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## **SHOREDITCH FESTIVAL 2011 TAKES TO EAST LONDON'S WATERWAYS 16 to 24 July 2011, Regent's Canal, London N1 & E8, Free**

**Shoreditch Festival**, produced by Shoreditch Trust, is Hackney's largest free festival and an annual highlight of the East London cultural calendar.

In its tenth year, Shoreditch Festival takes to East London's waterways this summer. From 16 to 24 July, Shoreditch Trust presents a free programme of performance, entertainment and exploration on and alongside the Regent's Canal in Shoreditch and beyond.

The Festival showcases the best of East London with live music, film screenings, floating stages, dance performances, a floating forest, art commissions, spoken word, health hubs, theatre shows, art trails, podcast expeditions, food markets and plenty more with crafts, floats and boats.

### **Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 July**

#### **Shoreditch Festival 2011 – The Live Weekend**

1pm-10pm, Regent's Canal between Shoreditch Park and Victoria Park, Free

Shoreditch Trust presents a unique programme of performance across 3km of the historic Regent's Canal. Experience the best of East London with live music across three stages, a floating stage, dance commissions, boat trips, theatre, a floating forest, food markets and much more.

### **Monday 18 - Friday 22 July**

#### **Shoreditch Festival 2011 at Waterhouse Restaurant**

Waterhouse Restaurant, 10 Orsman Road, N1 5QJ (Free entry)

Shoreditch Trust's Waterhouse Restaurant hosts Festival events including The Floating Cinema.

### **Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 July**

#### **Shoreditch Festival 2011 – The Exploration Weekend**

Regent's Canal and beyond, Free

Explore East London's waterways with London Walks, Sing London's Search Party, Heritage Podcasts, Art Trails and the famous Shoreditch Bark Dog Show.

This summer's highlights include:

### **Main Stage - 16 / 17 July**

Shoreditch Festival collaborates with **SAE Institute** and the **Barbican Centre** to present some of the best live acts around including high octane "dhol 'n' brass" nine-piece from New York City **Red Baarat**, storming New Orleans brass outfit **Soul Rebels** mixing funk, soul, jazz and the spirit of Mardi Gras, rising indie stars **Why Why Peaches**, folk rockers **Flight Brigade**, London funk musicians meet Kenyan grassroots singers in **Owiny Sigoma Band**, indie-electro dancefloor fillers **The Whip**.

### **Floating Stage - 16 / 17 July**

Shoreditch Trust and SAE Institute present the **SAE Electronica Hub** on a floating stage out in the Regent's Canal featuring **DJ sets with live accompaniment**. Confirmed acts making waves this summer include **Grasscut** and the **Towpath Café Music Festival**.

### **The Floating Cinema at Shoreditch Festival – 16 to 20 July**

This extraordinary customised narrow boat hosts a vibrant programme of free on-board screenings, quirky tours, talks and workshops. **The Floating Cinema** by **Up Projects** will embark on expert film history tours with screen historian **Ian Christie** on 16 and 17 July. From 16 to 20 July, it will be moored at **Waterhouse Restaurant** showing onboard artists' film screenings each evening.

### **On the Water - 16 / 17 July**

Come aboard the Festival's boat trips provided by **Laburnum Boat Club** and **Islington Boat Club**, visit the **Floating Forest**, the **Floating Classroom**, hire a water taxi, take part in interactive towpath workshops with **Cardboard Camera**, **Shoreditch Spa** and the **British Heart Foundation**.

### **Community Performance Stage - 16 / 17 July** (supported by **London Borough of Hackney** and **Arts Council England**)

A stage created to showcase Shoreditch talent featuring sensational performances in a variety of styles including **Samba**, **Steel Pan**, **Capoeira**, **Jazz**, **Cut A Shine**, thrilling street dance from **Ebonessence** and **The Firm**, plus **Apples and Snakes** poets and spoken word artists.

### **CREATE Programmers Present at Shoreditch Festival - 16 / 17 July**

The CREATE Programmers, a group of inspirational young people from across the Olympic host boroughs, will produce a series of events as part of Shoreditch Festival. This includes a table tennis hub, workshops on filmmaking, street dance and capoeira and a stunning 50m long large-scale photo exhibition along the Regent's Canal towpath.

### **Sing London Search Party - 23 July**

Search Party is an unusual, immersive, treasure hunt through East London leading to an incredible secret party. But you'll need to find your way there...

### **Shoreditch Bark Dog Show - 23 July**

Pooches on parade compete in hotly contested categories in Shoreditch Park.

- **Notes for Editors**

### **SHOREDITCH TRUST**

Shoreditch Trust is a multi-purpose charitable organisation formed in 2000 working to address the causes of disadvantage in the most deprived areas of Shoreditch, Hackney.

By focussing on the root causes of inequality, Shoreditch Trust aims to help individuals, families and communities improve their mental, physical and social wellbeing enabling citizens to take responsibility for themselves, in their own spaces.

Shoreditch Festival, now in its tenth year, aims to bring communities together through engagement in high-quality performances and cultural experiences. [www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk](http://www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk)

### **BRITISH WATERWAYS**

British Waterways cares for the nation's 200-year old network of canals, rivers and docks, which attract over 13 million people each year for walking, cycling, angling, boating or simply the peace and quiet.

The Government has backed British Waterways' plans in England and Wales for its canals and rivers to leave state control to become a 'national trust' for the waterways. This exciting new charity, which is targeted to be up and running during 2012, will attract new investment and give local people a greater role in how their waterways are run. [www.britishwaterways.co.uk](http://www.britishwaterways.co.uk)

### **WATERHOUSE RESTAURANT**

A social enterprise owned by Shoreditch Trust. For enquiries/bookings 020 7033 0123. [www.waterhouserestaurant.co.uk](http://www.waterhouserestaurant.co.uk)

### **CREATE 11**

Shoreditch Festival 2011 takes place as part of the CREATE11 festival. CREATE is the annual summer festival that celebrates Europe's largest cultural quarter: the Olympic Host Boroughs where over 12,000 artists live and work. [www.createlondon.org](http://www.createlondon.org)

### **LISTINGS**

Shoreditch Festival, Regent's Canal, Shoreditch, London, N1& E8  
Dates: 16-24 July 2011

Tube: Old Street, Liverpool Street, Dalston Junction, Haggerston, Hoxton.  
DLR: Bank. Railway: Old Street Station, Liverpool Street Station  
Buses: 141, 149, 242, 243, 76, 21, 271, 394

Visit [www.shoreditchfestival.org.uk](http://www.shoreditchfestival.org.uk) for details and performance times.

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