



Notting Hill Carnival comes to Opera Holland Park, 19-21 August 2021

Press Release

Embargo: 8pm on 26 July 2021

Opera Holland Park is delighted to announce a partnership with Notting Hill Carnival, bringing calypso, steelpan and Caribbean jazz to the theatre for three concerts on 19, 20 and 21 August. Featured artists and ensembles in the series include the Mangrove and Ebony Steelbands, Leon 'Foster' Thomas, Alexander D Great and Trinidadian opera singer, Anne Fridal.

This series of performances, titled *Carnival Culture in the Park*, brings together two of West London's most well-loved musical institutions in celebration of the resilience of live music with the Kensington and Chelsea Festival. Performances start at 7.30pm. All tickets will be priced at £10, and are on sale from 12pm on Wednesday 28 July. Full details of the performances can be found below.

James Clutton, Chief Executive and Director of Opera at Opera Holland Park, says:

"I am delighted to welcome the Notting Hill Carnival to Opera Holland Park. At a time when all arts companies need to think creatively and imaginatively, and to work more closely in partnerships, it is great to have our friends and neighbours taking a short residency in the creative hub that is Opera Holland Park."

Matthew Phillip, Chief Executive of Notting Hill Carnival Ltd, says:

"We're delighted to be working with Opera Holland Park to bring together two great musical cultures and create these amazing shows. Each night will bring something different and unique that will allow the audience to experience the music they love as they have never heard it before."



Carnival Culture in the Park **19-21 August 2021**

For more information and tickets, visit: www.operahollandpark.com/productions/carnival-culture-in-the-park

Carnival Village Trust presents three nights of Carnival Music performed within the beautiful setting of Opera Holland Park's theatre, in partnership with Kensington and Chelsea Festival. Showcasing the best in both traditional and contemporary Caribbean Musicians the programme celebrates the culture and heritage of Carnival through the musical genres of Calypso and Steelpan.

Classic Calypso.

19 August at 7.30pm

Featuring Giselle Carter, G String, Helena B and Alexander D Great with a six-piece acoustic band of keyboards, guitar, congas, bass, drums and clarinet, Classic Calypso celebrates the wit, humour and soul of the UK Calypso scene.

Pan in the Park

20 August at 7.30pm

The celebrated Mangrove and Ebony Steelbands trace a journey from classic to contemporary steelpan music, joining forces to accompany the Trinidadian diva Anna Fridal in new arrangements of operatic arias.

Pan Jazz

21 August at 7.30pm

An evening of Caribbean Jazz from the Engine Room Collective, with steelpan virtuosi Andre White, Leon 'Foster' Thomas, Samuel Dubois, Carlene Etienne and Deborah Eden.

About Opera Holland Park

Working with the set designer takis, Opera Holland Park has reimagined the stage and auditorium of its theatre for the 2021 Season. The new dynamic and exciting performance space provides maximum safety for audiences and artists under the company's iconic canopy roof. Sustainable materials in takis's designs reflect the natural beauty of the theatre's setting in Holland Park.

Capacity is reduced from 1000 to 400 seats this season, using individual chairs that can be moved according to the numbers in each household 'bubble', to enable social distancing and increase step free access. For Carnival Culture in the Park performances, all seats will be positioned in single seats, each 0.5m apart, which can be moved according to the size of your group. Opera Holland Park is continuing to implement COVID-19 safety guidelines including social distancing, temperature checks and wearing of masks while moving around the site. Masks are not required to be worn when seated at the bars or in the auditorium.





Notes to Editors

Links and images

Promotional images of *Carnival Culture in the Park* performances can be downloaded [here](#).

2021 Season

Opera Holland Park's 2021 Season with resident orchestra City of London Sinfonia opened on 1 June. The season includes new productions of Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*, Janáček's *The Cunning Little Vixen*, Mascagni's *L'amico Fritz*, a revival of the company's celebrated 2018 staging of Verdi's *La traviata*, a co-production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* with Charles Court Opera and the classic Bernstein and Comden & Green musical *Wonderful Town*.

The season also features a range of additional performances including Julien Van Mellaerts's Opera in Song recital series, Fifth Door Ensemble's *Das Lied von der Erde*, London Oriana Choir, two productions by British Youth Opera, and three concerts by artists from Notting Hill Carnival. This expansion of the programme was created to celebrate the resilience of live music and support freelance artists who have experienced a dramatic reduction in performance opportunities over the last year.

More information about the season, including casting and information about the company's redesigned theatre, can be found on Opera Holland Park's website [here](#).

Press images of productions, as well as imagery of the new auditorium, can be found [here](#).

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