



Photo: John Goldsmith

## PREVIEW

## Speedway

Until 13 May, Transition Gallery Unit 25A, Regent Studios,  
8 Andrews Road, E8 4QN

THE plot where Regent Studios in Broadway Market now stands was post-war waste ground used by local youth to create a make-do and mend cycle speedway.

In its heyday, the track attracted hundreds of spectators to see local team the Warwick Lions compete in the East London Cycle Speedway League.

This exhibition features contemporary responses in animation, film and sculpture to these long-forgotten histories. Writer in residence, Helena Haimes, will be

writing about the ideas around the show while Speedway Talks will feature guest speakers, including John Goldsmith from the Warwick Lions.

The exhibition ends on 13 May with Ghost Cinema, a day of screenings, talks and performances by artists and academics.

Speedway is open from noon to 6pm, Friday to Sunday (closed 14-16 April). Entrance is free. For more information visit: [www.transitiongallery.co.uk/htmlpages/Speedway/Speedway\\_home.html](http://www.transitiongallery.co.uk/htmlpages/Speedway/Speedway_home.html)

bring electricity to the masses. This historic feud is brought to life using acrobatics, dance and percussion. Expect vivid art projections, dazzling lighting effects, flamboyant costumes and original live music. £10-35. Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8 1EJ. **Info: 020 8985 2424; [www.hackneyempire.co.uk](http://www.hackneyempire.co.uk)**

## LOVE MUSIC?

26 Apr, 7.30pm

Join pianist William Howard and composer Judith Weir, Master of the Queens Music, to explore a fascinating selection of new piano pieces expressing different aspects of love through different musical styles for an informal evening with contributions from several composers. Questions and feedback from the audience will be welcome. £15/12 conc. Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street, N1 6SH. **Info: 020 7684 0060; [www.hoxtonhall.co.uk/william-](http://www.hoxtonhall.co.uk/william-)**

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## I AM LOUD/LOUD POETS

28 & 29 Apr, 7.45pm-9pm

Expect a poetry show with a difference. Loud Poets are a collective of Scottish musicians and spoken word artists known for their high-octane, tightly-crafted events where music, words and comedy hit the stage. £12/8 conc. Ages 16+. Chats Palace Arts Centre, 42-44 Brooksby's Walk, Homerton, E9 6DF. **Info: 020 7613 7498; [info@chatspalace.com](http://info@chatspalace.com); [www.chatspalace.com/events/i-am-loud/2017-04-27/](http://www.chatspalace.com/events/i-am-loud/2017-04-27/)**



## THE KIDS WHO CAN

11-13 Apr, various times



Hackney Arts hosts a mini-programme of activities during the Easter holidays. Choose from a break dancing session (Old Firestation), an Easter card workshop (Geffrye Museum), and a music session (Hub 67). Or try them all. Ages 8+. £20

per session. Old Firestation, N16 7NX; Hub67, E9 5HA; and Geffrye Museum, E2 8EA. **Info: [info@hackneyarts.com](mailto:info@hackneyarts.com); [www.hackneyarts.com/upcomingevents/](http://www.hackneyarts.com/upcomingevents/)**

## EASTER HOLIDAY CREATIVE MASH

Until 13 Apr, 9am-4pm

Kids can spend their holidays exploring creativity, sharing ideas, building friendships and creating things in drama, theatre, dance, movement, and crafts workshops plus there's games to have fun and build confidence. The week will finish with a fabulous and energetic performance for families and friends to watch. £30 per day. Book three or more workshops and receive £20 discount on each workshop, per child. Ages 5-11. Stoke Newington School, Clissold Road, N16 9EX. **Info: 020 3286; 8528; [info@newingtondancespace.com](mailto:info@newingtondancespace.com); [www.newingtondancespace.com/creative-mash.php](http://www.newingtondancespace.com/creative-mash.php)**

## WE'RE STUCK!

12-22 Apr, various start times

Theatre, maths and robots come together in a fun-filled, code-cracking interactive theatre show for children. Using the latest educational neuroscience to explore the extraordinary abilities and limitations of our brains. Audiences journey deep into the heart of Volcano Industries, where they meet and help a team of scientists struggling with some extremely sticky problems in their top-secret laboratory. £12/10 per child. Ages 8-11. Shoreditch Town Hall, 380 Old Street, EC1V 9LT, on 12-15 April, and at The Edge Youth Hub, 7 Woodberry Grove, N4 1SN, on 19-22 April. **Info: [info@chinaplatetheatre.com](mailto:info@chinaplatetheatre.com); [www.shoreditchtownhall.com/theatre-performance/whats-on](http://www.shoreditchtownhall.com/theatre-performance/whats-on)**

## HOUSE GOSPEL CHOIR MASTERCLASSES

17 Apr, 2pm or 6pm

Join in a fun choir masterclass where house meets gospel. Led by House Gospel Choir (as seen on BBC's Gospel Christmas), you can learn

songs that will have you clapping, singing and dancing. HGC's leaders have toured with the likes of Scissor Sisters, Naughty Boy and Wretch 32. No experience necessary. Free. Ages 5+ and their care givers. Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1 6LA. **Info: 020 7613 7498; [boxoffice@richmix.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@richmix.org.uk); [www.richmix.org.uk/events/family/house-gospel-choir-parent-child-session#booking](http://www.richmix.org.uk/events/family/house-gospel-choir-parent-child-session#booking)**



## THE BIG LONDON FLEA

23 Apr, 11am-6pm

Located on the ground floor of Dalston's former ABC cinema, The Big London Flea is North London's largest indoor vintage market. Find a mix of one-of-a-kind, lost and found objects, reclaimed industrial fixtures and electricals plus

a food hall and soundsystem to entertain. Ages 11+. ABC Cinema, 15 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 8BH. **Info: [hackneyfleamarket@gmail.com](mailto:hackneyfleamarket@gmail.com); [www.hackneyfleamarket.com](http://www.hackneyfleamarket.com)**

## THE KEY, THE SECRET: POWERED BY PECHA KUCHA

27 Apr, 6pm

An evening of fast and fascinating presentations by a mix of inspiring speakers based on the popular Japanese talk format. Speakers on the night include Sonia Solicari, Director of the Geffrye Museum; Massimo Casagrande, designer and lecturer; Charlotte Abrahams, freelance design writer and curator; and Pip Jamieson, founder and CEO of The Dots. Each person has just six minutes to present twenty images. £8. The Geffrye Museum, 136 Kingsland Road, Hoxton, E2 8EA. **Info: [www.geffrye-museum.org.uk/whatson/events/special-events/](http://www.geffrye-museum.org.uk/whatson/events/special-events/)**

## ST AUGUSTINE'S TOWER OPEN DAY

30 Apr, 2pm-4.30pm

Hackney's oldest building will be open to the public. Discover the history of the building and climb the 135 stairs for the best view of Hackney. Free. All ages. St. Augustine's Tower, Mare Street, E8 1HR. **Info: [l.elks@btconnect.com](mailto:l.elks@btconnect.com); [www.hhbt.org.uk](http://www.hhbt.org.uk)**

## what's on

Important information for submissions

To submit your listing to What's On for publication in Hackney Today and on the Council website, fill in the e-form at: **[www.hackney.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/whatson)**

Please see the guidance notes on the website for further information.

We reserve the right to edit any material. No submission is guaranteed a listing.

## Competitions



**Hackney Today offered readers a chance to win tickets to London Coffee Festival in issue 399.**

The winner was Sonia Starkey