



LONDON CULTURE THINGS TO DO

15 THINGS TO DO & STREAM AT HOME THIS WEEKEND

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15 brilliant things to do this weekend including a couple of COVID secure IRL events (!) as lockdown measures continue to ease (Flea market at Vinegar Yard and Gosnells Drinks Pop-Up), as well as plenty of cool livestream events from The Virtual Conscious Festival to London Fashion Week online

Lead image: Flea at Vinegar Yard

1 Flea Vintage & Makers Market Reopens at Vinegar Yard Saturday 13 June

Flea – Vinegar Yard's resident vintage and makers market – will reopen its doors this weekend, bringing its eclectic mix of vintage fashion, antiques and art back to London Bridge. Flea has been a part of the fabric of Vinegar Yard since the site launched in 2019, offering a sustainable shopping experience featuring a carefully curated array of vintage and artisanal traders. The market has operated virtually during lockdown, and will continue to do so each Saturday with Insta Flea, but for those who have missed rummaging through the aisles to find beautiful and unique pieces, get set for the return of Flea IRL. COVID-secure measures include a one-way system, strictly capped capacity, careful spacing of vendors in the outdoor yard, increased sanitation procedures and attended bathrooms. The Gentlemen Baristas will be on hand to provide artisanal coffees to take away, along with a selection of snacks. Flea will be open on weekends only from Saturday 13 June and Vinegar Yard is due to reopen fully later this summer.

Vinegar Yard, St Thomas Street, London Bridge SE1 3QU; flealondon.com

2 Gosnells Drinks Pop-Up Every Saturday from 13 June

Gosnells, the Peckham-based meadery, has launched a weekly collaboration outside Gosnells production hub, alongside beer brewers Anspach & Hobday of Croydon and Bermondsey. The new event, due to take place every Saturday from 12pm-7pm, will offer a selection of their canned produce for sale from both breweries. Gosnells will be offering up its unique range of sparkling, gluten-free meads, as well as iced cocktail slushies, 'Meadaritas' and some exclusive Gosnells x Anspach & Hobday cocktails. While drinks will be solely for takeaway initially, there will be alfresco seating available later in the summer. 'We have so much space outside the meadery,' says Tom Gosnell, 'and this will be a great opportunity to introduce visitors to what Anspach & Hobday and ourselves have to offer. I am personally besotted by honey and I want to show the flavour-inspiring cleverness of the bee.' Anspach & Hobday is also gearing up to sell takeaway draught from their Bermondsey Taproom and Camberwell bar, The Pigeon.

Gosnells Meadery, Print Village, Chadwick Road, Peckahm SE15 4PU; gosnells.co.uk

3 4pm With Beavertown: WE BROKE FREE Live Set Friday 12 June

You know it's Friday when #4pmWithBeavertown comes around! Beavertown Brewery has been hosting Friday events since lockdown began, and this weekend they're hosting a virtual gig on Instagram Live with upbeat tunes from South Coast DJ duo **WE BROKE FREE**, aka Adam Fox and Tor Da Force. WE BROKE FREE – aptly named as lockdown measures ease – have played the likes of Glastonbury, Boomtown and Bestival, so they know how to get people in the festival mood. Enjoy an eclectic mix of classic tunes and new hits to get you set for the weekend – ideally with a cold Beavertown brew in hand! Head over to [@beavertownbeer](#) at 4pm this week and every Friday for a #4pmWithBeavertown virtual gig.

4 The Virtual Conscious Festival 12-14 June

For the very time in its five year history, The Conscious Festival will be accessible as a three-day immersive virtual event. Organised by Green Is The New Black, the festival aims to open an 'enviro-emporium' to all to help pave the way for actionable green steps to be taken. The virtual festival will fuse the best eco-orientated speakers, change makers, businesses and brands across wellness, lifestyle, fashion, beauty, art, food, music, business and more. There will also be a virtual market called EXPO, showcasing over 70 different conscious brands and retailers, as well as the chance to network online and party with DJs and artists from Paris, London, Singapore and Hong Kong.

greenisthenewblack.com



5 The Comedy Store Live with Laura Lexx, Christian Reilly, Jarred Christmas & Ola 12-19 June

The Comedy Store is delivering its unique comedy club experience directly into your home by sharing some of The Comedy Store's greatest shows. Every Friday from 7pm, a £5.50 ticket will grant you an hour of world-class stand-up comedy, complete with all the heckles, put-downs and infamous electric Comedy Store atmosphere. A new show runs every week, and kicking off this Friday night is stand up from Christian Reilly, Jarred Christmas and Ola, with MC Laura Lexx, originally filmed at The Comedy Store London in Soho. Profits will be split between the performers and the upkeep of The Comedy Store's London and Manchester venues until they are able to reopen. Catch a preview [here](#).

thecomedystorelive.co.uk



Jarred Christmas

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6 Innovations in Tradition: Regent Street & St James's LFW Panel Discussion 14 June 2020

This weekend, [Regent Street](#) & [St James's](#), two of London's best-loved fashion destinations, are joining forces to take part in June 2020's London Fashion Week. For the first time ever, LFW will merge its menswear and womenswear showcases into one digital and gender-neutral platform for both industry insiders and consumers. Regent Street & St James's expert panel discussion, exploring how designers and retailers are looking to past traditions to help futureproof fashion and retail, takes place on Sunday 14 June at 3.30pm. As the only London destinations to be showing on schedule, the discussion will be energetic and insightful, exploring how technology, customer experience and community are integral

as we enter a new era of retail. Moderated by Kati Chitrakorn of Vogue Business, panellists include Liberty London CMO Madeleine Macey, Head of Innovation at London College of Fashion Matthew Drinkwater, and Katie Baron, Director of Brand Engagement at trends and insights company Stylus.

Find the full virtual London Fashion Week schedule here londonfashionweek.co.uk

7 Springsteen and Chill Sunday Session! The Western Stars Special Sunday 14 June

Hungry Heart is back with another back-to-back Bruce Springsteen live stream, but this time things a little different... To celebrate the one-year anniversary of Western Stars – and the epic Hungry Heart album launch party that went along with it – the London-based Bruce-only events company is hosting a special Sunday Morning Springsteen & Chill session. Last month, Hungry Heart hosted a 24-hour Springsteen-athon, and since the Sunday morning part of the event proved so popular, they're planning to take over your Sunday morning once again, this time playing every song from Western Stars alongside plenty more chilled-out Bruce classics. Tune in on Sunday 14 June at 8.55am at hungryheartevents.com and share your pictures and videos on the @hungryheartuk social channels. Donations to this independent company are welcome via paypal.me/hungryheartevents.

hungryheartevents.com

8 Nyetimber Masterclass Friday 12 June

English Sparkling Wine specialist Nyetimber is hosting its next masterclass this Friday at 7pm with its Head Winemaker, Cherie Spriggs, and Winemaker Brad Greatrix. Since 2007, Cherie and Brad have been integral to building Nyetimber into a producer of sparkling wines that rival the best in the world. Nyetimber was the first producer of English Sparkling Wine to exclusively grow the three celebrated grape varieties: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier in vineyards spanning the south of England. If you would like to join the conversation, the Zoom link [here](#) and enter the Meeting ID 816 0980 2744 (you can also find the link in the below tweet).

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9 Art&Co: The World's Largest Online Art Auction for COVID-19 Until 19 June

Art&Co, an initiative connecting the worlds of art, finance and support groups, has launched the world's largest online auction bringing relief to COVID-19 victims. The collection of 247 items – including pieces by Andy Warhol, Salvador Dali and Pablo Picasso contributed by galleries – has an aggregate auction value of £1.65 million, with prices ranging from £1,000-£36,000. The one-of-a-kind art on offer represents themes connected to these trying times, such as health, nature

and spirituality. Funds raised will go to support frontline charities and NGOs providing healthcare, food, medicines and guidance to those affected by coronavirus, as well as 33 freelance artists who have been unable to make a living due to the lockdown.

artandco.net

10 Aurora Play's Digital Series: Illuminations Friday 12 June

Aurora Orchestra launches its second batch of broadcasts in its digital series, Aurora Play, with a staging of works by composer Benjamin Britten this Friday at 9pm. The performance, pulled from Aurora's orchestral archives, includes Les Illuminations with Sarah Tynan, and will feature new interactive content in the form of an ensemble of circus performers directed by choreographer Struan Leslie. The next seven broadcasts features an eclectic combination of programmes, including a neglected masterpiece by 19th-century French composer Louise Farrenc, a performance of Mozart's 'Jupiter' Symphony, cross-art form collaborations with filmmakers Bill Morrison and Jon Frank, and a much talked-about 2014 performance of Benedict Mason's extraordinary site-specific piece, Meld. The series will be enriched with new introductions by members of the Aurora creative team, alongside guest artists such as Sarah Connolly, Andrew Staples and Duncan Ward. Performances will be broadcast on [YouTube Premiere](#), and subsequently made available on demand through the Aurora website.

auroraorchestra.com

Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony – Aurora Orchestra at the ...



11 The Sofa Singers Friday 12 June

The Sofa Singers is a free weekly online singing event that aims to bring people together from around the world. Set up by vocal leader James Sills as a response to the coronavirus lockdown, The Sofa Singers offers 45 minutes of simultaneous singing for hundreds of people in real time. You'll learn a classic song with some optional harmonies and backing parts, and then just sing as if no-one is listening... because they won't be! Due to latency (delay), it's not possible

to hear all of the singers the same time – but you will be able to see each other, so sing with a smile! Afterwards, there's a virtual tea break followed by some 'open mic' slots where you can say hello and share a song, a poem or a story. 11am-12.30pm every Friday. Registration is via a free ticket. [Click here to book.](#)

thesofasingers.com

12 #BringingChinatownHome with Ping Coombes and Sandy Tang Saturday 13 June

Masterchef stars Ping Coombes (2014 champion) and Sandy Tang (2020 finalist) are currently leading a series of live cook-a-longs on the Chinatown London Instagram channel to help us all bring a little bit of Chinatown home by re-creating some classic Chinese dishes. This Saturday 13 June at 6pm, you can learn to cook Plum Valley's Sea Spiced Aubergine and Tofu Hot Pot with Sandy Tang, and next Sunday (21 June) at 1pm, in the final event of the series, you can learn to cook Café TPT's Chicken and Salted Fish Fried Rice with Sandy Tang. Each week, the chefs will choose their favourite version of the dishes made by participants and the lucky individual will win a voucher from the restaurant whose recipe they've re-created (to be redeemed when the restaurants reopen). Keep an eye on [@ChinatownLondon](#) for the full recipe, prep videos and details of ingredients that can be delivered by SeeWoo.

13 Date Night Delivered from The Court Every Friday

Soho members' club The Court has launched a delivery service of drinks and dinner to arrive at your door in time for the house band's live set – every Friday night from 5 June. The menu will rotate weekly – think chicken with English asparagus and cream sauce or vegan falafel with tahini yogurt, apricot and cashew couscous – and for £45, plus £5 delivery, offering a main course for two, a selection of antipasti and four drinks from a selection of The Court's most popular cocktails. Feeling fancy? Order the Champagne and Caviar box with 30g of Oscietra caviar and a bottle of Ruinart Brut Champagne for £110. The Court's house band will then take over the members' club's Instagram live from 8pm for a night of live music and requests (their repertoire includes everything from Britney to The Beatles, with requests taken via the live feed. It's the perfect answer to a lockdown date night!

thecourt.co.uk

14 THEWHODUNNIT? Presents Murder on The Underground Express Until 5 July

A few weeks before lockdown began, we were enjoying a murder mystery dining experience called Waiter, There's a Murder in my Soup! at the Troubadour Theatre in Wembley. Oh how times have changed... but you can still enjoy a good murder mystery – but this time it's virtual. THEWHODUNNIT?'s Murder on The Underground Express revolves around the killing of self-made millionaire Langdon Park during the inaugural outing of his new underground train, the Express Line. Only guests of the victim were present at this private opening ceremony – so whodunnit? As a guest aboard the Underground Express, you are cordially invited to attend an evening of investigation and revelations with world-famous detective, Reynard Gull. Tickets £10pp (couples £15pp), offering access to the interactive virtual murder mystery experience via Zoom. Running every Thursday to Sunday until 5 July.

To book see designmynight.com

15 Museum of London's Disease X Online Ongoing

London, like the rest of the world has been affected in unprecedented ways by the current Covid-19 crisis, but it's not the first time a virus has hit the capital. London has been affected by many epidemics and pandemics over the centuries including plague, cholera, smallpox, influenza and HIV/AIDS. The opening of Disease X in 2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the second and most deadly wave of the so-called 'Spanish Flu', and now you can explore the exhibition online. The exhibition explores if the city might be at risk from an unknown 'Disease X' – as the World Health Organisation called it then – and demonstrates what the past can tell us about historical maladies, their impact on London and the different methods used to fight back.

museumoflondon.org.uk

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