



Dive into East London's spectacular free festival!

25 June – 30 July 2005

Your complete guide to 5 weekends of free outdoor events

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Greenwich+Docklands International Festival is one of the country's leading producers of outdoor theatre and spectacle. This year, to increase accessibility for people with visual impairments, free audio description will be available at all the events.

The highly visual nature of the Festival's work provides rich opportunities for making sets, costumes, special effects, movement, puppetry and pyrotechnics accessible through audio description. Greenwich+Docklands International Festival is working with Vocaleyes to provide this free service.

If you are interested in attending any of the events and using audio description please contact: Bradley Hemmings on 020 8305 1818 or at audiodescription@festival.org.

We are also able to help with other access enquiries and booking taxis after events, so please do feel free to discuss your requirements.

By their nature these events are usually experienced from a standing position. If you have difficulty in standing and require special seating, would like to make a wheelchair reservation or need to discuss disabled parking please contact GDIF on 020 8305 1818.

Welcome to Greenwich+Docklands International Festival 2005

This year's Festival sets sail with a powerful maritime spectacle in the grounds of the **Old Royal Naval College** in Greenwich and ends with a fantasy ship sweeping through the streets of **Bow**. Why not jump on board? There will be some extraordinary experiences along the way; from breathtaking performances in the skies over **Canary Wharf**, to dancing JCB's at **Three Mills Green** and a Catalan dragon on the streets of **Woolwich**. All events are free, expressing East London's unique cultural vitality in dynamic new ways and promising an unforgettable voyage!

Greenwich+Docklands International Festival is an annual festival of **spectacular free outdoor events**. Each year we commission and present performances which set out to inspire, astonish and awaken the senses. Our audiences tell us how much they love being immersed in the excitement of GDIF events and being part of an inclusive family crowd – we've designed the programme **over five weekends** so that it's possible to attend everything! Do please pick up and complete a feedback card – your comments are very important to us and help with future fundraising and planning. We look forward to welcoming you at GDIF this summer and hope that you'll be back for more next year.

Bradley Hemmings, Artistic Director

Full details including maps are available on our website

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The Maritime Mysteries

**Saturday 25 and
Sunday 26 June 9.30pm**

Lower Grand Square,
Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, SE10
FREE

The power of the sea and its awesome creative and destructive potential is evoked in this poetic, newly commissioned spectacle. Audiences will be surrounded by images, sound, music and performances drawn from global waterfront cultures ranging from the Celtic fringes of Europe, to the Bay of Bengal, via South East Asia and Brazil. Featuring **aerial theatre, giant puppetry** and a **sea of voices from local communities** in Greenwich, this very special production has been developed to coincide with the 2005 **Sea Britain** initiative.

Directed by Felix Barrett, *The Maritime Mysteries* has been created by a team of artists including Akintayo Akinbode, Ali Pretty, Sofie Layton, Bethan Jennings, Yellow Earth Theatre, Korak Ghosh, Mike Pattison and Steve Dobbie.

"Fantastic, really superb, well organised"

audience comment from GDIF's Encounters at the Old Royal Naval College in 2003



Greenwich



Cutty Sark

Buses: 177, 180, 199, 286

By car: Public car parking off Park Row and Cutty Sark Gardens.

Access: Level access to performance space. Specially adapted toilet in Pepys House.



Dancing City

Saturday 9 July

1-5pm

Canary Wharf, E14

FREE

Heads up! with this celebration of **Canary Wharf's extraordinary architecture** as dance takes to the skies with leading aerialists offering a dizzying response to London's post-modern business quarter.

There will be inspiration from **Blue Eyed Soul's** newly commissioned duet for disabled and non-disabled performers; emotional heat from **Franck Lauré** (France), precision and style from **Bencha** (Netherlands), circus for grown ups from **Jean Paul Zaccharini** and **Flick Ferdinando** with **Matilda Leyser**, fearless symmetry from **Viva** (as seen on the BBC ident) and a finale tour de force spectacle on a crane from **Transe Express** (France).

Don't miss this opportunity to experience an **extraordinary range of aerial performance** in an incomparable setting.

"Like nothing I've seen before"

audience comment from GDIF's Dancing City at Canary Wharf in 2004



Canary Wharf



Canary Wharf

Buses: D3, D7, D8, 277, N50

By Car: Car parks at Westferry Circus, Cabot Square and Canada Park.

Access: Full disabled access throughout Canary Wharf, including car parks and toilet facilities.



Renaissance

Saturday 16 July

9.30pm

Three Mills Green, E3

FREE

The dynamic energy of East London's regeneration will be captured in this inspirational spectacle. Audiences will be surrounded by towering **architectural imagery, choreographed JCBs, aerial performance and fire effects** as a city of dreams takes shape around them. Directed by Kevin Finnan of **Motionhouse Dance Theatre** with the participation of Catalan "**Castellers**" (human towers) and **The World Famous**, this will be an extraordinary occasion, building on the success of previous GDIF events at Three Mills Green including *Monsoon Mela* and *The Bridge*. With stunning visual imagery created in local schools and community settings, *Renaissance* will also provide a memorable "thank you" to all those in East London who have taken part in London's bid to host the **2012 Olympic Games**.

"Truly truly magnificent"

audience comment from GDIF's Monsoon Mela at Three Mills Green in 2004



Bromley by Bow



Bow Church

Buses: S2, D8, 25, 108

By Car: Three Mills Green, Off Three Mills Lane E3. Free parking at Tesco Supermarket next to Three Mills Lane.

Access: Cobbled approach to Three Mills Green along Three Mill Lane. Special adapted toilet on site.



Drako

Saturday 23 July

9.30pm

Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, SE18

FREE

A dragon awakens and sets off on a terrifying journey through the **streets of Woolwich** accompanied by a foolhardy circus impressario.

Following their success at GDIF in 2001 with processional sea-creatures and insects, **Sarruga** returns with an **incredible dragon – as a high as a house! Fire, special effects and water** are all part of the mayhem as a team of luckless dragon handlers try to restore control....

"Fantastic, really good inventive show"

audience comment from GDIF's Tattoo at the Royal Arsenal in 2003

World Premiere



Woolwich Arsenal

Buses: Stop in Plumstead Road outside the Royal Arsenal (472, 161, 96, 180) or in the town centre (53, 54, 422, 380)

By Car: Royal Arsenal, off Plumstead Road, Woolwich SE18

Free on street parking after 6.30pm

Access: Disabled parking is available. Specially adapted toilet available on site.



Festival Finale

Saturday 30 July 8.30pm

Starts: Roman Road E3
(junction with Usher Rd)

Finishes: Mile End Park
E3 (Wennington Green)

FREE

Following the success of **Compagnie Off's** *Giraffes* in 2003 and **Plasticiens Volants'** inflatable birds in 2004, this year's *Festival Finale* is a **fantastic voyage through the streets of Bow** with the French outdoor theatre company **Malabar**. A giant **ship of dreams** will set sail along Roman Road with a crew of **stiltwalkers, musicians and aerialists**. Docking at Wennington Green (by Bow Wharf), the show reaches a breathtaking climax with **aerial performance, special effects and an ocean of foam!**

"I have never seen anything like this before in my life... and was just mesmerised by the whole event..."

audience comment from GDIF's Festival
Finale at Mile End Park in 2004

London Premiere



Mile End



Bow Church

The Procession starts on Roman Road, at the junction with Usher Rd, and finishes in Mile End Park at Wennington Green.

Buses: 8, 277, S2

Plus

Bow Festival 16 - 31 July

around the Roman Road www.spacestudios.org.uk