

# Calendar for the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad in the East of England

The London 2012 Cultural Olympiad is a four year programme involving young people and communities around the UK in a wide range of cultural activity in the run up to the Games.

As we approach the last, and highest profile, year of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad this document outlines some of the key activity that will be part of the Cultural Olympiad in the East of England in 2012 in date order.

The London 2012 Festival, the finale of the Cultural Olympiad will run from 21 June to 9 September next year. Details of some of the projects that will be part of this Festival are included in this document. Final programming for the Festival will be announced in the Spring.



The projects included in this summary are all part of the Cultural Olympiad and cultural celebrations around the London 2012 Olympic Paralympic Games.

They are part of the Cultural Olympiad by having been programmed as part of the London 2012 Festival, the finale of the Cultural Olympiad, as part of UK wide programmes such as Artists Taking the Lead and Stories of the World, or have been awarded a cultural Inspire Mark by London 2012 recognising the project as officially part of the celebrations.

We expect that as celebrations build next year in addition to this programme communities across the UK will make their own creative contributions to mark this extraordinary year.

Two of our larger programmes that will have events throughout the region next year, and have been developed over the past three years are On Landguard Point and Eastern Exchanges.

### **Artists Taking the Lead – On Landguard Point**

On Landguard Point is a project about HOME by the Pacitti Company. It explores how we construct our diverse notions of home, what home means to each of us, and what it means to host others in our home. In 2011 there were a series of extraordinary live large-scale outdoor events and activities as part of the On Landguard Point project which engaged thousands of people as participants and audiences across the East of England. These events collectively form the content of a new feature film, which will premiere in 2012.

[www.onlandguardpoint.com](http://www.onlandguardpoint.com)

<http://festival.london2012.com/undefined/cultural-olympiad-events/on-landguard-point.php>

### **Stories of the World – Eastern Exchanges**

From 2010-2013 the amazingly rich heritage of the Far East will take centre stage in the region's museums. A major programme of exhibitions, events, artist residencies and community projects will unlock the secrets and stories of China, India and Pakistan. At the heart of Eastern Exchanges are the region's young people, creating exciting new ways for visitors to experience great collections.

[http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/Whats\\_On/Eastern\\_Exchanges\\_Cultural\\_Festival/index.htm](http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/Whats_On/Eastern_Exchanges_Cultural_Festival/index.htm)

<http://festival.london2012.com/undefined/cultural-olympiad-events/stories-of-the-world.php>

Both On Landguard Point and Eastern Exchanges have been funded by Arts Council England.

### **Key**

\* throughout this document London 2012 Festival Events during the Festival period are asterisked \*



### **March - April 2012 tbc      On Landguard Point Dig and Sow**

On Landguard Point team have hosted mass archaeological excavations across the East of England. So far digs have taken place in Ashwell, Hertfordshire and Ipswich, Suffolk. Members of the public have been able to discover treasures and traces of home in their own back gardens! Dig sites in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex and Norfolk will be confirmed soon. If you're interested in taking part and live in these counties please email [info@onlandguardpoint.com](mailto:info@onlandguardpoint.com) or call 0207 488 0800 to register your interest.

### **April 2012**

#### **Tbc April                                  Luton World Exhibition**

Opening of exhibition connecting people of Luton to Olympic nations at Stockwood Museum, part of Stories of the World.

#### **23 April 2012                                  World Shakespeare Festival\***

World Shakespeare Festival Opens, RSC Open Stages professional/amateur collaboration is being delivered with regional partners, including the New Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich. Activity began in summer 2011.

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/world-shakespeare-festival.php>

#### **Spring 2012 tbc                                  On Landguard Point Film Premiere**

All of the events in On Landguard Point are being made as part of a new feature film that will premiere in 2012. Inspired by the histories and culture of the East, the On Landguard Point film will exist at an intersection between live performance, community and cinema. Both professional and non-professional groups have worked with the project team to make all of the live outdoor events that form the content of the film, including performance, music events and parades. East of England residents have given their time to get involved with On Landguard Point across the Summer in 2011, as participants and as audiences.

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#### **Spring 2012 tbc                                  On Landguard Point Live Trade exhibition opens**

Opening at the Museum of East Anglian Life Abbot's Hall, Live Trade is a collection of objects, artefacts, and other material crafted and collected during On Landguard Point. The collection will include the People's Encyclopedia for the East of England, all 205 of the symbols generated by Encyclopedia entries and a full set of the 205 symbol silver charms. The exhibition extends the opportunity to engage with On Landguard Point, offering a reflective experience to the many thousands of people involved in the programme and beyond.

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### **Spring**

### **Aldeburgh Music Exchanging Worlds Project**

Legacy Trust UK funding will extend the reach of the Aldeburgh World Orchestra project into local communities.

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961162>

### **May 2012**

#### **Friday 18 May**

#### **Torch arrives in UK - Big Dance Schools challenge\***

A world record attempt at 1pm on 18 May 2012 to coincide with the start of the Olympic Torch Relay in the UK. Renowned choreographer, Wayne McGregor, will be creating the choreography for it.

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000962041>

### **May**

### **Carnival Crossroads East Bound Mas Camps**

Carnival Crossroads East Bound project is bringing together the East of England's local carnival artists, community groups and schools to create a carnival showcase of our history and celebrating local pride for Festival 2012. The UK Centre for Carnival Arts will be connecting 100 people from each of Cambridge, Ipswich, Norwich, Southend on Sea and Luton, with renowned national carnival artists to exchange techniques and design. Local artists will lead community workshops, where everyone's invited, to share and explore our story through carnival. Pop-up Mas Camps will arrive in May to start to create carnival designs, costumes, music and dance. The creations will be exhibited and open days will enable everyone to get together and participate in carnival.

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961884>

### **Date tbc**

### **On Landguard Point Film Premiere**

Details of presentation of this artist's film in each county in the region, and also further archaeological digs as part of the Dig and Sow strand will be announced.

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<http://festival.london2012.com/undefined/cultural-olympiad-events/on-landguard-point.php>

### **18 May – 6 July**

### **Sparks Will Fly, events in every borough in Essex**

A county wide spectacle will run in Essex from May to July in 2012. Engaging over 100,000 people, it will culminate in a large scale pyrotechnic performance in Hylands Park in early July 2012. Walk the Plank, a highly experienced outdoor performance and pyrotechnic company, will be designing and orchestrating Sparks Will Fly. Sparks will Fly will be delivered by Essex County Council's Arts Development and 2012 Legacy Teams, Chelmsford Borough Council Cultural Events Team, local authorities and communities across Essex.

18-May at Harwich Children's Carnival welcoming first giant visitor  
 19 May around Saffron Walden museum  
 20-May .. at Tour de Tendring in Dovercourt  
 24-May .. in Basildon's Sporting Village  
 27-May .. in Harlow Market Square  
 30 May .. in Stansted Airport as second giant visitor arrives  
 02-June.. at Wild Woods Day in Rochford  
 09-June.. in Braintree Town Centre  
 16-June .. in Maldon's Promenade Park  
 17-June.. at Castle Point Show on Canvey Island  
 23 June.. in Southend-on-Sea  
 24 June.. at Waltham Abbey Town Show  
 30-June.. in Colchester at the Celebrate! Diversity Festival  
 1-July at Brentwood Goes Global at Brentwood Centre  
**6 July** **Finale at Hylands Park Chelmsford with Torch Relay\***  
<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961969>

## June 2012

### **June – Sep 2012** **Cambridgeshire Competes**

Cambridgeshire Competes is a partnership between local museums, sports centres and community groups to tell stories related to the Olympic and Paralympic Games across Cambridgeshire. As well as exploring and exhibiting local connections to the Games, the exhibition will also highlight rising stars from the local area to look out for in the Olympic Games events.

<http://www.cambridgeshirecompetes.org.uk/>

### **21 June – 9 Sept** **LONDON 2012 FESTIVAL**

The London 2012 Festival programme will include national join in moments

<http://festival.london2012.com/>

### **26, 27 and 28 June** **How Like an Angel, Norwich Cathedral**

Circa and I Fagiolini, produced by Norfolk and Norwich Festival, How Like an Angel is Circa's site-specific creation for cathedrals. The project aims to celebrate and humanise the grand edifices of belief, to restore their sense of wonder and to deepen our sense of awe. By combining contemporary circus with live music, theatrical lighting and staging elements, the project aims to create a physical manifestation of the soaring wonder of great sacred music.

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961364>

### **30 June** **Hopscotch to Victory!, LACE**

A project from Live Art Collective East (LACE), a new artist-led organisation based in the East of England. The hybrid artistic practice within the group draws from visual arts, theatre and site-specific work and comes under the umbrella 'live art'. LACE artists are currently working on a series of projects for Summer 2012, produced by Artsadmin, which will involve several artists' commissions. One of these projects will

see LACE attempt to break the World record for the most people hopscotching at the same time in, the same place for their Inspire marked project Hopscotch to Victory! The event will be held in Colchester Park in summer 2012. The group will also be encouraging satellite events around the region. If you are interested in participating in the world record attempt, arranging a Hopscotch event or finding out more there will be a Hopscotch schools' pack, video trailer, and limited edition artists' multiple available from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

[lace@artsadmin.co.uk](mailto:lace@artsadmin.co.uk) [liveartcollectiveeast.com](http://liveartcollectiveeast.com)

## July 2012

### 2- 5 July

### Ring Round the World

The biggest children's opera ever made: an adventure in world music promising great performance, theatrical spectacle and sing-along fun. Ring Round the World is an opera in 220 scenes – one for every major world nation. Working with hundreds of schools, which have been twinned with a different world nation, and a cast of more than 6,000 children, this tale of adventure will journey around the world, collecting a 'story' from each place visited.

2 & 5 July 7.00pm                      Comberton Village College Cambridge

3 & 4 July 7.00pm                      West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961503>

### Tues 3 – Sun 8 July

### Olympic Torch Relay East of England Dates

Tuesday 3 July	Peterborough	Peterborough Festival
Wednesday 4 July	Norwich	Lord Mayor's Parade/Carnival
Thursday 5 July	Ipswich	Ip Art
Friday 6 July	Chelmsford	Sparks will Fly
Saturday 7 July	Cambridge	The Big Weekend (& Big Dance)
Sunday 8 July	Luton	Cultural Weekend (& with Big Dance)
Monday 9 July	Torch leaves the region from Luton in the morning	

<http://www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay>

### 6 July

### Concert at Kings College Cambridge

Choral project including a competition for a new processional commission will be performed in Kings College Chapel as part of a concert on the eve of the Olympic torch arriving in Cambridge

<http://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/events/choir-concerts.html>

### Fri 6 – Mon 9 July

### Love Luton 2012 Festival

Four day celebration including Luton International Carnival, Luton Mela and other cultural activities

<http://www.luton.gov.uk/2012festival>

**Sat 7 – Sun 15 July      Big Dance\***

Big Dance 2012 is the ultimate dance experience. The festival will feature nine days of dance in unusual spaces throughout the UK in 2012 – shops, parks, galleries, shopping centres and theatres - showcasing the diversity of dance styles. The programme is funded by the Legacy Trust UK and Arts Council England.

[http://bigdance2012.com/event\\_map.php](http://bigdance2012.com/event_map.php)

**School holiday      Summer Reading Challenge\***

The annual summer reading challenge will be part of the London 2012 Festival, connecting young people to world stories.

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961835>

**Fri 6–Sun 29 July      Aldeburgh World Orchestra Residency**

The Aldeburgh World Orchestra is a new project under development in which renowned conductor, Sir Mark Elder will bring together 100 of the most talented young musicians (age 18-28 years) from across the globe to create a true 'world orchestra'

**20 and 22 July**

**Aldeburgh World Orchestra at Snape\***

**29 July**

**Aldeburgh World Orchestra Prom at the Albert Hall\***

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961162>

**Sun 8 July      Carnival Crossroads East Bound finale\***

The UK Centre for Carnival Arts Carnival Crossroads East Bound project is bringing together the East of England's carnival artists, community groups and schools to create a carnival showcase of our history and celebrating local pride for Festival 2012. The project will culminate in an extravaganza parade, bringing together 500 people from across the East of England to perform in Luton's International Carnival

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961884>

**w/c 9 July      World Shakespeare Festival at New Wolsey Ipswich\***

The main house and potentially other venues will host the Open Stage elements of the RSC World Shakespeare Festival.

**Saturday 14 July      Big Street Dance\***

(21 – 22 July in London River of Music in London but regional participants )

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 2013      Treasures of China exhibition**

Part of Stories of the World the Treasures of China exhibition at Colchester Castle Museums, will showcase amazing objects from Nanjing Museum. Spanning 10,000 years of extraordinary history, from the Neolithic to the Last Emperor, the exhibition will chart the rise of Imperial China.

<http://www.peopleandplace.org.uk/museums/colchester-and-ipswich-museums/changing-lives/>

**From July 2012**

**China Touring Exhibition**

Launching at Epping Forest District Museum and touring museums around the region China in the East is a touring exhibition with a difference: as well as showcasing the rich Chinese collections of museums in the region, it will present new media created by young people and inspired by objects in the exhibition. It will bring new thinking to tradition display. The objects have been selected from Bedford, Colchester & Ipswich, Hertford, Saffron Walden, St. Albans as well as the project lead, Epping Forest District Museum

[www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/chinaintheeast](http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/chinaintheeast)

**Jul – Aug**

**Rachel Gadsden Unlimited, Cambridge**

Unlimited Global Alchemy is led by visual artist Rachel Gadsden in collaboration with South African artist and activist Nondumiso Hlwele and the Bambanani Group based in Khayelitsha Township near Cape Town. Together they will explore issues of identity, survival in the face of chronic medical conditions, and the politics of HIV. The project will culminate in an exhibition of visual artworks, a performance and a documentary film shown at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Cambridge in July-August 2012, touring to London during the Paralympics and then internationally.

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961761>

**Fri 27 July**

**Martin Creed Work No 1197\***

All the bells in the country rung as quickly and as loudly as possible for three minutes from 8am to 8.03am

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961496>

**Friday 27 July**

**OPENING CEREMONY FOR OLYMPIC GAMES**

**August 2012**

**Saturday 4 August**

**Super Saturday**

**Sunday 12 August**

**CLOSING CEREMONY OLYMPIC GAMES**

**3 – 5 August**

**Godiva Awakes, Artists Taking the Lead WM**

The ten metre high cycle powered Lady Godiva crosses the region on its way from Coventry to London. There will be the procession and also evening celebrations.

Thursday 3 August

Luton

Friday 4 August

Hatfield

Saturday 5 August

Waltham Abbey

<http://festival.london2012.com/undefined/cultural-olympiad-events/godiva-awakes.php>

**August – September      Robert Wilson’s Walking**

Visionary director Robert Wilson combines sculpture, installations and a three-mile stretch of the stunning north Norfolk coast to create a unique artistic experience that explores and redefines our relationship with the landscape. Produced by Norfolk and Norwich Festival.

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000962160>

**24 – 28 August              Paralympic Torch around UK**

There will be opportunities to join in around the UK.

**Wed 29 August              OPENING CEREMONY OF PARALYMPIC GAMES**

**September 2012**

**8 and 9 September          Closing weekend of Cultural Olympiad**

**8 September                  Out There International festival of Street Arts and Circus 2012 presents Waterlitz by Générík Vapeur**

Waterlitz is the brand new creation from world renowned French Street Theatre Company, Générík Vapeur. Using their hallmark of combining the highest quality street theatre with explosive pyrotechnics and breath-taking aerial stunts, Waterlitz is a mobile performance designed to astound the audience with spectacle whilst also challenging them to consider some of the biggest issues affecting the world today. Presented at the Out There festival in GT Yarmouth

<http://festival.london2012.com/events/9000961890>

**9 September                  Bandstand Marathon**

As part of the Cultural Olympiad the Bandstand Marathon aims to humanise public spaces by having as many bands performing on as many bandstands and outdoor performances spaces all at the same time on the same day throughout the UK. The event, will be in its 5th year, celebrating local amateur musical talent; reflecting the amateur athletes who will be participating in the 2012 Games.

<http://www.bandstandmarathon.org.uk/>

**Sunday 9 September      CLOSING CEREMONY OF PARALYMPIC GAMES**

As at 13 December 2011