



PRESS RELEASE

September's River Weekender festival brings top Spanish artists Luzinterruptus to West London, plus cabaret, outdoor cinema & underwater adventures and more

Listings are at the end of this press release.

The **River Weekender** is a weekend arts festival for all ages, bringing quality Arts to West London audience's doorsteps – part of the Totally Thames Festival. There's something for all ages so come along and have fun.



Celebrated Spanish artists **Luzinterruptus** bring their stunning Rain Interactive installation to West London, a highlight of the weekend. Join in to make your very own raindrop out of some blue water, a tiny light and ... a condom, and add it to the stunning rain drop canopy at Watermans' entrance. Having toured this installation internationally the artists have worked with 1000s of kids and adults alike who love making these balloon-like drops.



Saturday night brings **cabaret** back to Watermans with **The Ruby Dolls**, a critically acclaimed cabaret act who bring their very own brand of close harmony singing, dance and comedy to Watermans' bar in a bespoke set, 'Rubies on the River'. Described by the Scotsman as: '*Highly unorthodox, highly imaginative... boisterous, sharp, witty and inventive*', they've played at Soho Theatre and the Edinburgh Festival and now come to your very own Brentford Riviera.

Follow that up with **outdoor cinema** as we go retro with **Goldfinger (PG)**, the greatest Bond film of all time, in our humble opinion. If 007 isn't to your taste, Friday's outdoor cinema is '80s classic **Top Gun(15)** and Sunday's is the hilarious **Muriel's Wedding(15)**.



For families, we welcome back Tea Dance for Little People after last year's sell-out shows for another **interactive family adventure** with **Our A-Maze-In River**. Dive deep beneath the waves, as our Gallery is transformed into an underwater maze where treasure can be discovered and sprites played with!



In children's comedy cabaret **The Sea Show**, meet a cast of characters and sing songs created by Craig Johnson, an actor, puppeteer, musician and long-standing member of Cornwall's renowned Kneehigh Theatre. Or catch the ultimate **Wind in the Willows** on Saturday morning, directed by and starring Terry Jones and co-starring several of his Monty Python associates.



FREE ACTIVITIES include the chance to scribble and colour your own additions to **Scott Walker's Cube**, a giant cube covered in nautical doodles, **Saturday lunchtime music in the bar** from jazz pop band *The Grown Ups*, a **family sing-a-long on the terrace** on Sunday, a stunning installation from digital artist Alex May, plus the opportunity to see an exhibition of original **Mick Inkpen Kipper the Dog** illustrations.

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LISTINGS

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INSTALLATIONS – ALL WEEKEND

Luz Interruptus presents

Rain Interactive

Entrance terrace, Watermans

FREE

Join Luzinterruptus to create a stunning raindrop canopy at Watermans' entrance, and celebrate the source of life. This stunning installation by celebrated Spanish artists Luzinterruptus will be built over 3 days, with people of all ages working alongside the artists. Join in to create a canopy of 5000 giant rain drops. Each unique drop is made from a condom containing water and light, creating a mesmerising and intimate space where you can walk amid the water, touch it, feel it and enjoy it, without getting wet.

Alex May presents

Waterlight

Studio 1, 10am-10.30pm

FREE

Artist Alex May presents a new digital installation exploring our physical and emotional relationship to water. Commissioned by Watermans, the piece uses video projection mapping and original soundtrack to connect with the 60% of our body that is made from this ubiquitous life supporting fluid.

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Outdoor Cinema

Top Gun

Tony Scott / 1986 / USA / 110 mins

Riverside Terrace, 8.30pm

£9

Whether you saw it first time around or are intrigued to see what got the kids going back in the 80s, don't miss this classic. Tom Cruise, Val Kilmer and Kelly McGillis star as a daring young pilot learns a few things he might not have expected from a civilian instructor.

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Tea Dance for Little People present

Our A-maze-in River

Gallery, various times, 75 mins

Ages 2-8

£7 (Family Ticket £25)

After a sell-out run at last year's River Weekender, Tea Dance for Little People are back with this interactive family adventure.

Enter an underwater world as our Gallery is transformed into a river maze. Explore caverns, deep river tunnels and play in interactive projections alongside the River Sprites, who need help to restore our river bed. The river has been unsettled leaving a sea bed of river treasure all over the maze – stones, shells, gems, crystals and seaweed which all help to maintain a healthy river flow.

So dive deep beneath the waves with the River Sprites. Hunt and gather natural treasures and find Old Father Thames sleeping somewhere in the maze. He'll guide you to the river terrace where you can offer your treasures to the river and make them into a beautiful keepsake.

Family Cinema

Wind in the Willows (U)

Cinema, 11am

£5

Terry Jones' excellent and hilarious version bring Monty Python and Steve Coogan together.

Live Music in the Bar

The Grown Ups

Bar/Restaurant, 1-3pm

FREE

Grab a plate of delicious Indian tapas and a drink and while away a couple of hours to a relaxing mix of jazz and grown up pop - a lovely blend of Singer, guitarist and saxophone.

Cabaret

The Ruby Dolls

Bar/Restaurant, 7.30pm

£8

This all-girl cabaret bring sensational music and comedy to Watermans for one evening only. They'll start the evening off with a bang as they sing and play their way through a unique set, designed just for the River Weekender. The Ruby Dolls have performed at Soho Theatre, The Edinburgh Festival and are regulars on BB Radio. Why not stay on for outdoor cinema showing the best Bond film EVER... in our humble opinion!



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Outdoor Cinema

Goldfinger (PG)

Guy Hamilton / 1964 / UK / 112 mins

Riverside Terrace, 9pm

£9

The man with the midas touch is BACK in the greatest of the great Bond films. See it on the big screen, sing along if you can't resist and come dressed for the 70s retro mood if you dare! Tickets can be bought jointly with the Cabaret.

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Tea Dance for Little People

Our A-MAZE-in River continues for three more performances.

Take Part

Scott Walker presents

The Cube

Bar area, 11am-4pm

FREE

10 metres of original hand drawn cartoons by artist Scott Walker make up this impressive free standing cube and YOU are invited to add to them! The black and white cartoon graphics are made up of fantastic creatures from rivers and lakes, the sheer scale and bright colours creating a hive of activity. Pick up your pens and join in, whatever your age!

Children's Theatre

Squashbox Theatre present

The Sea Show

Theatre, 3pm

Age 5+

£6.50

A quirky and hilarious mix of puppet show, natural history and comedy cabaret. Meet crazy characters like Morwenna the 'beautiful' mermaid, Ruan the reformed seagull and salty seadog Captain Pemburthy, as well as a cast of mischievous sea-squirts, anemones, limpets, crabs and pilchards. Come and celebrate the sea with tall tales, silly slapstick, fantastic facts, live music and songs - unmissable fun for children and adults of all ages! The Sea Show is the creation of Craig Johnson, an actor, musician and puppeteer, and long-standing member of Cornwall's renowned Kneehigh Theatre.

Family Sing-a-long

With the Buskers

Riverside Terrace, 4pm

FREE

A family sing along on the terrace. Come and listen to old favourites, classic pop songs and we'd love you to join in. A fun way to end the weekend.

Outdoor Cinema

Muriel's Wedding (15)

PJ Hogan / USA / 1995 / 110 mins

Riverside Terrace, 8pm

£9

You're terrible Muriel! If you're dreading Monday, you're probably not dreading it quite as much as Muriel. Come and join us for a Sunday night curry and this hilarious classic Aussie comedy complete with ABBA soundtrack and dodgy dance moves.