



Celebrate the Festive Spirit with *Carols by the River* at Gabriel's Wharf!

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Event Date: **Saturday, 30 November 2024**

Time: **1:00pm - 5:00pm**

Location: **Gabriel's Wharf, South Bank**

Christmas Lights Installation: **Friday, 9 November 2024**

Join us for a magical afternoon at *Carols by the River* at Gabriel's Wharf, where the festive season comes alive on the banks of the Thames! This family-friendly celebration will feature the joyous sounds of carols from our choir, an energetic steel band, and a DJ spinning seasonal favourites. Enjoy the cozy atmosphere with mulled wine, spiced punch, and hot chocolate from local vendors, plus outdoor heaters to keep you warm as you soak in the holiday cheer. Don't forget to stop by Gabriel's Wharf's unique, independent shops to find the perfect gifts for friends and family.

Coin Street Community Builders, the local social enterprise managing Gabriel's Wharf, is thrilled to bring this festive experience to the heart of the South Bank. *"Don't miss the chance to immerse yourself in the festive spirit at Gabriel's Wharf with the vibrant community of artists, artisans, and culinary creators that make this place special in our inspirational neighbourhood. Coin Street looks forward to celebrating with you at Carols by the River!"* said Jason Ehrhart, **Coin Street Event Coordinator**.

Festive Food & Drink Highlights

Gabriel's Wharf is your go-to destination for festive treats on the South Bank! Discover some mouthwatering options waiting for you:

- **Hot Mess Toasties:** Don't miss their legendary hot chocolate, crowned with torched marshmallow fluff, whipped cream, and sprinkles—perfect for sharing on social media! For a stronger festive kick, try their mulled wine and mulled cider.

- **LIMIN SOUTHBANK:** Experience the Caribbean in winter with LIMIN's enchanting Winter Lodge. Cozy up with their Winter Berry Mojito, Val-d'Isère Passion Fizz, or Morzine Mojito, along with their twist on traditional mulled wine—Buy One Get One Free exclusively at *Carols by the River*! Indulge in their holiday menu, featuring Scotch Bonnet & Christmas Spice Glazed Ham, Trini-inspired Croque Monsieur, and a comforting garden and mountain risotto. Don't miss the Trinidad Christmas cake for a sweet seasonal finish!
- **Gabu Chocolatier:** For chocolate aficionados, Gabu Chocolatier offers artisan hot chocolate crafted from rare island cacao. Grab a cup for warmth or explore their selection of luxurious, small-batch chocolate gifts—the perfect holiday treat for someone special!

Christmas Shopping at Gabriel's Wharf

Gabriel's Wharf is the ideal spot to find unique, handcrafted gifts for everyone on your list. From locally made art to thoughtfully crafted pieces, there's something for everyone.

- **Skylark Galleries:** Discover beautiful, affordable artwork from a collective of talented artists. Give the gift of art this Christmas with pieces that won't break the bank.
- **TAP by Gita's Portal:** Tired of generic gifts? TAP by Gita's Portal offers globally inspired apparel, homeware, and accessories that are as unique as they are memorable.
- **Joanne Plumb Knitwear:** For those who love cozy, quality knitwear, Joanne Plumb's handcrafted pieces in natural fibres make a timeless gift or a treat for yourself.
- **Southbank Printmakers:** Starting 28 November, explore the special Christmas exhibition featuring framed artwork at just £90 (£70 unframed), making it an affordable way to share the beauty of art this holiday season.

How to Get to Gabriel's Wharf, Upper Ground, London SE1 9PP

Located in the heart of London's iconic South Bank, Gabriel's Wharf serves as the perfect backdrop for this captivating event. Let the Thames be your companion as you embrace the music and discover the charm of Gabriel's Wharf's independent shops and restaurants.



Notes to Editors

This event is organised by Coin Street Community Builders and supported by South Bank London.

About Gabriel's Wharf

This arty enclave offers design-led shopping, from jewellery and fashion to artisan chocolate and affordable artwork. Relax in one of the restaurants that enjoy spectacular views of the river Thames. Escape the bustle of the West End and head to Gabriel's Wharf to find truly unique gifts and a relaxed shopping experience. The South Bank provides a refreshing alternative in its design-led shopping experience, which Gabriel's Wharf and its designer-makers exemplify.

About Coin Street Community Builders

Gabriel's Wharf is owned and managed by Coin Street Community Builders, a local social enterprise dedicated to creating a thriving, diverse, and welcoming place for people to live, work, and play on the South Bank. www.coinstreet.org

About South Bank London

Delivered by South Bank BID and South Bank Employer's Group, South Bank London is the destination marketing platform for London's iconic riverside district. Encouraging visitors to explore one of the capital's foremost culture and entertainment neighbourhoods for over 20 years, we are the go-to information hub, shining a spotlight on all the diverse experiences and attractions that South Bank has to offer. Working collaboratively with a community of over 200 businesses, we are dedicated to enhancing South Bank's reputation as a vibrant and unparalleled cultural destination. For more information, see: www.southbank.london

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