**MUSIC**

**Hard Rock Calling Festival in Hyde Park (June)** [http://www.hardrockcalling.co.uk/home/](http://www.hardrockcalling.co.uk/home/)
Rock out in Hyde Park at the Hyde Park Calling Festival, where pop and rock legends will be out in force to knock out a few classics for the crowds. Last year, Bruce Springsteen, The Killers and Neil Young headlined!

**Wireless Festival in Hyde Park (June)** [http://www.wirelessfestival.co.uk/lineup/](http://www.wirelessfestival.co.uk/lineup/)
Expect some big names headlining this outdoor musical festival - last year Kanye West and Basement Jaxx among many others.

**Hampton Court Palace Festival (June)** [http://www.hamptoncourtfestival.com](http://www.hamptoncourtfestival.com)
Hampton Court Palace is one of Britain’s most beautiful locations and the Hampton Court Palace Festival has grown into one of the UK’s most exciting music events. In a setting like no other, the historic Palace courtyard plays host to an eclectic mix of concerts featuring some of the biggest names from the world of music.

**Plácido Domingo at the Royal Opera House (29 June – 15 July)**
This legendary tenor will be tackling his first baritone role, Simon Boccanegra, in this revival of Elijah Moshinsky’s acclaimed grand production. Whether you’re already an opera fan, or have never attended, one of Verdi’s greatest tragic operas may be the show you’re looking for.

**Kenwood House Concerts (June – August)** [http://www.picnicconcerts.com/](http://www.picnicconcerts.com/)
A summer festival for the laid back type - if you’re not a fan of hardcore dance music you’ll like this one. Have an outdoor evening picnic and let the sounds of Motown, soul and classical music drift beautifully into your ears.

**BBC Proms (July - September)**
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/proms/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/proms/)
Queuing up at the Royal Albert Hall for £5 standing tickets to see the best of classical music is a must-do while in London!

**Somerset House Summer Series (July)**
[www.somersethouse.org.uk](http://www.somersethouse.org.uk)
These annual open-air concerts usually proffer an eclectic mixture of performers.
Shoreditch Festival (July)  www.shoreditchfestival.org.uk
Get off the tourist track at this annual highlight of the East London cultural calendar. 2009’s highlights were the “Proms in Shoreditch Park,” the English National Ballet, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and a fireworks finale.

Lovebox Weekender (July)  http://www.lovebox.net/
East London's Victoria Park is host to this widely anticipated festival- headliners last year were Duran Duran and Groove Armada. Get ready to party the weekend away at one of the best London summer music festivals around.

Field Day Festival (1 August)  www.fielddayfestivals.com/
A music festival offering up an exemplary cross section of leftfield bands, artists and DJ's for the true music lovers' delectation, taking place in Victoria Park.

THEATRE

Regent’s Park Open Air Theatre (from May)
In the middle of the most beautiful park in London, surrounded by flowers and birds, is an amazing outdoor theatre. The Summer 2010 season consists of Arthur Miller’s The Crucible, Shakespeare’s The Comedy of Errors and Macbeth and the Stephen Sondheim musical Into the Woods.

London Festival Fringe (6 – 30 August)
The coming together of hundreds of artists and performers in an event with no referees, no rules and no guidelines.

OTHER ARTS

This is a city-wide celebration of architecture in the capital. As London gears up for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, look at ways that planners, architects and local communities play their part in the development of 'The Welcoming City.'

Watch This Space (from July)
The National Theatre’s annual summer festival is comprised of outdoor theatre, circus, music, dance, comedy and film on the Southbank.

More London Festival at The Scoop (from July)
A massive four month long festival of theatre, music and film events takes place at The Scoop open air amphitheatre every summer and all performances are free to attend. http://www.morelondon.co.uk/scoop.html

London Literature Festival (July)  www.londonlitfest.com
The capital's largest literary event features established and emerging talents, along with live performances of much-loved classics.
Trafalgar Square Festival (August)  [www.london.gov.uk/trafalgarsquare](http://www.london.gov.uk/trafalgarsquare)
This annual festival of street arts and performance has a different programme for each of the three weeks, incorporating free music, theatre, dance and art.

BP Summer Big Screens (June – July)  [http://www.roh.org.uk/whatson/bpbigscreens/index.aspx](http://www.roh.org.uk/whatson/bpbigscreens/index.aspx)
Bring a picnic, bring your friends and family and enjoy the world's best opera and ballet absolutely free! The BP Summer Big Screens are one of the highlights of the Royal Opera House’s Summer Season. Live screenings of Royal Ballet and Royal Opera performances are relayed direct from the main auditorium to huge screens at 19 locations in London and around the country.

**SPORTS**

The International Combat Sports Show is one of the largest martial arts sports festivals in Europe. This informative, interactive, educational and inspirational expo has six zones, to cover interests from MMA to Traditional arts, from Olympic Sports to Health and Fitness and from Self-Defence to musical forms and tricks. You can attend seminars, demonstrations, tournaments, open-mat sessions or visit the hundreds of trade stands.

Ascot (Year-Round, though Royal Ascot is 15 – 19 June)  [http://www.ascot.co.uk/royal/royal10.html](http://www.ascot.co.uk/royal/royal10.html)
C’mon Dover! This event is steeped in a long line of tradition- just watch *My Fair Lady* for an idea. Imagine men in morning suits and ladies in extravagant hats and you’ve got the picture! You can attend during Royal Week and see the Queen’s procession for as little as £15.00.

This is THE event of the tennis world- and it’s happening a short ride outside of central London! You don’t even need to buy pricey tickets in advance- about 6000 Ground Admission tickets are available each day for entry to the Grounds for £5 - £20 depending on the day and time.
And Finally…..

Queen’s Trooping of the Colour (12 June)
This is British pomp at its best! Line up along the Mall near Buckingham Festival to watch this amazing procession of guards, horses and royalty!

Hampton Court Palace Flower Show (6 – 11 July) www.rhs.org.uk/hamptoncourt
The world’s largest horticultural show takes place in the gardens of the palace, and will include displays from more than 150 specialist nurseries and the Festival of Roses, Britain’s largest annual display of roses in full bloom.

Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream Sundae Festival (July)
An annual favourite, Ben & Jerry’s the Sundae Festival at Clapham Common is a ticketed event, but you get all the ice cream you can manage, outdoor music and strolling “cows!” Tickets sell out fast! www.benjerry.co.uk/sundae/

Greenwich Beer & Jazz Festival (July) www.greenwichbeerandjazz.com
Head to beautiful Greenwich for five days and nights of summer blues and brews on the lawns of the Old Royal Naval College. There are usually some main headliners performing alongside rising stars of traditional jazz, funk, Latin and blues.