

PULL OUT AND KEEP

HACKNEY FESTIVALS GUIDE SUMMER 2009

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This summer there's a fantastic selection of visual arts, festivals, dance, music and cultural events happening across the borough, to suit all tastes and age groups. The programme of events will showcase local talent and celebrate Hackney as a vibrant, creative and diverse borough.

CREATE is the cultural partnership of the five Olympic and Paralympic host boroughs. Hackney is the lead borough on culture and there's loads happening here as part of the CREATE09 festival. Details of what's happening in Hackney as part of CREATE09, as well as in Hackney's fringe festival are in this guide, designed to be pulled out and kept all summer!

CREATE09



JOSHUA SOFAER: ROOTED IN THE EARTH

21 June – 2 August

Rooted in the Earth is a unique project that discovers and celebrates unsung heroes. Over the past months, people from across the 5 Olympic host boroughs of Hackney, Waltham Forest, Tower Hamlets, Newham and Greenwich, have been asked to nominate a local hero, someone that they think is worthy of an accolade. After receiving thousands of submissions, the winning names have been chosen and will be planted as large-scale, ornamental flowerbeds, one in each of the five boroughs. Hackney's Hero will have their name lit up in flowers in Clissold Park – the winner will be announced soon! The flowerbed will be completed by the artist, Joshua Sofaer, together with a team of volunteers from local gardening clubs, and will be on view until the autumn when the plants will be resituated or composted. **Part of the Bank of America CREATE Art Award.**

Clissold Park, Hackney N16
Free • www.rootedintheearth.co.uk

DANCING IN THE SQUARE

11 July, 11:00 – 19:00

Gillett Square in Dalston will be transformed into a ballroom, with flamenco, hip-hop, capoeira, Ghanaian dance and line dancing from Graeae Theatre's Rhinestone Rollers. The School of Dance will reunite Boogaloo Stu, Miss High Leg Kick, Gillian Cook and DJ Simon Glitter. Free dance workshops are open to all ages and abilities. A co-production between Barbican BITE and Gillett Squared.

Gillett Square, Dalston, London, N16 8JN
Free • www.gillettsquare.org.uk

EXYZT : THE DALSTON MILL AND AGNES DENES' WHEATFIELD

15 July – 6 August, 14:00 – 22:00

As part of the Barbican's exhibition Radical Nature, experimental architectural collective EXYZT (including a chef) and artist Agnes Denes have created a dynamic satellite project The Dalston Mill. Occupying the threshold of the Eastern Curve on Dalston Lane, a functioning windmill and growing wheat field will highlight the potential of this hidden space. The project offers an exciting programme of events, screening and summer feasts for everyone. Be radical, give it a go.

Dalston Junction, Off Dalston Lane, E8
(accessible via Hartwell St) • Free
www.barbican.org.uk/radical_nature

SHOREDITCH FESTIVAL

17 – 22 July

Shoreditch Festival returns with an exciting programme of cultural events and performances in Shoreditch Park. Including Proms in Park with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and a spectacular firework finale (17 July, 19:00). Live music on the main stage, Enchanted Garden for under 5's, tea dances and literature marquee, Barbican Film's silent slapstick on the brand new amphitheatre. The Barbican Centre and the Guildhall School collaborate with Shoreditch Trust to present World in Motion for a day of live music, dance and film.

Shoreditch Park, New North Road, N1
Free • www.shoreditchfestival.org.uk

IT'S OUR TIME, LOOK TO THE FUTURE, LOOK EAST!

17 July, 14:00 – 16:00 (schools),
17:00 – 20:00 (public)

Showcasing work from Fundamental's Legacy Now Youth Panel – a dedicated group of young people from the five Olympic Host Boroughs (Hackney, Greenwich, Tower Hamlets, Newham and Waltham Forest) who have been involved with planning the Olympic Park after 2012. This celebratory event invites other young people to find out more, see the plans and have an opportunity to get involved with the issues around 2012.

Ocean Music Venue, 270 Mare Street, Hackney E8 1HE
Free – Booking essential
www.fundamental.uk.net • 020 8471 7929

GHOSTS OR THOSE WHO RETURN

22 July – 22 August, 20:00

Do the sins of the father visit the son? Mrs Alving is ecstatic when her son returns home after years abroad. Within days she is forced to unearth the past and the ghosts who refuse to be silenced. Award winning Rebecca Lenkiewicz returns to the Arcola in this new co-production with the acclaimed ATC. Free Post Show Discussions 5 and 10 Aug. Previews 22 – 24 July. Matinees 15 and 22 July, 15:00.

Arcola Theatre, 27 Arcola St, E8 2DJ
Tickets: £16, £10 • 020 7503 1646
www.arcolatheatre.com



WET SOUNDS

22 July

Float or dive in Clissold's state of the art swimming pool and immerse yourself in an underwater gallery of sound art with unique live performance by an international line up including Leafcutter John, Francesco Lopez, Stefano Tedesco and The Audio Cinema Collective. Accessible for all ages and abilities. **Clissold Pool, 63 Clissold Road, N16 9EX**
www.hackney.gov.uk/wet-sounds or www.newtoy.org/wetsounds
• £16.50 • www.seetickets.com

20 DALSTON LANE

Opens 25 July 2009

20 Dalston Lane, an empty shop, is soon to be filled with fun and free cultural activities - starting with weekend drawing workshops for families.

Free • www.createlondon.org and
www.hackney.gov.uk/cultural-services

STATION HOUSE OPERA: DOMINOES

26 July

DOMINOES comprises thousands of breeze blocks in a moving sculpture which at a time of postcode boundaries and split communities, will link the five boroughs and the people who live there. Thousands of breeze blocks will be set up in a row of giant dominoes stretching across the five Olympic Host boroughs (Hackney, Greenwich, Tower Hamlets, Newham and Waltham Forest). This architectural procession will link a multitude of environments and will pass through parks, school playgrounds, estates, industrial sites, paths, waterways, bridges and underpasses, major roads and residential districts. Linking the five boroughs in a symbolic as well as physical chain of cause and effect. **Part of the Bank of America CREATE Art Award.**

Free • www.dominoes2009.com

HACKNEY WICKED ART FESTIVAL

31 July – 2 August

Backing onto the rapidly emerging Olympic Park, Hackney Wick houses a thriving community of artists, galleries and studios. This year over 100 Hackney based artists and special guests are taking part in the festival as galleries and studios throw open their doors to the community, with a series of new exhibitions, gigs and art installations in and around the Wick. Studios and galleries taking part include: Elevator Gallery, Mother Studios, Residence Gallery, Schwartz Gallery and Studios, Britannia Works, Lionworks, Space, Bridget Reilly Studios, Eastway Studios, Peanut Factory, Stour Gallery and Studios, Oslo House, The Mission Gallery, Maryland Studios, Cell studios, Wallis studios and Omega Works.

Hackney Wick London E9
Various locations (see website for details)
Free • www.hackneywicked.com

SPICE FESTIVAL

20 June – 19 July

Hackney Empire's hugely popular Spice Festival is here – concerts, comedy and variety – something new every night! Highlights: Kat & Tameka Show (9th), Giants of Comedy (10th), Red Hot East End Comedy (11th), UK Unsigned Finals (12th), Hackney Proms (14th), Cross Road Blues (16th), Best of New Act of the Year (18th), Best of Signed Unsigned (with some very special guests) (19th).

Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8 1EJ
For prices call 020 8985 2424 or visit
www.hackneyempire.co.uk

For all CREATE09 events go to
www.createlondon.org

HACKNEY FRINGE



MUSIC

INNER CITY LIVES - "A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC" FRINGE EVENTS

Every Friday from 10 July until 31 July

Inner City Lives: a new festival of music is being launched by Rising Tide as part of Young London into Music. It aims to create an annual platform in which talented up and coming homegrown young musicians and artists from Hackney, are given an opportunity to create new music alongside profiled artists who they are mentored by.

There will be four events:

Event 1: RT Live presents Inner City Lives Fringe Events featuring a spoken word night

Event 2: RT Live presents Inner City Lives Fringe Events featuring Ishen, Pantha, Becks and Mee

Event 3: RT Live presents Inner City Lives Fringe Events featuring Indica Skye, Sound of the Streets, TK and Bianca

Event 4: RT Live presents Inner City Lives Fringe Events featuring an array of Urban Cinema, contemporary dance and live music by local artists and SAC Productions

Ocean Music Venue, 270 Mare Street, Hackney E8 1HE
Free guest list call Nadu Placca on 020 8986 3222 or email nadu@rising-tide.co.uk

SUMMER GOSPEL CONCERT

11 July 19:00 – 21:30 (approx)

Hackney Music Development Trust and the RobinSing Music Academy present this Summer Gospel Concert to uplift and entertain you. Featuring contributions from several gospel choirs as well as soloists and other special guests.

St. Peter's Church, 86 De Beauvoir Road, London N1 5AT

Tickets: £8 (£7 advance)

Concessions: £3 (under 15 yrs)

020 8820 7410 • www.hmdt.org.uk

THE SPOTLIGHT... IT'S YOUR TIME TO SHINE

11 July 19:00 – 23:00

The Spotlight is a new Saturday night chat show for young people aged 13 to 25 living within Hackney. Hosted by BBC 1xtra's Sarah-Jane Crawford, the show is not to be missed!

Don't miss the exclusive opportunity to be part of Hackney's finest and most talented monthly show.

Each show will give performers an opportunity to showcase their talent in 60 seconds. All acts will be judged and the best performer will be invited back to perform live at 'The Spotlight'.

Ocean Music Venue, 270 Mare Street, Hackney E8 1HE

To register in advance for free guest list visit www.thespotlight.org.uk or email info@thespotlight.org.uk • arrive early to guarantee your entry

ARTS + HERITAGE

A TRACE OF MY EXISTENCE

28 May – 31 August

"The subjects of A Trace of My Existence are full of charm, humour, pathos and a kind of triumphant dignity".

Ken Russell, The Times, 2 June 2009

A Trace of My Existence is the first European show by the Colombian collective Click por los Barrios (Click for the Neighbourhoods). These arresting images were taken by children and young people who live in the poorest areas of Colombia's second largest city, Medellin.

Click por los Barrios was set up 5 years ago by a group of professional documentary and press photographers weary of feeding the media appetite for images of violence. Each photographer works in a particular area of the city, working with young people aged between 5 and 26. The images taken by the students are unique, and come out of situations of hardships and poverty but show huge optimism and energy. Of course, many of their concerns are those of young people everywhere - friends, family, their neighbourhood and its characters - just messing around.

Chats Palace, 42 – 44 Brooksby's Walk, Homerton, London, E9 6DF

Free • Mon, Thu & Fri: 09:30 – 17:00;

Tues: 09:30 – 19:00; Wed 09:30 – 21:00.

Weekend opening times vary so call

020 8533 0227 for details

www.chatspalace.com

FROM SCRATCH

2 – 17 July

A season of events exploring the legacy of experimental British composer Cornelius Cardew and the Scratch Orchestra in anticipation of The Drawing Room's winter 2009 programme.

This will include an exhibition of 'Treatise' (1963-7), Cardew's impressive 193-page graphic score, original manuscripts, Scratch Books and other archival material brought together for the first time in the UK, film screenings and symposia.

From Scratch is conceived in collaboration with ICFAR (International Centre for Fine Art Research), University of the Arts, London.

The Drawing Room, Brunswick Wharf, 55 Laburnum Street, London E2 8BD

Free – Booking essential

www.drawingroom.org.uk/fromscratch

SURFACE IMAGE EVENT

3 July – 1 August

Wed – Sat 12:00 – 18:00

Five young painters working with emergent figuration – whose primary engagement is with the act of painting, out of which a subject emerges; where the representation of the subject is an 'event' rather than an illustration. Conceptually and formally, these artists continually address the boundaries between abstraction and representation, materiality and illusion.

Standpoint Gallery, 45 Coronet Street, London N1 6HD

Free • www.standpointlondon.co.uk



BIG BLUE FENCE AT HACKNEY MUSEUM

2 June – 31 August.

Open Tuesday to Saturday

Immediate Theatre presents The Big Blue Fence Interactive Installation at Hackney Museum.

A new interactive exhibition exploring Hackney's heritage over the last 60 years from the London Olympics in 1948 to London 2012.

Hackney Museum, Technology and Learning Centre, 1 Reading Lane E8 1GQ • Free

JOIN IN - BLUE FENCE INSTALLATION WORKSHOPS

Family workshop – Tuesday 28 July 14:00 – 16:00. Adult events – Tuesday 25 August 13:00 – 16:00 or Wednesday 26 August 12:00 – 16:00

Be a part of capturing the changing stories of E9 by using pictures and memorabilia. These will then be displayed in the Big Blue Fence Installation - a scale model based on a section of the Olympic-site perimeter fence. Facilitated by Immediate Theatre. Free • 020 8356 3500

NUBIAN SPIRIT: THE AFRICAN LEGACY OF THE NILE VALLEY

Thursday 9 July 18:00 – 19:30

"Nubian Spirit" is a beautifully shot documentary which unravels the fascinating and often magical legacy of Ancient Sudan. It shines light onto the ancient African culture, history and spiritual mythology of the people from the Nile Valley. Shot in Sudan and the UK, the documentary features dynamic interviews with leading scholars, archaeologists and ground breaking museum curators. Directed by Louis Buckley and produced by BlackNine Films. Running time 74 minutes.

Hackney Museum, Technology and Learning Centre, 1 Reading Lane E8 1GQ • Free – Booking essential
020 8356 3500 • www.blackninefilms.com

STREET ART

11 July 12:00 – 20:00

This will be a unique opportunity to create a piece of public art in the heart of your community. The programme, which is free of charge, will see a professional artist teach local residents street art culminating in the renovation of an otherwise neglected space in the community. Includes BBQ and fun activities (face painting etc)

Blue Hut, 49 Provost St, London N1 7NZ
Free • 020 7729 6970
danny@skyway.uk.com

ST JOHN AT HACKNEY CHURCHYARD GARDENS

Saturday 11 July 11:00 – 13:00

Hackney local historical walk visiting the Hackney central area. The walk ends at Sutton House, the Tudor Courtier's House, with an optional pub lunch to follow.

Free – Booking essential
emily.jost@hackney.gov.uk • Adult event

FAMILY EVENTS - HACKNEY MUSEUM

GLAD RAGS AND TEA BAGS AT HACKNEY MUSEUM

Thursday 23 July 14:00 – 16:00

Put on your best dancing shoes for a toe tapping family activity inspired by the tea dances enjoyed by Hackney's older residents. Tea will be served. This event will be facilitated by the Variety Collective. Free

GAMES INTERNATIONAL

Wednesday 29 July 14:00 – 16:00

Play games from around the world in our interactive exhibition with Universal Board Games. Free

TALL TALES FROM AFRICA

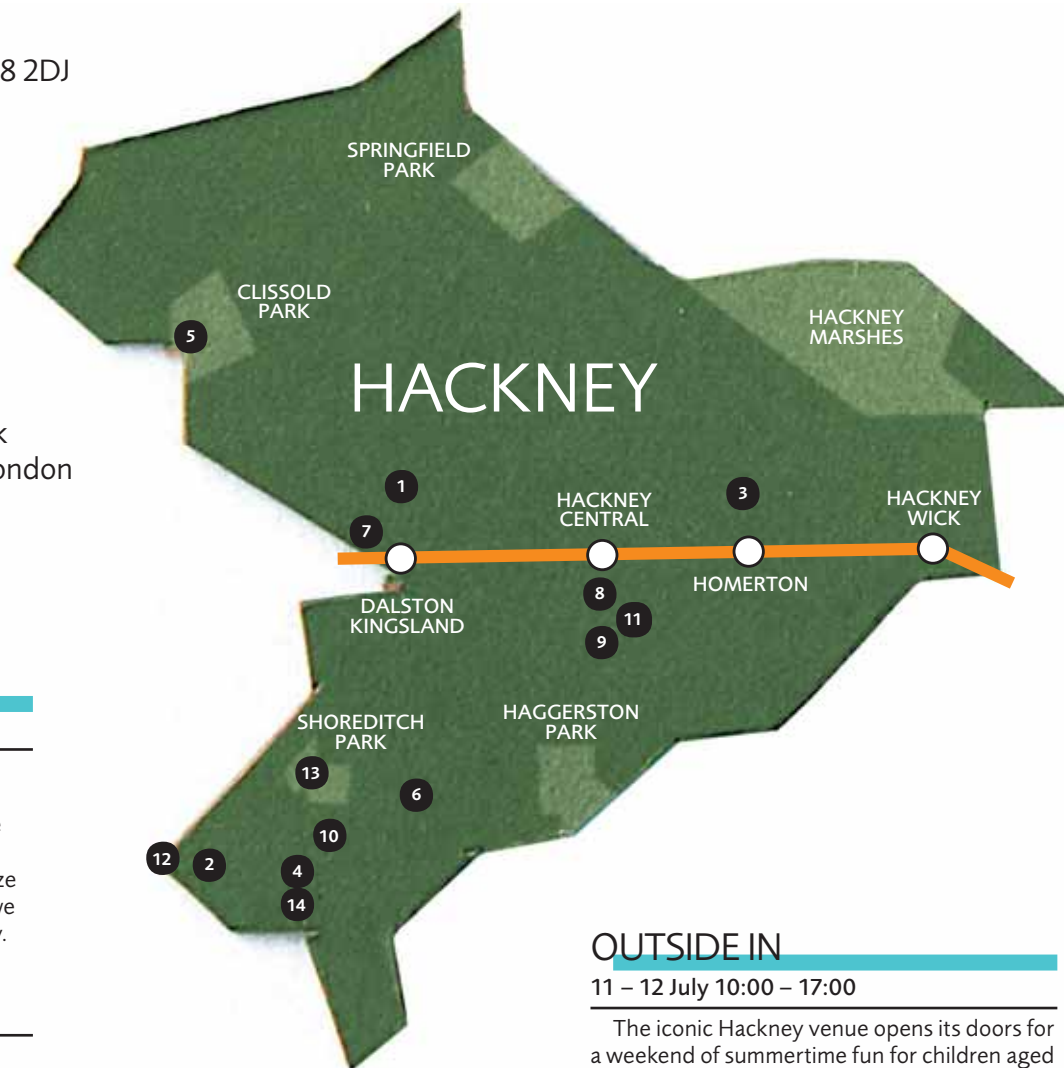
Thursday 30 July 14:00 – 15:00
repeated 15:00 – 16:00

African drumming and storytelling for all the family, a LOUD session. Each session consist of storytelling, followed by drumming. This workshop is facilitated by Nzinga Dance Ensemble. Free • 020 8356 3500

EVENT VENUES

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- 1 Arcola Theatre, 27 Arcola St, E8 2DJ
- 2 Blue Hut, 49 Provost St, London N1 7NZ
- 3 Chats Palace, 42 – 44 Brooksby's Walk, Homerton, London, E9 6DF
- 4 Circus Space, Coronet Street, London N1 6HD
- 5 Clissold Park, N16
- 6 The Drawing Room, Brunswick Wharf, 55 Laburnum Street, London E2 8BD



CABIN/ET

12 July – 27 September

Tom Wolseley's CABIN/ET - a series of projects in a recycled shipping container, in Hackney Road Recreation Ground. There are 17 million containers in the world, constantly on the move and amounting to a space the size of London. CABIN/ET aims to explore how we might locate ourselves in this new geography.

Room, 31 Waterson Street, London E2 8HT • Free • 020 7613 2636
www.roomartspace.co.uk

HOXTON STREET CASTING & HIPNOTIC PRESENT...

14 July 19:00 – 22:00

An evening of new theatrical, dance and music performances. Compered by Hoxton Hall's young and talented in collaboration with established and respected hip hop artists, featuring original soundtracks, lyrics and choreography as well as performances from the newest recruits to the Hoxton Street Casting agency.

Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street, London N1 6SH • Free – Booking essential
020 7684 0060 • events@hoxtonhall.co.uk

READING HACKNEY

mid July – end August

Libraries across our Borough will be taking part in a celebration of literature which has been created in or inspired by Hackney.

Free • www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries or call your local branch for details.

GAMES EXCHANGE EXHIBITION - HACKNEY MUSEUM

21 July – 19 September

Everyone, from 5 to 95, is welcome to come and play games at Hackney Museum this summer. There'll be old favourites, such as dominoes or Chinese chequers and some exciting new ones like Kippit and Katomino and our brand new Hackney game – 'Lost in Time'. Don't miss out on lots of opportunities to learn new tactics or share your own skills. Join in some energetic games in a party atmosphere or relax at a quiet evening of backgammon or Oware. Bring your friends and family. All ages are welcome. Look out for our games workshops and events in the museum, at St John's churchyard and in Gillett Square. Make it the summer of serious fun!

Free • 020 8356 3500
www.hackney.gov.uk/museum

LITERA-TEA DANCE

25 July, 14:00 – 17:00

Music, dancing, readings and a cream tea combine into a Dalston delight.

CLR James Library, 24-30 Dalston Lane E8 3AZ
Free • www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries

GILLETT SQUARE GAMES DAYS

1 – 15 August 14:00 – 19:00

Games Days return to Gillett Square for the third year with a host of games from every corner of the globe facilitated by Universal Board Games. These events are free and open to everyone (suitable for all ages 5+). You are very welcome to bring your own games too.

Gillett Square, Dalston, London, N16 8JN • Free • www.gillettsquare.org.uk

THEATRE

FRANK'S CLOSET

8 – 25 July 19:00 – 22:30

On the eve of his civil ceremony Frank is clearing out his collection of Diva frocks. A frolic through contemporary mores and the universal themes of identity and transformation with characteristic British panache. Music hall Chairman Frank and his Gaiety Girls revel in the reality gap between the human and the divine.

Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street, London N1 6SH
For prices visit www.ticketweb.co.uk

OUTSIDE IN

11 – 12 July 10:00 – 17:00

The iconic Hackney venue opens its doors for a weekend of summertime fun for children aged 3+ and their families. Explore a lovely building full of hidden surprises, get creative with Chats Palace's favourite artists and experience some of the best international theatre for children.

Follow the magical metamorphosis of the butterfly with TPO Company, one of Italy's leading children's performance companies
Chats Palace, 42-44 Brooksby's Walk, Homerton, London, E9 6DF

• The Outside In Festival is free • TPO Company's "Butterflies" performances times: 11 & 12 July at 11:00 and 14:00. £5 full price £3 concessions to 19 and under, unwaged and students • www.wegotickets.com/f/863 • 020 8533 0227

OUT OF SIGHT

17 – 19 July 19:30 (plus 14:30 on Sat 18 July)

Breathtaking circus skills and Frantic Assembly's striking style of physical theatre combine to transform Circus Space into the backstage of a theatre where the hidden stories of a circus troupe are gradually revealed.

Circus Space, Coronet Street, London N1 6HD • Tickets £10 concessions £5
020 7729 9522

PHOTOCHATS GROUP SHOW - SECOND SKIN

Starts 1 October

This autumn Photochats proposes to stage a group show on the theme of neighbourhood, be it Dalston/Hackney or whichever part of London you live in. Can you represent the character of our locality through a series of up to six images or perhaps just a single telling photograph? The work can be black and white or colour, film or digital, large or small, still or moving image, new or old. The exhibition is open to Photochats members and the final submission date is 31 July 2009. The exhibition will also be part of the East London Photomonth festival.

Chats Palace, 42 – 44 Brooksby's Walk, Homerton, London, E9 6DF
Free • 020 8986 9283
petyoung83@yahoo.com

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- 8 Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8 1EJ
- 9 Hackney Museum, Technology and Learning Centre, 1 Reading Lane E8 1GQ
- 10 Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street, London N1 6SH
- 11 Ocean Music Venue, 270 Mare Street, Hackney E8 1HE
- 12 St. Peter's Church, 86 De Beauvoir Road, London N1 5AT
- 13 Shoreditch Park, New North Road, N1
- 14 Standpoint Gallery, 45 Coronet Street, London N1 6HD

FUTURE EVENTS

HACKNEY PEACE WALK

19 September

More details to follow.
Free • 020 8356 2476
michelle.flood@hackney.gov.uk

ROBERT LEVY FOUNDATION CELEBRATION DAY

19 September 14:00 – 17:00
Doors open at 13:00

Showcase event featuring a variety of local upcoming talent, a Fashion show by young people attending the RLF summer programme at Hackney Community College, skills demonstration by participants in the RLF summer motor vehicle programme and short films produced by students on our film production programme. This is also an event to highlight the issues surrounding knife crime and some of the positive alternatives available in our community. It is also to celebrate the lives of those who are no longer with us because of knife and gun crimes.

Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8 1EJ
Free • call Robert Levy Foundation 0870 6260709 • info@robertlevyfoundation.org

HACKNEY ONE CARNIVAL

Sunday 27 September

Hackney's streets will come alive with music and colour as our premiere outdoor Cultural Olympiad event returns with a theme of "Embrace". Come and celebrate with some of the finest carnival groups on the circuit who will showcase an array of innovative costume and fabulous dance performances. There will be lots of things happening including a colourful street procession, and performances and activities to get involved with in the afternoon. A fun and safe event the whole family will enjoy.

Free • Olympics@hackney.gov.uk

