

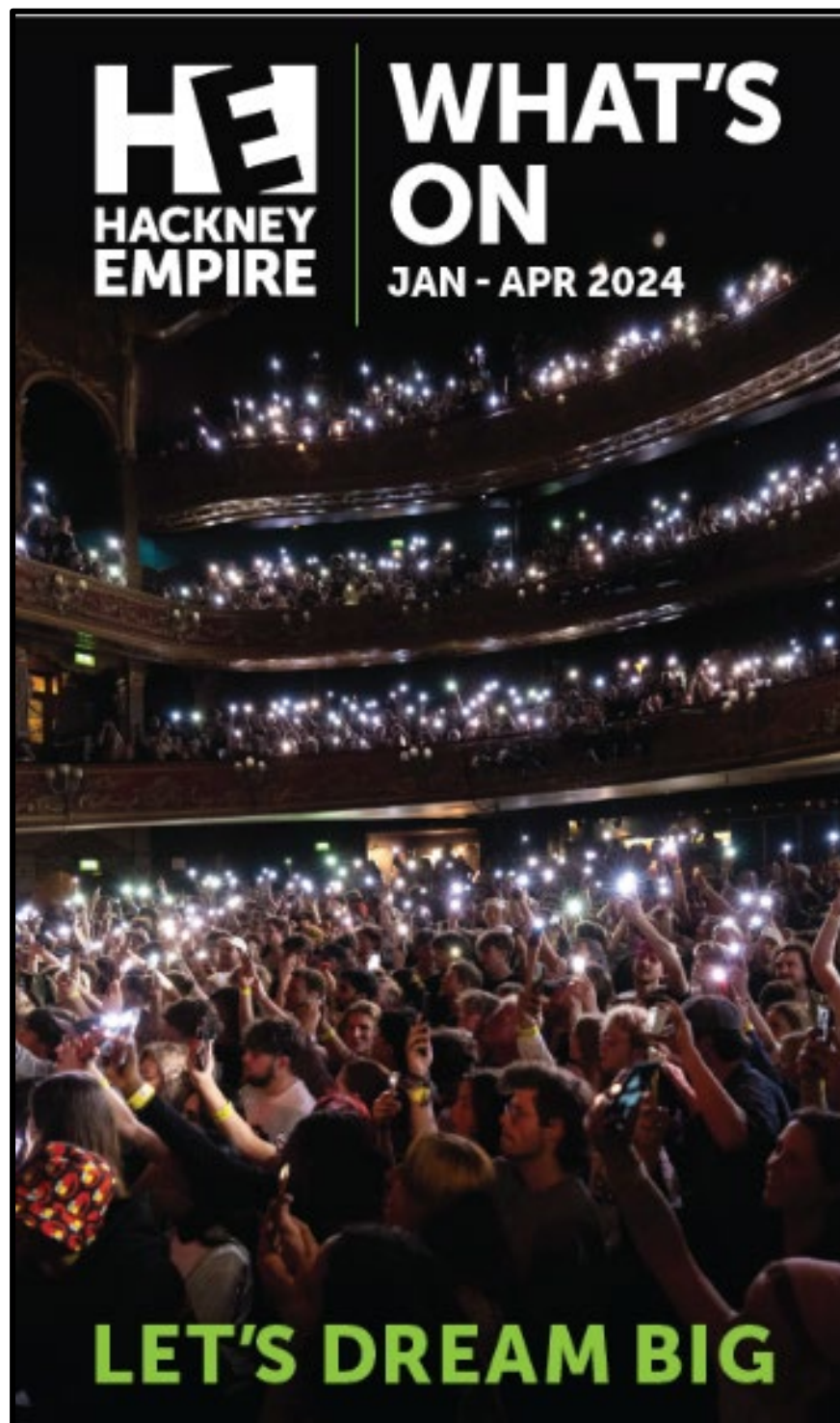
What's On

Jan - Apr 2024

Hackney Empire

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Entry For All: First Five

Wed 17 Jan, 7pm

£0 - £20

Pick two books, two tracks and one person that define you and you've got your First Five. Join poet **Yomi Sode** as he talks to an exciting panel of writers, musicians and champions behind the art and the artists that matter to us.

All tickets free for under 25s as part of our Entry For All scheme. For everyone else Choose What You Pay from £3.

Babatunde Aléshé: Babahood

Sat 20 Jan, 8pm

£18

Babatunde is one of the fastest rising stars in British comedy. A firm TV favourite, the hugely popular award-winning comedian, actor and podcaster is a cast regular on the BAFTA nominated 'Celebrity Gogglebox' (C4) and has starred on 'I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here' (ITV).

Age guidance: 16+

BBC Sing East!

Sun 28 Jan, 6pm
£5

Join the **BBC Singers**, the **BBC Symphony Chorus** and over 200 local performers for a showcase of talented choirs from across East London.

You'll see and hear performances from six brilliant community choirs, with music including songs from hit West End Shows including 'Wicked' and 'Rent', songs heard in computer game soundtracks and hits from Imagine Dragons, Bob Marley, plus so much more.

You'll also be the first to hear a thrilling performance by over 300 singers of a brand-new song by **Aga Serugo-Lugo**, created with young people from the local community. Plus, you'll have the chance to join in, too!

Feb

Belter For the Shelter

Thu 1 Feb, 7.30pm
£15 - £25

Belter For the Shelter is back! Expect an unforgettable night of comedy featuring **Celya AB, Fern Brady, Rob Brydon, Rob Delaney, Athena Kugblenu, Rosie Holt, Kevin Eldon, Stewart Lee** and more to be announced, all in aid of Hackney Night Shelter.

Age guidance: 14+

Shebada: Man Problem!

Fri 9 Feb, 7.30pm
£37.50

Get ready for a bellyaching night of laughter with the one and only **Shebada!** Grab your friends, bring your sense of humour, and prepare for an unforgettable evening filled with hilarious jokes, witty banter, and uproarious performance.

Age guidance: 14+

Boroughs United 2024

Sun 11 Feb, 5pm
£5

Young London's liveliest talent showcase unites over 1,000 young people, families and friends, following in the footsteps of previous Uniterers: Jermain Jackman, Little Simz, Leona Lewis, Diversity, Flawless, Ebonessence and Twist and Pulse.

Age guidance: Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult

Sam Campbell: Wobservations

Sat 17 Feb, 7.30pm
£20

Basically, we keep him in a metal crate. Once everyone is settled and the house lights go down, we will let him loose on to the stage. It is our understanding that his comedy moments will **dazzle** you. As seen on 'Taskmaster'.

Feb/Mar

English Touring Opera

Save 20% if you book for both shows

Manon Lescaut

Sat 24 Feb, 7.30pm
£10 - £45

Puccini's devastating depiction of a woman wrestling with her desire for love on her own terms, and the rigid double standards imposed on her by society, directed by **Jude Christian** and conducted by **Gerry Cornelius**.

The Rake's Progress

Sat 2 Mar, 7.30pm
£10 - £45

Stravinsky's brilliantly inventive opera charts young Tom Rakewell's journey from an unexpected inheritance to ruin at the hands of his own naivety and a mysterious new friend. Directed by **Polly Graham** and conducted by **Jack Sheen**.

Atsuko Okatsuka

Fri 8 Mar, 7pm and 10pm
£25 - £35

Atsuko Okatsuka is a stand-up comedian, actor, and writer based in LA who has performed to sold-out crowds all over North America. Her debut stand-up special, 'The Intruder' was named the Best Debut Special of 2022 by the New York Times.

Age guidance: 18+

Welcome To Night Vale

Sat 9 Mar, 8pm
£29.50 - £35

Welcome to Night Vale is a twice-monthly podcast in the style of community updates for the small desert town of Night Vale, featuring local weather, news, announcements from the Sheriff's Secret Police, mysterious lights in the night sky, dark hooded figures with unknowable powers, and cultural events.

Age guidance: 14+

Touch of Class: Mother's Day Special

Sun 10 Mar, 8pm
£25 - £35

On this night we celebrate the Mothers of the planet, our Sisters, Grandmothers, Aunts, Daughters and Mothers. Get ready to experience the best in musical talent with the UK's finest comedians, with a line-up including **Slim, Curtis Walker, Reminisce Reggae Band** and more to be announced!

Age guidance: 14+

Rafi Bastos: Unfamiliar Territory

Thu 14 Mar, 7.30pm
£30 - £37.50

Rafi Bastos is a 6'7" tall Jewish-Brazilian comedian with an accent like Dracula and a rapidly growing social media presence. In his home-country of Brazil, Rafi is a trailblazer of comedy, social media and is one of the first comedians to pioneer the art of American-style stand-up comedy in Brazil.

Age guidance: 18+

Hollie McNish: The Lobster Tour

Fri 15 Mar, 7.30pm
£16

Sunday Times bestselling writer **Hollie McNish** is back with a brand-new book, 'Lobster and other things I'm learning to love'.

Age guidance: 14+. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

Anna Fiorentini's Theatre School Variety Show

Sat 16 Mar, 7pm
£15 - £18

The award-winning Anna Fiorentini Theatre and Film School presents its bi-annual variety performance showcasing the stars of today and tomorrow. Students aged 7 – 18 will perform a variety of musical theatre, dance and song numbers ranging from traditional to contemporary.

Ballet Black: Heroes

Fri 22 Mar, 7.30pm
£15 - £35

Now in their 22nd year, Cassa Pancho's **Ballet Black** return to Hackney Empire with a new double bill. Award-winning choreographer **Mthuthuzeli November's** 'The Waiting Game' contemplates the purpose of life, infused with a dynamic soundtrack featuring the voices of the Ballet Black artists. **Sophie Laplane's** brand-new celebratory piece explores the complexity of humanity, heroism and self-acceptance.

"The dancing is elegant, emotional and superb."

The Guardian

The Sun Does Shine

Sat 23 Mar, 7.30pm
£20 - £35

In June 1988, **Anthony Ray Hinton** was convicted of two murders he did not commit, in one of the most shockingly cynical miscarriages of justice in US history. He spent the next 28 years on Death Row, before all charges were dropped and he was released. 'The Sun Does Shine' is a powerful new musical work by **Harvey Brough**, with words by **Justin Butcher**, inspired by the autobiography Hinton wrote about his long fight to prove his innocence.

Age guidance: 10+

How Did This Get Made?

Thu 28 and Fri 29 Mar, 8.30pm
£40

Get ready to dive into the depths of cinematic absurdity with the podcast that celebrates the best of the worst: 'How Did This Get Made?'

Join the dynamic trio of **Paul Scheer**, **Jason Mantzoukas**, and **June Diane Raphael** as they expertly dissect and hilariously roast some of the most mind-boggling movies ever made.

Apr

Iain Stirling: Relevant

Sat 13 Apr, 8pm
£23.50

The BAFTA award-winning comedian and iconic voice of 'Love Island', 'national sensation' (Evening Standard) and 'extremely funny' (Daily Telegraph) **Iain Stirling**, is bringing his intuitive razor-sharp humour back on tour with a brand-new stand-up show.

Age guidance: 14+

Bigger! With Brennan and Izzy

Fri 19 Apr, 7.30pm
£32.50 - £37.50

An over-the-top improv show based on the only note Izzy and Brennan will never get... **bigger!** With **Brennan Lee Mulligan** and **Izzy Roland** and special guests to be announced.

Age guidance: 18+

World Comedy Clash 2024

Sat 20 Apr, 7.30pm
£25 - £40

10 Comedians, 9 Countries, 1 Stage. Which country will take the crown?

The original and longest running comedy clash show is back, featuring **Slim, Kane Brown, Miss Mo'Real**, special guest **Axel Blake** and many more!

All Killa No Filla: Live!

Thu 25 Apr, 8pm
£25

To celebrate 10 years of talking murder, oversharing, and rapidly veering off topic, **Kiri Pritchard-McLean** and **Rachel Fairburn** head to Hackney for a night of serial killer discussion, overdressing, and possible slander. Legends assemble!

Age guidance: 16+

Coming Soon

Lankum

Sat 18 and Sun 19 May, 8pm
£25 - £31.50

Irish folk music group **Lankum** perform their critically acclaimed album 'False Lankum' in full for two nights in May.

Age guidance: 16+

James Acaster: Hecklers Welcome

Sun 16 and Mon 17 Jun, 7.30pm
£35.50

“One of comedy’s most original voices” (Evening Standard) has written a new show. He’s very proud of it. That being said, you are allowed to ruin it. Fill your boots.

“A comedy genius at the peak of his powers”
Guardian

Age guidance: 14+

Creative Futures

Free events and projects for young people aged 14-25.

Young Producers: Create Your Own Events

Every Tuesday, 6pm - 8pm
See website for details

A free training opportunity to create and organise your own events such as 'Pure Vibez' and 'Alter Ego'. These free workshops will help you develop the creative and practical skills needed to put on the event that you want to see.

Alter Ego 2024 Auditions

Check our website for more details about alter ego 2024!

Sat 20 Jan, 10am – 6pm
See website for details

We're looking for 14 - 18 year old rappers, singers, spoken word poets, and dancers of any genre and style to compete for the title of Alter Ego 2024 in East London's biggest talent showcase.

Create your future @HEfutures

Information

Box Office

Book tickets at: hackneyempire.co.uk

Our phone lines are open: **Mon-Fri 10am-6pm (except Bank Holidays)**

020 8985 2424

Our Box Office window is open for in person bookings: **Mon-Fri 10am-6pm (except Bank Holidays)**

Booking fees: £1.20 per ticket online, £1.40 per ticket over the phone. No booking fees if booked in person.

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Getting to Hackney Empire

Hackney Central (just over 200m), Hackney Downs and London Fields (700m) all have frequent and direct links to the tube network.

30, 38, 55, 106, 253, 254, 276, 394, D6, W15.

There's a bar on every level

We have a bar on every floor of the theatre, serving a range of drinks and snacks,

Come and visit us!

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Empire Local Hackney Empire Community Choir

Every Thu 7pm - 9pm
Check website for current term dates
£5 / £3 concs

Our Community Choir is a weekly space for anyone who loves to come together to sing and have fun. Led by Joseph Roberts in rehearsals.

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Become A Friend

As a registered charity Hackney Empire depends on the support of the people who love it.

From £5 per month you'll receive a range of benefits that will take you right to the heart of our legendary venue. Join us today!



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