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### ISAN Events Bulletin June 2009

The ISAN email events bulletin is back for summer!

Once again, during the busy summer months the Independent Street Arts Network is compiling a monthly bulletin of street arts events happening around the country. ISAN members programme and produce a huge range of performances and events, and every year sees growing audiences and an increase in inventive and innovative work produced by British street arts companies and artists as well as international work from some of the leading companies across the globe.

This bulletin gives full details of imminent street arts performances and events and brief details of those coming up in later months. These events will be attracting and entertaining audiences in their tens of thousands across the UK with work ranging from one-person shows to large scale theatre performances. The majority of events listed are produced by ISAN member organisations and individuals. This email was originally created as a simple information service for journalists, support

agencies, funding officers and others working in the field of street arts. This has now been extended to include the wider audience for street arts events across the country.

Mandy Meaden, your ISAN Administrator, is here to post your upcoming events, so if you have any you know of that aren't featured here, please do let me know and I'll put them on the next bulletin:

[info@streetartsnetwork.org.uk](mailto:info@streetartsnetwork.org.uk)

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## **Paradise Gardens**

**Victoria Park, E3**

**Sat 20 & Sun 21 June 2009**

**Midday - 10.30pm, FREE**

Come and join us this weekend as the beautiful environs of Victoria Park, Tower Hamlets, is transformed into a pleasure garden for the 21st Century.

Once again the partnership of Remarkable Productions and the London Borough of Tower Hamlets bring you a FREE festival weekend packed full of amazing activities for people of all ages.

We present this showcase of the best cultural offer from Europe and around the world as our flagship Cultural Olympiad event.

This year we are proud to present the UK outdoor premiere of 'La Cucina dell'Arte' by the renowned Belgian circus, Circus Ronaldo. Those of you who caught No Fit State's Tabu last year will know that we specialise in presenting a world class circus each year. There are only 900 tickets – when they're gone, they're gone, so book now!

The music programme features a partnership with Barbican's Cuba 50 programme on the Paradise

Stage on Sunday which includes the seminal Charanga group Orquesta Aragon. Other musical highlights, programmed by Continental Drifts, include The Dynamics and Soothsayers.

New commissions include The Bar of Ideas, newly developed into a full performance piece from last year's installation, now featuring street theatre comic magicians Cocoloco – the show is ticketed so make sure you book your place when you arrive on site. The Bar of Ideas is part of our programme of sideshows, which this year includes one the last remaining Wall of Death shows in the world, as well as Miniscule of Sound, the world's smallest nightclub, and Bored Brand's Digital Funfair.

Remarkable Productions has teamed up with The Circus Space, in a new partnership, to co-produce East London hip hop dance pioneers Avant Garde Dance working with Chinese pole artists in a new commission for the Festival "The Silver Tree".

We are delighted to present the Tea Dance once again, this year housed in a Spiegel Tent "Salon Perdu." In the evenings we present steam punk innovators White Mischief on Saturday and Variety specialists Toot Sweet on Sunday.

This year's historic moment will be the very first full outing of The Beautiful Octopus Club, the club led by artists with learning difficulties, at a mainstream festival – check it out on Saturday. On Sunday the same venue is taken over by local festival favorites' Solution Sound System. Also new this year is the People's Palace, a spectacular 5 ring tent, presenting a nu folk line up from Magpie's nest on Saturday, and Instigate Debate on Sunday. It just remains for me to thank our supporters – Tower Hamlets Council 2012 Unit and Arts Council England and wish you a fantastic weekend.

For full festival listings see:

[www.paradisegardens.org.uk](http://www.paradisegardens.org.uk)

**Greenwich & Docklands International Festival**

**25 - 28 June 2009**

"Ambitious and free" The Sunday Times

Greenwich+Docklands International Festival returns with a water-themed programme for 2009. The story of Greenwich and Docklands has been shaped and defined by water and, using this inspiration, the Festival will commission and present a range of extraordinary UK and international artists to provide a visionary water-based interpretation of the area.

Highlights will include a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Baroque composer Handel with an outdoor son et lumiere inspired by the Thames entitled Water Music, as well as UK premieres of two large scale international spectacles: Iltopie's Fous de Bassin and Close Act's Pi-Leau. Other highlights include a programme of five new performances created by Deaf and disabled artists under the banner of New Outdoor Horizons as well as contemporary outdoor dance at Canary Wharf.

For further information including a downloadable brochure please see [www.festival.org](http://www.festival.org)

**Imagination: Our Nation**

Imagination: Our Nation, is a national five-year project which explores identity, citizenship and culture. ION delivers a string of events and workshops all over the country. Each year tells a different story, beginning with 2008's GerminNation, sowing the seeds of the future, which was awarded the London 2012 Inspire Mark. In 2009 Imagination: Our Nation has 19 partners across the UK who bring you FasciNation. Each Partner has created a Champion puppet, which will be regularly appearing at events around the country. Read on to find your nearest one:

**20th June**

High Hurstwood Village Fete - Spiritus & Blatchington Mill School

**21st June**

Festival at Paradise Gardens, Victoria Park.

The Pearly Queen Puppet together with the Queens will be attending. Come and find out about the tradition, enjoy tea and cakes and create your own Pearly Queen accessories!

1pm- 10pm

**27th June**

Cambourne Youth Festival - Comberton Village College, Cambridgeshire 5th July Nottingham Carnival 10th July Harwich Schools Carnival, Harwich Town Centre- The Theatre of Lemmings

**11th July**

Uckfield Big Day Out - Spiritus & Blatchington Mill School, Uckfield, East Sussex

**18 - 19th July**

Derby Carnival - Mandela Centre & DWICA Market Square, Derby

**24th July**

Cambridgeshire County Council Cultural Olympiad Celebrations - Comberton Village College, Cambridge

**July 31st - August 2nd**

Riverside Festival - Victoria Embankment, Nottingham

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