



# Cheap London

3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009

☀The Sunshine Issue☀

## Events



The expat American community's annual Independence Day celebration **London Fourth of July Picnic, Barbecue and Fireworks** is happening again this year at the Pump House Gallery – so why not join your fellow Americans in London on **Saturday 4th**? Nine hundred people attended in 2008 and this year they're expecting many more – including you?! The festivities will take place in the open space beside the Pump House Gallery and the organisers have secured a full bar license and permission for the park to remain open till midnight. Admission is free and as well as balloons, red, white and blue bouncy castles and face painting for the kids, there will be an

upmarket but affordable barbecue from Butcher & Grill and Bodeans and a laser fireworks display complete with John Philip Sousa pyromusical accompaniment. **Times:** Sat 2pm, bar opens 5pm, fireworks 9.45pm

[www.meetup.com/americansabroad](http://www.meetup.com/americansabroad)

Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park, SW11 4NJ

🚫 Sloane Square, Battersea Park rail, then bus 137 over Chelsea Bridge or plot it from your residence at [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk)

This year's **Pride parade on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>** starts from Baker Street at 1pm, heading along Oxford Street, down Regent Street and ending in Trafalgar Square. This year's theme is 'Come Out And Play'. The parade ends with a gathering in Trafalgar Square, with speakers and entertainers from 3pm. Plus there'll be entertainment in Soho with various gay venues hosting their own sound stages. The Women's stage will feature Jess Gardham, MC Angel, Sandra D and more. The Urban Stage will feature Denise Pearson from 5 Star and many others. The Ku Bar Pop Stage will feature the first appearance by Boy George since his recent spell in jail.





**Watch This Space** is the National Theatre's two-month festival of **outdoor street theatre**, cabaret, music and film screenings once again takes over the South Bank (with fingers crossed for clement weather) **until 27<sup>th</sup> September**. The programme includes theatre, family events and late-night DJs. Theatre Square, National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 9PX [www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/wts](http://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/wts)

**Times:** Wed-Sun various times

 Waterloo

## Around Town

So one of your flat mates went to Nice this weekend, and the other to Barcelona and you're stuck here in a somewhat sticky City? Wrong! Whilst our only beach maybe the 8ft<sup>2</sup> patch that appears at Gabriel's Wharf at low tide you can catch your cool and chillax at one of

**London's fabulous Lidos**, **large outdoor pools** that have all recently been refurbished and very much come into Vogue in the city again! So grab a costume and head down to your nearest Lido for a splash and keep cool in traditional style.

[Check out where they're all located here](#)

As [someone once said](#)... "All that's missing is the sea, But don't worry, you can suntan!"



Hopefully the sunshine will inspire you with an insatiable urge to **discover new and different parts of town** – places not on the tube map, places with history not included on the Big Bus Tour perhaps or just pretty places where Londoners have made their home and live their lives in this wonderful capital. And so off you go – armed with your Oyster and your two feet – where to? Who knows! But why not gain some inspiration from [www.timeout.com/london](http://www.timeout.com/london) and discover **lots of walks in all sorts of places**.

A particular highlight is the Deptford route - take in DIY art galleries and old school pie and mash shops on this trip through south London's still-burgeoning creative scene.

*"Where's Deptford?" is often the response when this petite pocket of south London gets mentioned. It merits more attention, however, thanks in large part to a burgeoning scene of small galleries....."*

Read more and download the tour here:

<http://www.timeout.com/media/pdf/deptford.pdf>

## Music



**More Music** at The Scoop is a series of free **open air concerts** at London's famous riverside amphitheatre. A line up of live acts will take to the stage at South Bank **throughout the summer** of 2009, presenting an eclectic mix of music in the sun.

Summer has arrived and Londoners can enjoy balmy days out with live music in the sun. A few famous faces will be among the line up alongside a selection of acclaimed performers and up and coming stars.

### Wednesday 1st July

Lunchtime: MT Hedz  
Evening: Sally Knight

### Thursday 2nd July

Lunchtime: AllStars Jazz  
Evening: Protect the Beat

### Friday 3rd July


Lunchtime: The London Fusion  
Orchestra  
Evening: The AllStars Collective

### Wednesday 8th July

Lunchtime: Smile  
Evening: Chantelle Duncan Quintet

### Thursday 9th July

Lunchtime: EMI Music Sound  
Foundation  
Evening: Baluji Shrivastav

The Scoop is located along South Bank between London Bridge and Tower Bridge.  London Bridge / Tower Hill  
<http://www.morelondon.com/scoop.html>

## Nightlife

Slow Alfie, Alan Martini and Skinny Jim mix pop and rock anthems from the last 50 years and all your fave power ballads at **Club de Fromage** at the

Islington Academy on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>**. Theme: the best of American music to celebrate Independence Day. Dress Code: American! So you should have no worries there... I wonder what the Brits will show up in though?!

Student tix are £6 (oops I couldn't resist including it in Cheap London ...!) you can get 'em in advance via [the website](#).

Islington Academy, 16 Parkfield St, N1 0PS

 Angel / Kings Cross



## Art



### The Madonna Nudes: Thirtieth Anniversary Exhibition

Art or sheer voyeurism... it's up to you to decide! It's 30 years since Martin Schreiber took nude photographs of the then unknown 20-year-old dance student Madonna Ciccone, who earned \$30 for the shoot. The images, which were published in Playboy Magazine in 1985, are on show, alongside memorabilia and books until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

Impure Art, 19 Earlham St, WC2 9HU

[www.impureart.com](http://www.impureart.com)/[www.sevendials.co.uk](http://www.sevendials.co.uk)

Times: Mon-Sat 12noon-7pm, Sun 12noon-6pm

 Covent Garden/Leicester Square

American artist **Jeff Koons**'s boundary-pushing examination of consumerism, taste, beauty and banality has ranged from creating 40-foot high puppies made from flowering plants to starring in a series of pornographic photos with his wife of the time. This show of paintings and sculptures at the Serpentine Gallery, until **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**September**, features work from the 'Popeye Series', a collision of imagery and objects from art history and popular culture including inflatable beach toys recreated in cast and painted aluminium.

Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, W2 3XA

Times: 10am-6pm daily

🚫 South Kensington

<http://www.serpentinegallery.org/>

...and to round of your visit why not check out the lovely Garden Terrace at the Serpentine Bar & Kitchen where you can grab a pork sandwich fresh from a hog roast spit on site and munch away right next to the swans, ducks and pedalos of Hyde Park's Serpentine Lake. Then afterward, if inclement weather hasn't threatened to spoil your day you can have a stroll back to your residence through the park. How delightful!

