

Culture Liverpool '09 Selected Highlights

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| TO BE CONFIRMED: | | | | | |
| July to September | On The Waterfront Commissioned by Culture Liverpool | Liverpool Waterfront | Multi-arts festival | New for 2009 Liverpool City Council is commissioning a series of major events over several weekends on the city's world famous waterfront that celebrates Liverpool's Year of the Environment and pays homage to its special connection to New York. | FREE Tendering process now open |
| November to January | A Winters Trail Commissioned by Culture Liverpool | Across the city | Public art | New for 2009 Liverpool City Council is commissioning a public art trail that celebrates Liverpool's Year of the Environment. To be similar in scale and impact to the hit Capital of Culture event - Go Superlambananas. | FREE Tendering process now open |
| CURRENTLY ON: | | | | | |
| To 4 April | Billy Wonderful By Nick Leather | Everyman | Theatre | Fast-paced coming of age new play that has toured Liverpool before playing 'at home' tells the story of young Billy Walters who dreams of scoring a goal in the Merseyside Derby. | £9-14 www.everymanplayhouse.com |

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| To 11 April Show: 8pm Matinee: Show 2pm | Dirty Dusting | Royal Court | Theatre - comedy | Ed Waugh and Trevor Wood's play looks at the three old dears as they search for their inner goddess with feather dusters and rubber gloves. Suitable For - 16+ | £10 - £20 www.royalcourtiverpool.co.uk |
| To 26 April | Only A Game? | World Museum Liverpool | Football exhibition | Exploring Europe's love affair with football, Only a Game? brings together UEFA's most prized trophies , historical artefacts from the last 50 years, and stunning images from the great games. | FREE www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/wml |
| To 31 May | Climate For Change (part of the UNSustainable season at FACT) | FACT Gallery 1, Gallery 2, Media Lounge & Public Spaces | Exhibition | This unique experiment in activism, examines the multiple crises affecting the planet. Gallery 1 will be a social hub for meetings, discussions and workshops, allowing grassroots networks to practise and imagine new models of governance and organising - live in the gallery space. | FREE www.fact.co.uk |
| To 31 May | Fashion V Sport | Walker Art Gallery | Art exhibition | On tour from the Victoria and Albert Museum, <i>Fashion V Sport</i> explores the creative and fluid relationship between the two worlds of contemporary fashion and sportswear from fashion designers working with sportswear brands to sports personalities heading up fashion campaigns. | FREE www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/walker |
| To 31 May | French Impressionists | Lady Lever Art Gallery | Art exhibition | In an international exchange between National Museum Stockholm and National Museums Liverpool, the Lady Lever will display 13 treasured works from a selection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist sculptures and paintings, including works by Renoir, Monet, Degas and Rodin . | FREE www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ladylever |

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| To 31 May | George Always: Portraits of George Melly by Maggi Hambling | Walker Art Gallery | Art exhibition | Liverpool's George Melly - jazz performer, writer and critic - is captured in the work of his great friend, the artist Maggi Hambling. Including ink drawings from life, oil paintings executed during his final days and a series of portraits painted after his death from memory and imagination. | FREE www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/walker |
| To 27 September | Magical History Tour | Merseyside Maritime Museum | Exhibition | Celebrating the amazing rollercoaster story of Liverpool, this exhibition takes visitors on a fast paced journey of discovery, with help from a time travelling taxi driver. <i>The Magical History Tour</i> charts the city's growth from a tiny fishing village to a busy port, the challenges faced by those living in the city during the 19 th and 20 th centuries and considers the evolving perceptions of Liverpool and Liverpudlians in the recent past. | FREE www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/maritime |
| To 1 November | The Beat Goes On | World Museum Liverpool | Music exhibition | <i>The Beat Goes On</i> showcases Merseyside's vibrant music scenes that have played a major part in the city's life over the past 60 years. From the Cavern to Creamfields, Billy Fury to the Zutons, Liverpool has been home to a staggering range of venues, sounds, performers, fashions and followers. <i>The Beat Goes On</i> explores and celebrates Liverpool's musical identity, its success and its continuing evolution. | FREE www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/wml |

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| 24 - 28 March Start: 8.00pm | PANIC Presented by Improbable | Unity Theatre | Theatre - opera | Co directed by Julian Crouch and Lee Simpson. Panic is a tale of love and unsettling illnesses featuring the Great God Pan; this is Improbable with brown paper and video projections, a lot of self help books and some very chaseable nymphs. | £12 / £10 concessions www.unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk/ |
| 24 – 28 March Start: 7:30 pm | Great Expectations | Liverpool Playhouse | Theatre | Charles Dickens' classic journey of romance and adventure is re-told for the stage in a compelling new musical version, from Clwyd Theatr Cymru's Tim Baker. | £9 - £20 www.everymanplayhouse.com |
| 4 - 17 April (excluding 10 April) 10am-5pm | The Great Green Sculpture Challenge | Tate Liverpool Wolfson Room | Art - Sculpture | New for 2009 Let your imagination run wild and see what we can all create from the rubbish that we would usually throw away. Tate Liverpool invites you to bring along your clean plastic containers, bags and newspapers and see them transformed into wonderful and magical sculptures. | FREE www.tate.org.uk/liverpool |
| 6 – 11 April Start: 7.30pm Mon-Thurs; 5pm and 8.30pm Fri and Sat | Chicago | Empire Theatre | Theatre - musical | Created by the musical theatre talents of John Kander, Fred Ebb and legendary choreographer Bob Fosse, Chicago's sexy, sassy score includes 'All That Jazz' and 'Razzle Dazzle'. Featuring Emma Barton, from Eastenders, and Jimmy Osmond . | £10 - £33 www.liverpoolempire.org.uk |
| 23 April to 9 May Start: 8pm Matinee: Show 2pm | Shirley Valentine By Willy Russell | Royal Court | Theatre - comedy | As a part of the Liverpool Comedy Festival 2009, Russell's multi-award-winning comedy takes to the stage with Pauline Daniels as the eponymous heroine. Suitable for - 16+. | £10 / £20 www.royalcourtiverpool.co.uk |

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| From 1 May | DLA Piper Series: This is Sculpture | Tate Liverpool | Art - Sculpture | This new collection display examines the trajectory of artistic innovation in twentieth-century art and beyond. In addition, key figures from the cultural arena have been invited to co-curate offering their own interpretations of the Tate Collection. Includes works by Sir Jacob Epstein, Henry Moore, Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Gilbert & George and Michael Landy . | FREE www.tate.org.uk/liverpool |
| 1 May to 31 August | Sound and Vision: Music and Fashion photographed by Francesco Mellina, Liverpool, 1978-82 | National Conservation Centre | Art - photography | Francesco Mellina's previously unseen black and white photography captures the excitement and diversity of the Liverpool music scene from the late 1970s to the early 1980s. From Punks to New Romantics, the photographs document the looks and sounds of performers and fans. | FREE www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/conservation |
| 1 May 7.30pm start | Ojos de Brujo Part of La Linea Liverpool 2009 | Liverpool Philharmonic Hall | Live music concert | Ojos de Brujo is a Barcelona-based fusion group that mixes dub, hip hop, and flamenco, allowing a wide range of expression while makes forward-looking music with a social conscience. | £16.50 / £21.50 / £30 www.liverpoolphil.com |
| May – dates tbc | Writing on the Wall festival | Various venues | Literature festival | The theme of the festival in 2009 is 'Outsiders' with sub themes which include empowering women, hidden histories, linking communities, new writing, radical writing and young writers. | Details to be announced soon www.writingonthewall.org.uk |
| 1 May | Bob Dylan | Echo Arena | Live music concert | The legendary singer/songwriter is in Liverpool for one of just seven European dates to perform Tell Tale Signs - the 8 th instalment of the best-selling Bootleg Series. | £37 / £42 www.echoarena.com |

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| 1 May – 3 August | Brouhaha International | Various venues Carnival weekend in city centre and Princes Park | Arts, music, street theatre | 2009 sees Brouhaha embark on its next four year thematic carnival arts programme. <i>'The People Who Came'</i> relates to migration and immigration and the diverse communities who now make up Liverpool as a multicultural city. This project will culminate in a large-scale carnival parade on 1 st August 2009. | Details to be announced www.brouhaha.uk.com |
| 2 May | Spanish Bombs – Tropical Tribute to The Clash Part of La Linea Liverpool 2009 | Liverpool Philharmonic Hall | Live music concert | The influence of The Clash on a generation of Spanish-speaking artists is brought to life in this special concert, featuring a 15-piece band and guest vocalists as The Clash repertoire is reinterpreted through a Latin filter. | £20 / £25 / £30 www.liverpoolphil.com |
| 2 May to 27 June Show: 8pm Matinee: Show 2pm | The Flags By Bridget O'Connor | Royal Court | Theatre - comedy | JJ and Howie are lifeguards on the second worst beach in Ireland with a chance to move to the prestigious Banna Strand beach. This award-winning comedy reveals how the deluded dreams of a Baywatch lifestyle are replaced by harsh reality under the slate grey skies of rural Ireland. | £10 - £20 www.royalcourtLiverpool.co.uk |
| 3 - 10 May | Liverpool Comedy Festival | Various venues | Comedy | The 2009 Festival promises to keep the whole of Liverpool chuckling for it's duration with headliners such as Al Murray, Andy Parsons and Rob Brydon to the Best of Liverpool night. | Various prices www.liverpoolcomedyfestival.co.uk |

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| 4 - 9 May Start:7.30pm Matinees: 2.30pm | Little Shop of Horrors | Empire Theatre | Theatre - comedy | Direct from a smash-hit West End season, this acclaimed new production features an incredible animatronic man-eating plant and bristles with great songs, laugh-out-loud lyrics and brilliant performances from an all star cast that includes Sylvester McCoy . | £10.50 - £29.50 www.liverpoolempire.org.uk |
| 13 May | Eric Clapton | Echo Arena | Live music concert | Legendary guitarist and rock icon makes his Arena debut as part of an 8-date UK tour. | £55 / £45 www.echoarena.com |
| 16 May Various times | 'Imagine' Part of Futuresonic 2009, Urban Festival of Art, Music & Ideas | Liverpool Cathedral | Bell Ringing | A World Premiere recital and reinterpretation of John Lennon's 'Imagine' using the bells of Liverpool's Anglican cathedral – the highest and heaviest in the world. Produced by artist Cleo Evans in collaboration with local change ringers. | FREE www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk www.futuresonic.com |
| 20 May | Blue Man Group – MEGASTAR World Tour | Echo Arena | Physical theatre / concert | With their self-crafted ensembles, together with whirlpool drumming, marshmallow throwing and paint spitting, the Blue Man Group's energetic tour production, "How To Be A Megastar", lays emphasis on dynamics, rhythm and audience participation. | £39.50 www.echoarena.com |
| 22 May to 13 June | Lost Monsters By Laurence Wilson | Everyman | Theatre | A World Premiere , Wilson's new play is the 50th in-house production under the guise of Gemma Bodinetz and Deborah Aydon. Three runaways find themselves stranded. Seeking refuge they enter a world of dreams and nightmares. | £9 - £14.50 www.everymanplayhouse.com |
| 22 May to 19 July | The End of the Line: Attitudes in Drawing | the Bluecoat | Art | A new major exhibition by 11 international artists, reflecting the continuing and innovative use of drawing in contemporary art. There will also be a special drawing weekend for all ages and abilities from 5-7 June. | FREE www.thebluecoat.org.uk |

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| 23 - 24 May | HUB 2009 Organised by Culture Liverpool | Wellington Dock | Outdoor sports / arts festival | Britain's biggest free urban festival has a new location and is going car free for Liverpool's year of the environment. Activities include skate parks, BMX demos, live music and graffiti art by a range of international performer. | FREE www.hubfestival.co.uk |
| 23 - 31 May | HUB Life Organised by Culture Liverpool | City-wide | Multi activities and demonstrations from graffiti art, free running to dancing | New for 2009. A new Fringe Festival element of the UK's largest Free extreme sports event: HUB Festival. HUB Life is to be launched this year so you can live, love and breathe HUB over 8 days in some of the funkiest venues across the city. | FREE www.hubfestival.co.uk www.liverpool.gov.uk |
| 29 May to 13 September | Colour Chart: Reinventing Colour, 1950 to Today | Tate Liverpool | Art | Tate Liverpool's major exhibition for '09 looks at the moment in 20th-century art when a group of artists began to perceive colour as 'readymade' rather than as scientific or expressive. This rich and vibrant exhibition includes works by more than forty artists, such as Andy Warhol, Damien Hirst, and Cory Archangel. | £8, £6 Concessions, FREE for Tate Members, Children under-12 FREE www.tate.org.uk/liverpool |
| 6 June | Lord Mayor's Pageant Organised by Culture Liverpool | Liverpool city centre | Street theatre | New format and route 2009. This year cycle-power will lead the way with horse-power, rickshaws, electrically-powered and solar powered vehicles making up the parade – and many will rely on their own two-feet as the pageant mark's Liverpool's Year of the Environment and World Environment Day (5 June). | FREE www.liverpool.gov.uk |
| 13 June to 26 July | Darwin Today | World Museum Liverpool | Exhibition | Discover how Darwin's theories are used in current research and their continuing relevance to our lives. Find out about our place in the world and explore issues around diversity, conservation and climate change. | FREE www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/wml |

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| 17- 20 June Start: 11am daily | LV County Championship match | Liverpool Cricket Club | Sport | Lancashire, seeking their first county title in 59 years, takes on Hampshire in a four-day county match on a ground that has a guaranteed result wicket. | Juniors £4 / Adults £12 Senior Citizens £8 www.lccc.co.uk |
| 17-21 June | Tradition-ICAP Liverpool International Tennis Tournament Organised by Northern Vision and Liverpool City Council | Calderstones Park | Sport | The UK's premier grass court tournament, north of London, features legends, current top 20 stars and new faces of the game. New for 2009 is schools programme that will reach more than 5,000 school children. | £12-£30 Week tickets £60 -£99 www.liverpooltennis.co.uk |
| 18 – 21 June | Africa Oye | Sefton Park And various venues | Music Festival | The unique African and Caribbean Music Festival includes a range of acclaimed activities including free world class performances in the superb setting of Sefton Park, ticketed 'in-house' events in downtown Liverpool clubs and venues to school workshops. | Includes FREE concert www.africaoye.com |
| 19 June to 06 September | Bernie Lubell | FACT Gallery 1, Gallery 2, Media Lounge & Public Spaces | Art - sculptures | San Francisco based artist Bernie Lubell's first UK exhibition involves a stunning new 12 metre high sculpture that takes over FACT's atrium and an exhibition of his adamantly low-tech artworks. Entirely powered by the visitor, Lubell's work includes a stone-age digital computer, a rainstorm of chaos and nostalgia, a confessional phone booth and simulations of the human heart and brain. | FREE www.fact.co.uk |
| 19 June to 11 July and touring | Molière's The Hypochondriac Adapted by Roger McGough A co-production with English Touring theatre. | Liverpool Playhouse And touring | Theatre - comedy | Following last year's critically acclaimed <i>Tartuffe</i> , Liverpool's Poet Laureate, Roger McGough, dips his magic quill again by adapting another classic Molière comedy - <i>The Hypochondriac</i> . Molière's last play is a scathingly funny lampoon on both hypochondria and the 'quack' medical profession. | £9 – £20 www.everymanplayhouse.com |

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| 20 June Start: 7.30pm | Orchestral Manoeuvres In the Dark Part of Summer Pops at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall | Liverpool Philharmonic Hall | Live music concert | Liverpool legends OMD and the RLPO perform OMD classics with specially written arrangements by Gary Carpenter and Ian Stephens. A new and innovative installation project, <i>Energy Suite</i> , will also be performed - a spectacular show of visual and audible art, displaying film footage that captures the architecture and sounds of five power stations in the NorthWest, created by OMD, artist Peter Saville and filmmaker Hambi Haralambous. | £15 / £18 / £28 / £35 www.liverpoolphil.com |
| 21 June | Liverpool Triathlon Organised by Mass Participation Events and Liverpool City Council | Liverpool waterfront | Sport | New for 2009. Around a thousand people are expected to take part in the inaugural event, which will be based at ECHO Arena and BT Convention Centre at Kings Waterfront and use the city's most famous locations as the route for the swimming, cycling and running events. It will be open to people of all abilities – ranging from experienced national athletes through to novices. | £35 for juniors £51 - £120 for adults www.liverpooltriathlon.co.uk |
| 22 June Start: 5.30pm | Twenty20 Cup Cricket | Liverpool Cricket Club | Sport | New for 2009. Liverpool's first every twenty-20 professional game see s Lancashire Lightning take on Leicestershire Foxes. | Details to be announced www.lccc.co.uk |
| 25 June | Chaplin's City Lights Part of Summer Pops at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall | Liverpool Philharmonic Hall | Film / concert | Phil favourite Carl Davis brings a rare opportunity to experience classic silent film, with a live accompaniment featuring Davis' tactful restoration of the original score, created by Chaplin himself. All preceded by Gershwin's glittering overture to Girl Crazy containing familiar hit Broadway melodies and his epoch-making <i>Rhapsody in Blue</i> featuring Ian Buckle. | www.liverpoolphil.com |

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| 29 June – 4 July | EVERYWORD 2009 | Everyman | Literature festival | Everyman's annual new writing festival is back with a week of readings, workshops and events open to anyone. But EVERYWORD is not just for writers, it has seen the first readings of Paradise Bound, Unprotected, Intemperance and Lost Monsters , all of which have progressed to full-scale Everyman productions. So try something new and be the first audience to see the next generation of Liverpool's playwriting talent. | Full event details to be confirmed in May www.everymanplayhouse.com |
| July – all month | Summer Pops Promoted by CMP Entertainment | Echo Arena | Live music concerts | An important part of the European summer music calendar, some of the greatest names in music have played this festival over the past eight years. This year's line-up so far includes: Jools Holland, Simply Red, Simple Minds, Beatles Day, The Australian Pink Floyd (2 dates), Deacon Blue , plus more tba | Various prices www.cmpentertainment.com www.echoarena.com |
| 3-4 July | Twins: How do I know I am me... by Angie Hiesl Produktion | the Bluecoat | Art installation | A stunning performance installation directed by this artist from Liverpool's German twin city of Cologne. Off site venue to be announced. | FREE www.thebluecoat.org.uk |
| 9 – 18 July Start: 7.30pm Sat Matinee: 2.30pm | One Night in Istanbul By Nicky Alt | Empire Theatre | Theatre | A World Premiere. Tommy Kelly and Gerry Edwards arrive in Istanbul to see their beloved Liverpool take on Italian Champions, AC Milan. In order to pay for their trip first they have to find the Grand Bazaar to sell Adolf Hitler's cufflinks, while their sons, Jamie and Joseph, are simply desperate to find tickets..... | £13.50 - £22.50 www.liverpoolempire.org.uk |

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| 10 July - 20 September | New Radicals: From Sickert to Freud | Walker Art Gallery | Art | This display includes responses to Impressionism and works by the Camden Town and London Group, through to independent figures including Ceri Richards, L.S. Lowry, Cecil Collins and Stanley Spencer . It will explore the development of art in Britain from the start of the 20 th century to just after WWII and the stories behind these unique works of art. | FREE www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/walker |
| 15 July | Barber of Seville Organised by Culture Liverpool | Clayton Square | Opera | Live screening of Rossini's classic from the Royal Opera House | FREE www.liverpool.gov.uk |
| 17 – 19 July | Arabic Weekender presented by Liverpool Arabic Arts Festival | the Bluecoat | Various | Music, poetry, film, performances, family events and much more take over the Bluecoat and other city venues for this popular annual celebration of Arabic culture from Liverpool and the globe. | FREE www.thebluecoat.org.uk |
| 22 – 29 July | Four Corners at the Bluecoat Organised by Culture Liverpool | the Bluecoat | Art | Six participatory art projects taking place across the city from March – June will come to life through exhibition, performance and one off events. Throughout Sat & Sun, July 25-26 there will be a Swap Shop of local produce and a series of Environmentally linked events. | FREE www.liverpool.gov.uk www.thebluecoat.org.uk |
| 6 - 8 August Start: 7pm | Bugsy Malone | Liverpool Empire | Theatre – musical | After the huge success of The Wiz in '08, the <i>Liverpool Empire Stage Experience project</i> returns with Bugsy Malone - an uplifting and riotous musical show for all the family with great songs, wonderful 20's dance routines and hilarious slapstick comedy. (An amateur production by arrangement with Warner/Chappell Music Ltd administrated by Boosey & Hawkes.) | £13 – Adults £10 – U-16s www.liverpoolempire.org.uk |

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| 14 August to 28 February | Black Britannia | International Slavery Museum | Photography exhibition | A photographic exhibition by John Ferguson showcasing the achievements of successful black Britons. Farmers, teachers and fire fighters feature alongside celebrities such as Naomi Campbell, Sir Trevor McDonald and Frank Bruno in celebration of black Britons in public life. | FREE www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/is |
| 15 August to 20 September Daily 10:00-4:30pm | BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition Organised by BBC Wildlife Magazine and the Natural History Museum | Liverpool Anglican Cathedral | Photography exhibition | The largest and most prestigious wildlife photography competition in the world. This exhibition showcases the top 90 photographs from the 15 categories in the 2008 competition. | FREE www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk |
| 19 – 23 August Starts include 11am, 3pm and 7pm | Walking with Dinosaurs – The Arena Spectacular | Echo Arena | Interactive theatre | Based on the award-winning BBC TV series real size dinosaurs come to life in what will be one of the most exciting and groundbreaking shows ever seen in the U.K. depicting their evolution and demise with almost cinematic realism and thrilling audience interaction. | £20 / £30 / £35 / £45 www.echoarena.com |
| 21 – 23 August | Slavery Remembrance Festival Organised by Culture Liverpool with NML | Liverpool Waterfront | Heritage | Liverpool will commemorate its shameful role in the transatlantic slave trade through a series of exhibitions, events and the customary libation ceremony by its African community on the banks of the River Mersey. | FREE www.liverpool.gov.uk www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk |
| 30 – 31 August | Mathew Street Music Festival and Fringe Organised by Culture Liverpool and Mathew St Music Festival Ltd | City centre locations | Live outdoor music festival | Themed stages will play host to international bands and cover bands, showcasing the city's celebration of music. More venues and cultural partners are being encouraged and invited to be a part of the Fringe festival, established in 2007, to ensure the festival is inclusive as possible. | FREE www.liverpool.gov.uk |

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| Autumn Season 2009 | THE FAHRENHEIT TWINS By Michael Faber | Unity Theatre | Theatre | Told by an Idiot presents this twisted and disturbing reworking of Hansel and Gretel. Two pre-pubescent twins, who live on a remote arctic exploration station, have the perfect life until one day they undertake an unusual journey. Produced with Matthew Dunster – an associate director of the Young Vic. | Details to be announced www.unitytheatreiverpool.co.uk/ |
| 10 September | Opening concert RLPO's 09/10 Season Russian Soul: Shostakovich's Symphony No. 10 and Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 3 | Liverpool Philharmonic Hall | Live music concert | Vasily Petrenko opens the season with a pair of true Russian epics. Rachmaninov's sweeping Third Concerto has been called the 'Everest of Romantic piano concertos' - while Shostakovich's mighty Tenth Symphony is arguably the greatest symphony of the twentieth century. | www.liverpoolphil.com |
| 10 – 20 September | Heritage Open Days Co-ordinated by the Civic Trust in partnership with English Heritage and Liverpool City Council | Various venues | Heritage | The doors will be thrown open to some of Liverpool's finest properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. It is an annual chance to discover hidden treasures and enjoy a range of tours, events and activities that bring local history and culture to life. | FREE www.liverpool.gov.uk www.heritageopendays.org.uk |
| September 16-20 | Urbanism '09 By Liverpool Biennial With New Heartlands, Places Matter!, British Waterways and Sefton MBC (Part of the Housing Market Renewal programme on Merseyside) | Along Leeds - Liverpool Canal | Art - environmental | New for 2009. Over five days, Urbanism 2009 will present the outcome of over six months of environmental interventions, projects and imaginative approaches by artists, architects, urbanists and residents to unlock the potential of the Leeds-Liverpool canal. The programme will include a symposium, artist and architect residencies and commissions, workshops and local happenings, enabling the widest possible range of people to become involved in the event, culminating in a carnival along the length of this grand canal. | FREE (except conference) www.biennial.com |

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| 18 September to 10 October Then touring UK in Autumn 2009. | Kes By Barry Hines | Liverpool Playhouse | Theatre | This classic tale of a young boy's escapism from a gritty industrial town, made famous by Ken Loach's film, hits the stage as a co-production with The Touring Consortium. | Public bookings open on 5 May www.everymanplayhouse.com |
| 18 September to 24 January 2010 | Stephen Shakeshaft's Liverpool | National Conservation Centre | Photography exhibition | Former Picture Editor at the Liverpool Post and Echo turns his eye to the 'real heritage' of the city: the people who have helped to create Liverpool's identity, from famous and not so famous, and give us a unique view of life in Liverpool in the turbulent decades from the 60s to the 80s. | FREE www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/conservation |
| September 23 - 25 | FACT - AND Festival of New Cinema and Digital Culture | Various locations | Film | New for 2009. Abandon Normal Devices (AND) is a new festival for the North West, debuting in Liverpool, for five days of mind-blowing media art and cinematic shenanigans, spilling from screens and gallery spaces into the streets of the city questioning the normal and championing a different approach. It will also be trailblazing across the Northwest with a series of taster events and commissions, partnering up with other festivals that rock our world, including moves festival, Futuresonic and b.Tween. | www.fact.co.uk |
| September 24 – 29 November | Primitive By Apichatpong Weerasethakul Commissioned by FACT in partnership with Haus der Kunst, Munich and Animate Projects, London. | FACT Gallery 1, Gallery 2, Media Lounge & Public Spaces | Art – video installation | UK premiere of a multiple-screen video installation including a music video, a short film for cinema, an online film and an artist's book. This is the Thai artists first solo UK exhibition, as part of AND Festival. Primitive is set in Nabua in the Renu Nakhon district of Thailand, which suffered violent clashes between communists and Thai military in 1960's. | FREE www.fact.co.uk |

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| 25 September to 13 December | Flashback: Bridget Riley | Walker Art Gallery | Art | <i>Flashback</i> is the first in a new series of monographic exhibitions from the Arts Council Collection; each exhibition will bring together outstanding early works by high profile British artists, and set them against major recent works borrowed from the artists themselves. The series launches at the Walker with internationally renowned abstract painter Bridget Riley. It tracks her career from its sensational beginnings in the early 1960s, to the ambitious and powerful works of recent years. | FREE www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/walker |
| 25 September to 22 November | Under the Volcano: a celebration of Malcolm Lowry | the Bluecoat | Literature | A major exhibition and publication, music, films, talks and other events to mark the centenary of this Merseyside-born giant of modern fiction. | FREE www.thebluecoat.org.uk |
| 2 October to 31 October | The Caretaker By Harold Pinter | Everyman | Theatre | Celebrated stage and screen actor and former Everyman alumnus Jonathan Pryce returns to Liverpool to play Davies in Pinter's modern masterpiece, directed by Christopher Morahan. | Public bookings open on 5 May www.everymanplayhouse.com |
| October – all month | Liverpool Irish Festival | Various venues | Music, film, art, literature, theatre | Established in 2003 to support Liverpool's successful Capital of Culture bid the festival has grown from a 4-day event to full month festival of international repute. | Details to be announced www.liverpoolirishfestival.com |
| October – dates tbc | Liverpool Design Festival | Various venues | Design | New for 2009. Planned activities comprise of a Selling Show for contemporary craft & design, Junior Designers - a participatory project & competition to celebrate and recognise young people's creativity. Symposia and debates and a Fashion Lab - A unique combination of master-classes, design collaborations & live catwalk events. | Details to be announced www.designinit.org.uk |

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| 2 October | Last Night of the Poms – featuring Sir Les Patterson & Dame Edna Everage | Echo Arena | Comedy | Australian national treasures Dame Edna Everage and Sir Les Patterson are going on a nationwide tour for the first time in 28 years, heading to the Echo Arena with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. Sharing the bill with the glamorous Dame Edna Everage is Australia's Number One Cultural Supremo Sir Les Patterson. | £35.00 / £45.00 / £60.00 www.echoarena.com |
| 6 to 17 October Start: 7.30pm Matinees: 2.30pm | Twopence to Cross The Mersey By Helen Forrester | Liverpool Empire | Theatre - Musical | The award-winning musical play is the true story of a young girl and her formerly wealthy family suddenly thrown into poverty and forced to survive in the slums of Liverpool during the depression of the 1930s. | £12 - £26.50 www.liverpoolempire.org.uk |
| 13 October | An Evening with Joan Baez | Liverpool Philharmonic Hall | Live music concert | Baez is a musical force of nature whose influence is incalculable as a singer/songwriter and as a civil rights activist. <i>Day After Tomorrow</i> , her first new studio album in five years, has received a 2009 Grammy Award nomination in the category of Best Contemporary Folk/American album. | www.liverpoolphil.com |
| 14 - 18 October | Chapter & Verse Literature Festival | the Bluecoat | Literature | After its debut in '08, the second Chapter & Verse Festival boasts a packed programme of contemporary writing including readings, discussions, workshops, book launches and other events involving leading international, UK and Liverpool authors. | FREE www.thebluecoat.org.uk |
| 20 October | Visit of QM2 | City of Liverpool Cruise liner Terminal | Maritime | Cunard's flagship cruise liner makes her maiden visit to the Mersey to mark the 170 th anniversary of the founding of the line in Liverpool. Up to 15,000 people are expected to visit the 151,000 tonne vessel which at 1,132 ft. is 147 feet longer than the Eiffel Tower is tall. | FREE www.liverpool.gov.uk |

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| 22 October | Bryn Terfel in Recital | Liverpool Philharmonic Hall | Live classical music concert | One of the greatest living Welshman, Terfel sounds as glorious in Welsh folksongs and show tunes as he does in the great operatic roles of Wagner and Mozart. | www.liverpoolphil.com |
| 23 October to 14 March 2010 | The Rise of Women Artists | Walker Art Gallery | Art | Tracking the historical changes influencing women artists, this exhibition explores the similarities and differences of women working in different areas within the fine and decorative arts fields as reflected in the collections of the Walker Art Gallery. Includes paintings, prints, textiles and ceramics by artists such as Paula Rego, Helen Chadwick, Louise Bourgeois and Alison Britton . | FREE www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/walker |
| 28 October to 1 November Start: 7.30pm Matinees: 2.30pm | English National Ballet presents Giselle | Liverpool Empire | Ballet | Giselle is the ultimate romantic ballet, a tale of innocence, betrayal and the redemptive power of true love. English National Ballet's traditional staging of this 1841 masterpiece moves from the sunny optimism of <i>Giselle's</i> idyllic village life to a ghostly moonlit world of mystery and menace. Adolphe Adam's music is played by the English National Ballet's symphony orchestra. | £5 - £35 www.liverpoolempire.org.uk |
| 31 October | Halloween Lantern Festival By Liverpool Lantern Company | Sefton Park | Art parade | A series of mini projects throughout the year will come together in a fairground style show for the Halloween Lantern festival. New for 2009 - a major interactive installation / exhibition of Lantern Company's work to date. | FREE www.liverpoollanterncompany.co.uk |
| Late October – early November | Liverpool Music Week | Various Venues | Indoor Music festival | Liverpool Music Week primarily aims to develop, educate and showcase unsigned and independent UK musicians on a large scale, The 2008 festival, in association with MTV, hosted over 300 acts over eight days in 26 city centre venues. | Details to be announced www.liverpoolmusicweek.com |

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| November – all month | Homotopia | Various venues | Arts and theatre festival | Liverpool's annual Gay and Lesbian arts festival is to establish a young curator's scheme for 2009. The programme will be an eclectic mix of theatre, dance, art, human rights and an expanding youth programme. | Details to be announced www.homotopia.net |
| 5 November | City of Liverpool Fireworks Displays Organised by Culture Liverpool | Sefton Park, Walton Hall Park, Newsham Park | | The best and safest way to enjoy Guy Fawkes Night, with stunning 20 minute displays set to music. | FREE www.liverpool.gov.uk |
| December to February 2010 | Next Level | FACT Gallery 1, Gallery 2, Media Lounge & Public Spaces | Exhibition | From interactive gaming events and competitions with industry partners, a game-themed film programme, work with students in local universities and an exhibition that spills out into the city, Next Level is a programme of activity looking at video game environments and their progression to the real world. | FREE www.fact.co.uk |
| 11 Dec 2009 to 3 Jan 2010 Start: 7pm Matinees: various time | Peter Pan | Liverpool Empire | Theatre - pantomime | First Family Entertainment proudly present the show about the little boy who wouldn't grow up, the Darling children and their adventure of a lifetime in Neverland. With an all star cast yet to be announced; make sure you hook your tickets early and be transported to a magical pantomime adventure. | £12.50 - £25 www.liverpoolemire.org.uk |