

A YEAR IN DANCE

Get out your diaries! **Marianka Swain** picks some of the dance highlights of 2012

FESTIVALS AND EXHIBITIONS

MOVE IT

Olympia, London
March 9–11
The UK's biggest dance exhibition, offering performances, classes, shopping and the chance to meet industry experts
www.moveitdance.co.uk

Breakin' Convention

Sadler's Wells, London
May 5–7
An international festival of hip hop dance theatre, featuring stars and the hottest new crews
www.breakinconvention.com

Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch: World Cities 2012

Sadler's Wells/Barbican, London
June 6 – July 9
A season of works by influential choreographer Pina Bausch – ten international co-productions exploring ten global locations, celebrating the Olympic year's global focus
www.sadlerswell.com

U.Dance

Southbank Centre, London
July 13–16
The UK-wide youth dance organisation's festival of events

features three evening shows and a range of performances and workshops at Southbank Centre, plus a residential dance programme at Roehampton University
www.u-dance.org

Unlimited

Southbank Centre, London
September 1–9
Part of the Cultural Olympiad, Unlimited brings together work in different forms by disabled artists, with participating companies including Candoco Dance Company and Graeae Theatre Company
www.london2012.com/unlimited

BIG DANCE

July 7–15
The flagship event in London's Cultural Olympiad with numerous performances, workshops and initiatives. Highlights include:

World record attempt

May 18, 1pm
School children around the world are invited to take part in this pre-event, a global-record-breaking, multi-location dance routine to coincide with the arrival of the Olympic Torch

Dancing Voices

Southbank Centre, London

July 11
Dancers and singers of a more mature age are invited to take part in this collaborative project, led by East London Dance's Leap of Faith and Southbank Centre's VoiceLab, culminating in a performance in the Queen Elizabeth Hall

Trafalgar Square spectacular

July 14
Wayne McGregor is leading a mass participation event on "the ultimate dancefloor", encouraging choreographers to create their own pieces and anyone who has a passion for dance to join in
www.bigdance2012.com

COMPETITIONS

UK Open Championships

Bournemouth International Centre
January 24–26

Blackpool Dance Festival

Winter Gardens, Blackpool
May 25 – June 1

International Championships

Brentwood International Centre
October 9–10
Qualifiers
Royal Albert Hall, London
October 11
Finals

LONDON STAGE

Crazy For You

Novello Theatre
Until March 27
The toe-tapping, fun-filled Gershwin musical transfers from Regent's Park Open Air. Featuring a zany storyline, exuberant routines and the great man's greatest hits
www.crazyforyouthemusical.com

Singin' in the Rain

Palace Theatre
February 4 – September 29
A winning show based on the classic film (see page 34) that proved a big hit with *Dance Today* readers in our poll (October 2011). Starring Adam Cooper, Scarlett Strallen and Daniel Crossley
www.singintherain.co.uk

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Royal Opera House

March 17 – April 13
Following its premiere in March, Christopher Wheeldon's ballet-cum-surreal pantomime returns for a full run
www.roh.org.uk

Metamorphosis: Titian 2012

Royal Opera House/
National Gallery
July 14–20
The Royal Ballet joins forces with the National Gallery as part of the Cultural Olympiad. Seven choreographers, including Wayne McGregor and Christopher Wheeldon, respond to three great Titian paintings
www.roh.org.uk

Unleashed

Barbican Theatre
November (dates TBC)
Celebrating the Barbican's work with young people, this innovative show features renowned guest artists like Hofesh Shechter and is performed by 300 young dancers and other performers
www.barbican.org.uk

TOURING

Beauty and the Beast

Until March 31
Northern Ballet's innovative new show based on the fairytale classic
www.northernballet.com

Lord of the Dance

Until April 7
The exuberant Irish dance extravaganza returns with a UK-wide tour
www.lordofthedance.com

Cirque du Soleil's Alegria

April 4–22
The company brings its blend of heart-stopping acrobatics and emotive dance to new show *Alegria*, which explores power, rule and social transformation
www.cirquedusoleil.com

Dirty Dancing

Until May 26
Nobody puts Baby in a corner – not even a corner of the UK. The hit show tours nationwide
www.dirtydancingontour.com

"STRICTLY" SPIN-OFFS

Brendan Cole: Live and Unjudged

January 11 – February 8
The "Strictly" bad boy is back by popular demand, with an able assist from dancers Scott Cole, Andrew Cuerden, Hanna Haarala, Izabela Hannah and Nicole Cutler
www.brendancoleliveandunjudged.com

Anton and Erin: Let's Do It

January 19 – March 18
The veteran "Strictly" couple take their debonair ballroom style on tour, featuring classic music by composers like Gershwin, Berlin, Porter and Kander and Ebb
www.antonanderin.com

Strictly Come Dancing LIVE

January 20 – February 26
Your chance to see your favourite couples in the flesh – and witness the judges putting on as much of a show as the contestants...
www.strictlycome dancinglive.com

Midnight Tango

January 20 – March 31 West End; April 9 – July 21 touring
"Strictly"'s Vincent and Flavia take their sultry slice of tango theatre on a nationwide tour after a ten-week run in the West End
www.midnighttango.co.uk