June FACT Video installation looks at the

28 April

29 April

and events.

pool's People & Places hotography of March - December Various venues

Touring exhibition of the work by the Liverpool photographer.

April

3 - 5 April

Aintree Racecourse World famous steeple chase returns. One Step Forward One Step Back

by dreamthinkspeak 7 April - 10 May **Liverpool Anglican Cathedral**

Magical journey through the beautiful Anglican cathedral.



Wirral Bookfest

' - 12 April

of all kinds.

12 - 13 April

Various venues around Wirral A celebration of books and writers

Endgame by Samuel Beckett 11 April - 3 May **Everyman Theatre**

Matthew Kelly stars in Samuel Beckett's darkly comic and seminal masterpiece.

Viennese Balls

St George's Hall Liverpool's people are invited to dance the Viennese Waltz accompanied y the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic

Into the Little Hill: A Lyric Tale

impact of art and technology on networked societies.

People Show 119: Ghost Sonata 22 - 27 April

The Palm House, Sefton Park A play based on a classic fairy tale.

An Audience with Shankly 24 April onwards Liverpool Olympia nteractive, multi-media theatre celebrates the football legend.

The Business Convention

Arena and Convention Centre Annual Business Convention.

Roscoe Lecture Series '08 St George's Hall

"Liverpool - Reflections & Changes".

Poetry in the City Late April - early May Various venues

A diverse programme of performances

Around the City in Eighty Pubs April - September City-wide Unique celebration of Liverpool's pubs and pub culture.

Out of the Shadows April - September St George's Hall Heritage Centre The unsung stories of experiences of older people with a disability.

Twilight City April - December Various venues A series of four audiovisual performances.

Nirumpama and Rajenda April Venue tbc Leading Indian dancers perform Kathak and Bharatanatyam.

Roscoe Lecture Series '08 April St George's Hall "Liverpool - City of Media".

May

Ecce Cor Meum 1 May **Liverpool Cathedral** Sir Paul McCartney's first piece of choral music.

Happy Birthday Tate Liverpool Albert Dock Tate Liverpool celebrates its twentieth birthday.

6 - 12 May Liverpool Cricket Club and ECHO Arena Liverpool

The world's top players compete to be the Dunlop British Open Champion.

Roscoe Lecture Series '08 15 May St George's Hall

"Liverpool - City of Fashion"

An evening with Bryn Terfel 17 May

Philharmonic Hall Internationally acclaimed Opera singer performs with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir.

17 - 18 May **Otterspool Promenade** The UK's biggest free urban

Voices Across the Ocean

youth festival.

24 May **Mossley Hill Parish Church** Choirs from both sides of the Atlantic share beautiful music.

24 - 25 May Greenbank Sports Academy and I.M Marsh Campus A celebration of handball set with a multi-cultural event.

European Speedminton Championships '08 24 - 25 May Liverpool Tennis Centre Over 100 athletes competing in the world's fastest growing racquet sport.

Liverpool Streets Ahead 24 May - 26 May St. George's Hall Plateau Liverpool will be awash with fantastic music, dance and street theatre.



Liverpool Cityscape by Ben Johnson 24 May - 2 November Walker Art Gallery Commissioned artwork of the Liverpool Skyline

Splatterfest 27 May - mid July **Unity Theatre** Liverpool's International Festival of Children's Theatre.

Liverpool Comedy Festival 28 May - 8 June Various venues The best names in comedy come to Liverpool to make the city laugh.

Southport International Jazz Festival 29 - 1 June Various venues across Southport For four days Southport will be alive with the sound of jazz.

Gustav Klimt: Painting, Design and Modern Life in Vienna 1900 30 May - 31 August Tate Liverpool A comprehensive exhibition of Klimt's work.



31 May **Greenbank Sports Academy**

Junior Martial art tournament Physical Fest 4 Presented by Momentum and Hope Street Ltd

May Various venues Annual physical theatre workshop and performance festival.

Writing on the Wall (WoW) Festival May Various venues

Established writers and performers work alongside local artists.

Four Corners May - August Various venues 'What makes a neighbourhood?' This question provides the stimulus for creatively exploring the nature of change through five new commissions.

Viennese Concerts at the Tate May - August Tate Liverpool

Part of Liverpool's Viennese season

Water, Water Everywhere and Not a Drop to Drin May - Autumn Various waterfront venues A giant wind and water-powered environmental sculpture exploring the importance of water and Liverpool's maritime history.

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The Liverpool Sound 1 June

Anfield Stadium Once-in-a-lifetime event to celebrate Liverpool's status as World Capital of Pop - featuring Sir Paul McCartney.



The Big Hope 4 - 11 June **Hope University** Young people's forum considering urgent issues.

Festival of Hope '08 4 - 14 June **Hope Street** Church communities join together bringing gospel, hip-hop, rap and soul to the streets.

Lord Mayor's Parade 7 June Liverpool City Centre Parade of spectacular floats, music and dance.

Kites over the Mersey' nternational Kite Festival

7 - 8 June New Brighton Promenade, Wirral Once Upon a Time at the Adelphi Festival featuring stunt and show kites with imaginative designs.

The Green Fayre

8 June Court Hey Park, Huyton Promoting World Environment Day with information on being green.

Roscoe Lecture Series '08 9 June St George's Hall "Liverpool - Where religious Faith is

Part of the Solution not the Problem Liverpool International Tennis 10 - 15 June

Calderstones Park Hosts many International players.

Magical Mysterious Regeneration Tour: Artists, Architecture and the future of the City

12 - 14 June Tate Liverpool, The University of Liverpool and more. International conference debating regeneration.

Alice in Wonderland 14 - 15, 21 - 22, 28 - 29 June Liverpool, Knowsley & Halton The story of Alice retold for a 2008 audience.

Go Superlambananas 16 June - 25 August

City-wide 100 Superlambananas will be painted, decorated and adorned by local and regional artists, community groups and celebrities.



esign Show Liverpool 19 - 22 June The Crypt, Metropolitan Cathedral Browse, buy and commission work from over 150 selected designers.

Africa Oyé 21 - 22 June

Sefton Park One of the biggest free African music festivals.

21 - 22 June **Liverpool Gymnastics Centre** of Excellence Leading female gymnasts compete in this tri-nations warm up event for the Beijing Olympic Games.

Knowsley Hall Music Festival 21 - 22 June **Knowsley Hall** Some of the biggest names in rock and pop perform at this two day premier event; a phenomenal

additional to the UK festival circuit.

27 June - 19 July **Liverpool Playhouse** A time spanning drama set in the famous Adelphi hotel.

Pipilotti Rist 27 June - 31 August

FACT One of Europe's leading contemporary artists presents a UK solo exhibition celebrating and exploring the power of self invention.

War Requiem by Benjamin Britten 28 June Liverpool Anglican Cathedral A beautiful choral work performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

lasterpiece Watercolours 28 June - 9 November Lady Lever Art Gallery Some of the finest pieces from the Lever collection go on display.

Liverpool Open Gardens

29 June The Palm House, Sefton Park and other venues Previously unseen gardens open for the public.

Liverpool Open Source City (LOSC) Presented by SoundNetwork

Venue tbc Workshops where artists working with sound can use Open Source software to explore the debate on intellectual property.

Streetwaves June - July Various venues city-wide and Boroughs Fantastic local music performed by young people at city wide venues.

Key:

Art

Conversation

Exploring

Literature

Participate

Music

Stage

Streets

July

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.

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

Albert and Wellington Docks A showcase of maritime songs and music.

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

Contacting the World 27 July - 3 August Various venues A creative exchange between hundreds of young theatre makers.

and approaches.

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

29 July - 3 August Mather Avenue playing fields, Allerton ocal leading teams compete against international counterparts.

Liverpool Summer Pops **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

eenagers approaching adulthood Movieplex 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

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

amba School 2 August Various venues Bringing a Rio-style carnival to the streets of Liverpool.

ensazione 6 - 10 August **St Georges Plateau** This theatrical fairground brings together performer and audience.

Liverpool Children's Festival 8 August **Cultural Ouarter** 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.

13 August Wavertree Sports Complex To encourage young people in the community to engage in sport and cultural activities.

Honda Formula 4-Stroke

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 23 August Otterspool, South Liverpool Events to remember the victims of transatlantic slave trade.

24 August - 2 September City-wide A 10-day international spectacle with over 5,000 firefighters.

Mathew Street Festival Parade **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.



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 historic 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 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 Septe George's Dock Building Musicians, VIs and light artists use the with spaces and times. Mersey Tunnel vent as a performance space and projection surface.

17 - 20 September **Liverpool Cricket Club** Lancashire v Kent.

Roscoe Lecture Series '08 18 September **St Georges Hall**

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 Septembe Various venues A week of writing, scriptwriting and poetry experienced through readings,

performances and film.

Milapfest NAVRATRI eptember - 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.



ope Street Fest eptembei **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 Number Two, 2 Roscoe St. and city-wide Performance piece that experiments

Play for the People **Royal Court Liverpool** Liverpool vote for their favourite play to be performed at the Royal Court Theatre.

September

St George's Hall and I September St George's Hall Share in the memories of Liverpool's "Liverpool - City that looks beyond itself" most important heritage building.

> Tom of Finland September Venue tbc Major retrospective of the early drawings by legendary gay artist Tom of Finland.

6 October St George's Hall

connection.

11 October

owerplant 8 - 12 October **Calderstones Park** A sonic landscape exploring the relationship between sound, light and garden.

Young teens create and produce reportage of Capital of Culture events

Made in Liverpool September FACT, BBC Big Screen and

NOISE

September

Venue tbc

Autumn

Autumn

Liverpool

the future.

Orchestra

music career.

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2 October

Venue tbc

various venues Emerging film makers submit and show their work.

Babul and the Blue Bear

Play exploring cultural identity and belonging.

Eric's - The Musical by Mark Davies Markham

Everyman Theatre Musical about the notorious punk club which sparked a cultural revolution.



October

The Liverpool Summit 1 - 2 October

Arena and Convention Centre

Summit about transforming

Royal Liverpool Philharmonic

Philharmonic Hall Sir Simon Rattle conducts in the hall where he started his stellar

Le Corbusier - The Art of 2 October - 18 January '09 The Crypt, Metropolitan Cathedral RIBA Trust presents the UK's biggest exhibition in 20 years of the greatest



architect of the 20th century.

Roscoe Lecture Series '08

"Liverpool - City of Arts and Culture"

Liverpool Irish Festival - 19 October Various venues Celebrating the Liverpool/Irish

Christy Moore

Philharmonic Hall Inspirational Irish folk singer performs

RIBA Stirling Prize

11 October ECHO Arena Liverpool The RIBA Stirling Prize for contemporary British architecture holds its awards ceremony in Liverpool.

Fiesta Latina 11 - 14 October Various venues Four day Latin American Festival.

Burial at Thebes 17 October Philharmonic Hall A musical interpretation of Seamus

Heaney's epic poem. **Liverpool Electric** 22 - 26 Octobei Various venues

As part of the BBC Electric Proms.

Karl Jenkins Philharmonic Hall Karl Jenkins conducts the first performance of a new work.

King Lear 30 October - 29 November **Everyman Theatre** Staring Pete Postlethwaite

Halloween Lantern Parade 31 October Sefton Park Theme of 'Phoenix Rising'.

When We Dead Awaken Octobe

Unity Theatre A final dramatic work from Ibsen, one of Scandinavia's greatest playwrights.

The Quiet Little Englishman October Venue tbc George Grove's life is celebrated as

pioneer in sound recording.

the Bluecoat Literature Festival October the Bluecoat Tours by key national and international writers.

National Poetry Day October Various venues Residencies, events and participatory activities led from Liverpool.

November

North West Family History Fair 1 November St George's Hall This fair will help you explore your family tree.

Liverpool Music Week 1 - 16 Novembe Various venues The UK's fastest growing music festival and the largest indoor winter festival.

1 - 20 November Various venues Annual celebration of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender arts and culture.

Roscoe Lectures Series '08 3 November St George's Hall "Liverpool - City of Literature".

Senior European Boxing 5 - 15 November **Greenbank Sports Academy and ECHO** Arena Liverpool Features some of Europe's top boxers from over 40 countries.

MTV Europe Music Awards 6 November ECHO Arena Liverpool Liverpool hosts the world renowned music awards ceremony.



Free Thinking Festival Presented by BBC Radio 3 and Radio Merseyside 7 - 9 November FACT and various venues Leading thinkers debate and discuss the theme of Human Features.

The International Guitar Festival of Great Britain - 25 Novembei Various venues

Week long festival attracting diverse and world class guitarists. Le Nouvel Ensemble Moderne

& Ensemble 10.10 18 - 20 November The Cornerstone Le NEM from Montreal collaborates with Liverpool's Ensemble 10.10 to present new music, including specially commissioned works from a new British & Canadian composers.

Cornerstone Festival 19 November - 6 December The Cornerstone, Hope University Presentation of newly created work in the creative field.

The Only Moving Thing The Cornerstone Features new commissions by Steve Reich, David Lang, Michael Gordon and Iulia Wolfe.

25 - 27 November Design Academy, Liverpool John Moores University An International symposium on the 21st Century City

Liverpool is Burning 'The Ultimate Dance Off November

St George's Hall Dance competition blurring boundaries between live art and club culture.

Drama Queen November **Unity Theatre** Twelve hedonistic years take their toll on the protagonist of this Shaun Duggen play.

Brand New World by Positive Impact November **Royal Court Theatre** Urban contemporary musical based on the story of Aladdin.

Sleeping Beauty by **English National Ballet** November Liverpool Empire A magical ballet production of The Sleeping Beauty.

The Shipping Lines Festival Novembe The University of Liverpool, the Bluecoat and others Liverpool's shipping heritage is explored through literature.

TWINS by Angie Hiesl and Roland Kaiser November the Bluecoat Culmination of the Bluecoat's live art series.

Liverpool - Threshold to the Corners of the World November - March '09 Victoria Gallery and Museum Exhibition of E. Chambre Hardman's photography.

December

The Penny Readings Small Concert Room, St. George's Hall An evening of music, dance, laughter, tears and live readings.

BBC Radio 3 Choir of the Year 7 Decemb

Philharmonic Hall The UK's largest amateur singing competition.

The Rightful Owners of the Song December Venue tbc

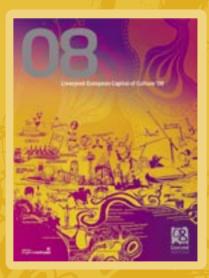
Brings together 'pub-singers', 'karaoke-hosts' and semi-professional singers with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.

Portrait of a Nation

December Liverpool and nationwide The nation's young persons exploration of their identity will come together in this finale event in partnership with HLF.



Labyrinth of Light December St George's Hall Walk through a beautiful labyrinth of 800 candles



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