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Culture Mile announces programme for Smithfield 150: London's Biggest Birthday Party 25 and 26 August, 11am - 8pm

Stealing Sheep, Fay Milton (Savages), Girls Rock London, Disco Loco, Marawa's Majorettes, Anorak, Horrible Histories, Nigel and Louise and MOTHERBRUNCH bring the party to Smithfield over the August Bank Holiday

- **Two-day, FREE festival on 25 and 26 August celebrating the 150th anniversary of Smithfield Markets and the surrounding area**
- **6 festival zones, 18 hours, 200 performers, 30,000 Londoners**
- **The centenary of women's suffrage is celebrated across the festival and 75% of the acts are female**
- **The party continues with fairground rides, communal feasts, roller discos, dog shows, marching bands, processions, pop-up markets, glitter stalls, dressing up, food and drink celebrating the best of London's global food culture, and an under 5s mini-festival**

Culture Mile presents the line-up for **Smithfield 150**. Curated by the Museum of London, it is a two-day, free and fun-filled festival spectacular taking over the markets in Smithfield as well as the surrounding streets, lanes and hidden spaces around Farringdon across the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Bring friends and family to enjoy the best of London's vibrant culture and creativity all for free – a selection of the most exciting talent, music, food, and entertainments from across the capital set against the stunning Victorian backdrop of the Smithfield Markets. Have a cocktail at the Roller Disco, dance at the main stage, be disgusted by London's gory past with Horrible Histories, watch Stealing Sheep's all-female percussion procession, invent party drinks with Company Drinks or let little ones chillout at their own mini-festival hangout. Today's announcement includes highlights of the extensive line-up and programme covering entertainment, activities, food, drink and much more across six festival zones and two stages, bringing London its biggest birthday party.

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Smithfield 150 is the second major Culture Mile event taking place in the City of London. Culture Mile, which was launched last July, is led by the City of London Corporation alongside its core partners Barbican, Guildhall School of Music & Drama, London Symphony Orchestra and the Museum of London. Culture Mile is an ambitious and transformational initiative that will create a vibrant cultural area in the north-west corner of the City over the next 10 to 15 years. Stretching just under a mile from Farringdon to Moorgate, Culture Mile will have creative exchange, cultural collaboration and learning at its core in an area where 2,000 years of history collide with the world's best in culture.

Catherine McGuinness, Policy Chairman at the City of London Corporation, said: "Smithfield 150 will celebrate the anniversary of Smithfield Market and the surrounding area for a fun-packed weekend of family entertainment in the north-west corner of the Square Mile. Smithfield 150 and other Culture Mile events will help us achieve our ambition to redefine the Square Mile – already established as a leading global financial centre – as a world-class destination for culture, heritage and creativity."

Sharon Ament, Director of the Museum of London on behalf of Culture Mile, said: "You couldn't get more London than this. A free weekend full of the city's best entertainment, talent, food and fun set amongst some of the most stunning architecture and open to all Londoners. Working together with Culture Mile partners and the Smithfield Market Tenants' Association (SMTA), Smithfield 150 will bring the best London has to offer to what is already one of the most vibrant, buzzing, 24 hour places in the city, cementing Culture Mile in the hearts and minds of people across the capital."

Gregory Lawrence, Chairman of the SMTA which represents the Smithfield Market meat traders, said: "Working at Smithfield is a way of life. Many of us have never known anything else, having started here as sixteen-year-old apprentices. We work through the night to provide meat at affordable prices to London and the South East, as the Market has done since long before the buildings were constructed. We are looking forward to celebrating 150 years of the Victorian Market with our friends and neighbours and the wider community and to showing people what the area has to offer."

Smithfield 150 includes the following festival areas:

Main Stage – Grand Avenue

Grand Avenue, the intricately beautiful Victorian walkway running between the meat markets, will become Smithfield 150's main stage featuring live bands, choirs and DJs. The performers message is as important as their music. 75% of the acts are female and the centenary of women's suffrage is a key strand across the weekend. Grand Avenue will be filled with distinct and inspiring acts, from poetic soul to disco-punk to ancient jungle music, a mash up of stories and rhythms, joyous and danceable for young and old.

Highlights include:

Saturday 25th August

- **Disco Loco:** Hackney's wild and wonderful family party kicks off the weekend with its trademark dance floor hosted by MC Chu-I with guest DJ Earl Gateshead plus live cabaret performances and a dance floor filled with giant beach balls, hula hoops, dance ribbons, wigs and space hoppers and party surprises galore.
- **Girls Rock London:** Girls Rock London (GRL!) is a music project for girls, women, trans and gender non-conforming folks in London. GRL are part of a movement of rock camps that take place all over the world, the aims of which are to empower girls and women through music-making and performance.
- **Resis'Dance:** Resis'Dance is an events collective made up of a diverse group of women, who take hold of the tech and decks whilst smashing the patriarchy and supporting underfunded radical grassroots organisations. They came together to organise banging events but to also challenge gender norms in the party and political scene.

- **Fay Milton (Savages)** Fay Milton, the drummer from the Savages, will be DJing music of all genres, mainly by women, which is the theme of her monthly club night, Too Many Man.
- **Dylema Collective:** Sweet Neo-spoken-soul, is the infectious blend of groove and swag and Dylema Collective has diverse musical influences including Russian classicism, neo soul melodies meeting Latin American rhythms and spoken word poetry, all woven into London's contemporary jazz and sound.

Sunday 26th August

- **Nabihah Iqbal:** Formerly known as *Throwing Shade* her debut album 'Weighing of the Heart' is a big statement, as she's taken her real name to stand proudly as a female British Asian artist moving her music in a bolder, more expansive direction.
- **Total Refreshment Centre DJs:** DJs will play throughout Sunday from this iconic venue in East London.
- **The Flamingods:** A four-piece, multi-instrumental, multi-cultural band from Bahrain and London formed in 2010. The Flamingods most recent EP 'Kewali' came out on Moshi Moshi Records in May 2017 featuring the singles *Kewali* & *Mixed Blessings*. The band are currently writing tracks for their next album due out later this year.
- **Stealing Sheep:** An electro pop trio from Liverpool who share lead vocals by making weird and wonderful harmonies with old skool synth sounds, full luscious kit and funky bass. Expect euphoric dance pop beats, experimental soundscapes and sparkling visuals.

Fun Zone (West Smithfield Rotunda)

Enter the West Smithfield Rotunda opposite the stunning Victorian market buildings to have a slide on the helter skelter, take a ride on the carousel or get made up, dress up, and get creative in the fabulous make and do market. There will be magical free fun including face painting, glitter stalls, henna tattoos, dressing up, growing workshops, cake and biscuit decorating, cookery demonstrations and pop-up market stalls.

- **George Irvin funfair:** Fairground rides including a carousel, helter skelter, swing boats and old-fashioned games. (Sat & Sun, £1-2/ride).
- **Little Inventors:** Little Inventors will be bringing its Food Waste Challenge, created in partnership with online supermarket Ocado, for children to stop in and come up with fanciful ideas for how to reduce the amount of food wasted at home (Sat & Sun).
- **Anorak:** Printing and stencilling workshops run by Anorak, the happy mag for kids. Come and create a free poster based on the themes of kindness and ice cream (Sat & Sun).
- **Hackney Henna House:** A London-based company founded by Henna Artist, **Nora Aalit**. Her designs range from intricate floral detail to bold tribal art; a fusion of her North African and Western heritage (Sat & Sun).
- **Culture Mile Tent:** Come and find out more about Culture Mile and experience family friendly workshops and performances from the core Culture Mile partners: Barbican, Guildhall School of Music & Drama, London Symphony Orchestra and Museum of London (Sat & Sun).
- **Between the Storeys: an Ode to Smithfield:** Join **Poet in the City** to experience brand new poetry and film commissions for Culture Mile, with live performances (Sun) and film screenings (Sat & Sun). Poets **Imitaz Dharker**, **Joshua Idehen** and **Murray Lachlan Young** guide audiences through the hidden histories of Smithfield: from its hospital waiting rooms to meat market moments and encounters with midnight ravers. Film maker **Charlotte Ginsborg** will also premier new work for Smithfield 150, translating the poems into a trilogy of films to be shown across the weekend.
- **Bartholomew Carnival of Delights Puppetry Procession:** Prepare to encounter magnificent installations bringing to life the rambunctious wonder that was the original Bartholomew's Fair. Artists **Mia Harris**, **Andrea Greenwood**, **Amber Donovan** and **Moussa Dembele** have collaborated with Culture Mile Learning and the Museum of London to produce and deliver this project with children from five local primary schools and festival-goers will help create the final puppet (Sat).

- **Company Drinks:** Test the taste buds and mix new flavours to create a mocktail including designing the label! (Sat).
- **WAH nails:** WAH Nails will be offering free express manicures for adults and kids, making sure you go into the bank holiday looking your best. All done by the team hailed by Vogue as 'Dalston's coolest nail salon' (Sat).
- **MOLA Time Tent:** Join MOLA animal bone expert Alan Pipe and team as they show the archaeological evidence for the Smithfield meat trade and consumption, the disposal of animal waste, and the bone evidence for wildlife in London over the past 2,000 years (Sun).
- **Kino Van:** A travelling cinema on wheels, Kino Van presents a film on the centenary of women's suffrage and is part of *Courage & Communities*, a series of events marking 100 years since the Representation of the People Act (Sun).

Games Zone (West Smithfield and East Poultry Avenue)

Get game ready to try ping pong, hula hooping or show-off fly moves in the Poultry Market Roller Disco. Compete in the Butcher King's Street Games with Nigel and Louise or take part in the 'bring your own dog show'.

- **Nigel and Louise:** Celebrate the Butcher King's Birthday with a mass party game area by artists Nigel and Louise. For two days they will be celebrating the best birthday ever with a feast of street games, competitions, races and general mayhem. (Sat & Sun).
- **Marawa's Majorettes:** A world-record-holding troupe of hoopers from East London will be offering hula-hooping workshops for all ages (Sat & Sun).
- **Silver Wheels Roller Disco:** Offers something for all ages and abilities and for one weekend only will be based inside Smithfield market, with DJs and cocktail bar. (Sat & Sun).

The Smoothfield Stage (cabaret stage in West Poultry Avenue)

Visit the Smoothfield Stage in West Poultry Avenue for a weekend of party entertainments with Horrible Histories, Comedy 4 Kids, brass bands, magicians, dance classes, tea dances, cabaret, circus and Suffragette-inspired Bingo by Auntie Maureen.

- **Comedy 4 Kids:** Since 2005 the Comedy Club 4 Kids has been getting the best stand-ups and sketch acts from the international circuit to do their thing for an audience of children (aged 6+) and their families... but without the rude bits! It's just like a normal comedy club, but it's on in the day (Sat).
- **Fulham Brass Band:** Fulham Brass Band present some of your favourite musical numbers from the classics, through show tunes, to film scores and pop. A true mix of music for all ages to tap their feet, sing-along and dance to. (Sat).
- **Puppetry Procession finale with Kinetika Bloco:** Kinetika Bloco will be performing music created at their Summer School and inspired by New Orleans. Young drummers and brass players aged between 14-25 years will lead the **Bartholomew Carnival of Delights** puppetry procession, before bringing the flavour of mardi gras to the Smoothfield stage (Sat).
- **Horrible Histories, Best of Barmy Britain:** Everyone would like to meet people from history. The trouble is everyone is dead! So prepare for a special free one-hour production of Horrible Histories featuring favourite characters from our barmy past. Find out why the Romans were revolting or how to survive the vicious Vikings. Can evil Elizabeth entertain England? Clap along with crazy King Charles. Vomit with the vile Victorians and prepare to do battle in the frightful First World War. It's history with the nasty bits left in! (Sun).
- **Luck be a Lady: Bingo with Auntie Maureen:** a game show bursting with rock & roll, women and lucky numbers to celebrate the centenary of women's suffrage. Cards for each of the three round of bingo are free and there are prizes! (Sun).
- **Baltika:** Culture Mile Network Partner **City Music Foundation** presents London-based Balkan music octet Baltika, made up of some of the UK's top jazz and world session musicians, led by acclaimed accordionist **Bartosz Glowacki**. Performing traditional Bulgarian and Hungarian folk tunes with high-octane brass and percussion, this foot-stomping band are not to be missed!

Under 5s Hangout (Rotunda Garden)

The place to be for the Littlest Londoners is the dedicated under-5s festival zone in the beautiful rotunda garden, curated by **MOTHERBRUNCH**. Hang out in an inclusive and relaxed mini-festival for under-5s and their families. Take part in creative, arts-led activities and feast on healthy food. Drop-in activities include artist workshops, pilates and yoga, live music, story-telling, a dedicated baby area, and lots more (Sat & Sun).

Across the whole site

- On Saturday, artists **Mia Harris, Andrea Greenwood, Amber Donavon** and **Moussa Dembele** will bring to life the rambunctious wonder that was Bartholomew's Fair culminating in a procession of large scale puppets. Over the summer term they have worked on the Culture Mile schools project with children from five local primary schools to create extraordinary creatures from the fair to join the procession.
- On the Sunday, **Stealing Sheep** will bring a marching band and procession to Smithfield 150. In response to the centenary of suffrage, they are bringing together dancers, mobile synthesisers, cowbells, surrealist costumes and a 15-piece female marching band, inspired by women, equality and empowerment.
- **'Smithfield Revealed'** offers open house opportunities across the weekend where some of the local partners including the **Charterhouse, St Bartholomew the Great** and Smithfield Market's **Buyers Walk** will open up their spaces to the public.

Food and drink

Local bars and restaurants from the area will be opening their doors especially for Smithfield 150. There will also be:

- Food stalls located along Long Lane with a wide variety of foods from around the world.
- Three bars on the site:
 - a main bar near Grand Avenue,
 - a craft beers / local ales bar in West Smithfield rotunda
 - a cocktail bar near the Roller Disco.
- There will be vintage ice cream vans, popcorn and candy floss, and a coffee kiosk.
- Free water available on site.

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Notes for editors

- St Bartholomew's Feast Day is the 24th August (St Bartholomew was one of the 12 apostles). Bartholomew's Fair was a three-day event that started on the eve, day and morrow. That is the origin of the August bank holiday.
- For full programme listings and FAQs please visit culturemile.london/smithfield150

About Culture Mile

Culture Mile is a corner of London's working capital, where creativity is fast becoming the most valuable currency. The City of London Corporation, together with the Barbican, Guildhall School of Music & Drama, London Symphony Orchestra and the Museum of London, are leading the animation of the whole neighbourhood with imaginative collaborations and events. Culture Mile brings community, commerce and culture together in a wealth of creativity. Known meets unknown. Ancient and modern collide as the streets are activated by exhibitions, gigs, pop-ups and events. So whether you're with family, friends or flying solo, there's something for everyone. And thanks to Crossrail's new Elizabeth Line connections at Farringdon and Moorgate, the area is more connected than ever.

Culture Mile, which was launched in July 2017, is led by the City of London Corporation alongside its core partners Barbican, Guildhall School of Music & Drama, London Symphony Orchestra and the Museum of London; together they are leading the transformation of the area over the next decade and beyond, improving their offer to audiences with imaginative collaborations, outdoor programming and events seven days a week. Links between venues will be improved and major enhancements to the streets and wider public realm will enliven the area which, as Culture Mile expands and flourishes, will be regenerated. Crossrail's new Elizabeth Line connections at Farringdon and Moorgate, which open in December 2018, will make it much easier to travel to, and from, the City. Around 1.5 million additional visitors a year will be within a 45-minute journey of the area when the Elizabeth Line becomes fully operational in December 2019 and the North-South Thameslink line is upgraded. www.culturemile.london

About the Barbican

A world-class arts and learning organisation, the Barbican pushes the boundaries of all major art forms including dance, film, music, theatre and visual arts. Its creative learning programme further underpins everything it does. Over 1.1 million people attend events annually, hundreds of artists and performers are featured, and more than 300 staff work onsite. The architecturally renowned centre opened in 1982 and comprises the Barbican Hall, the Barbican Theatre, the Pit, Cinemas One, Two and Three, Barbican Art Gallery, a second gallery The Curve, foyers and public spaces, a library, Lakeside Terrace, a glasshouse conservatory, conference facilities and three restaurants. The City of London Corporation is the founder and principal funder of the Barbican Centre. The Barbican is home to Resident Orchestra, London Symphony Orchestra; Associate Orchestra, BBC Symphony Orchestra; Associate Ensembles the Academy of Ancient Music and Britten Sinfonia, Associate Producer Serious, and Artistic Partner Create. Our Artistic Associates include Boy Blue Entertainment, Cheek by Jowl, Deborah Warner, Drum Works and Michael Clark Company. The Los Angeles Philharmonic are the Barbican's International Orchestral Partner, the Australian Chamber Orchestra are International Associate Ensemble at Milton Court and Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra are International Associate Ensemble. Find us on Facebook | Twitter | Instagram | YouTube | Spotify

About the City of London Corporation

The City of London Corporation is the governing body of the Square Mile dedicated to a vibrant and thriving City, supporting a diverse and sustainable London within a globally-successful UK. www.cityoflondon.gov.uk

About the Guildhall School of Music & Drama

The Guildhall School is a vibrant, international community of young musicians, actors and theatre technicians in the heart of the City of London. Twice-rated No.1 specialist institution in the UK by the Guardian University Guide, and recently selected as one of the top ten institutions for performing arts in the world (QS World University Rankings 2016), the School is a global leader of creative and professional practice which promotes innovation, experiment and research, with over 900 students in higher education, drawn from nearly 60 countries around the world. It is also the UK's leading provider of specialist music training at the under-18 level with nearly 2,500 students in Junior Guildhall and Centre for Young Musicians. The School is widely recognised for the quality of its teaching and its graduates, and its new building, Milton Court which opened in September 2013, offers state-of-the-art facilities to match the talent within its walls, ensuring that students enter their chosen profession at the highest level. www.gsmd.ac.uk

About the London Symphony Orchestra

The LSO was established in 1904 with a unique ethos; it is a musical collective built on artistic ownership and partnership, with 80% of all funding self-generated. With an inimitable signature sound, the LSO's ambition is to reach the greatest number of people with its music. Through LSO Discovery it offers 60,000 people musical experiences and over 100 live events a year at its music education centre LSO St Luke's on Old Street. Since the formation of LSO Live label in 1999 it has continued to pioneer access and innovation through new digital technologies and new platforms, such as LSO Play, an award-winning web-based video player. The LSO has been the Resident Orchestra at the Barbican since it opened in 1982, giving 70 symphonic concerts there and 70 abroad on international tours every year.

The Orchestra's artistic family includes some of the world's greatest conductors – Sir Simon Rattle as Music Director, Gianandrea Noseda and François-Xavier Roth as Principal Guest Conductors, Michael Tilson Thomas as Conductor Laureate and André Previn as Conductor Emeritus. lso.co.uk

About the Museum of London

The Museum of London tells the ever-changing story of this great world city and its people, from 450,000 BC to the present day. Our galleries, exhibitions, displays and activities seek to inspire a passion for London and provide a sense of the vibrancy that makes the city such a unique place.

The museum is open daily 10am – 6pm and is FREE to all, and you can explore the Museum of London with collections online – home to 90,000 objects with more being added. The Museum of London is on the move. We want to tell the extraordinary story of London and Londoners in a new museum in West Smithfield, which itself is a deeply fascinating and historic area. We want to engage Londoners with their city and its history and display many more objects from our rich collection. Further information about the move and plans so far: <http://museum.london/>

About the Smithfield Market Tenants Association

The Smithfield Market Tenants' Association began life as the London Central Meat & Poultry Markets Association in 1869, the year after the Victorian market buildings were opened. The Association is governed by an elected Council made up of fourteen senior directors from companies trading at the Market. Between them they represent the complete range of commodities sold on the Market. The aims of the Association are to protect the commercial and employment interests of its members. It has always been keen to celebrate major milestones in the life of Smithfield Market and these have included a party in 2004 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the end of war time rationing and in 2008 a banquet in Grand Avenue for the 140th anniversary, based on the opening celebrations in 1868.

About Culture Mile Network

A network of twenty-one organisations based in and around the area which are playing a critical role in realising the ambitions of Culture Mile, alongside the five core partners. These diverse organisations represent the continuing and changing face of the City of London and share the commitment to help transform the area. More about Culture Mile Network partners can be found at:

www.culturemile.london/who-we-are

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