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**Gabriel’s Wharf Arts Festival**

**A Celebration of Creativity and Community**
**Saturday 6 & Saturday 20 September 2025**
**Gabriel’s Wharf, Upper Ground, London SE1 9PP**
**Admission: FREE**

**This September, Londoners are invited to rediscover one of the South Bank’s best-kept secrets as Gabriel’s Wharf unveils its biggest creative celebration yet: the highly anticipated return of the Gabriel’s Wharf Arts Festival 2025, following last year’s resounding success.**

Taking place across two **Saturdays:** **6** and **20 September** this free, family-friendly festival offers a vibrant mix of live music, spoken word, art and craft activities, and riverside revelry, all set within one of London’s most characterful independent quarters.

**A Creative Hub with Heart**

Since the 1980s, Gabriel’s Wharf has been a nurturing ground for artists, designers, musicians, and independent businesses. This year’s festival honours that legacy with a line-up that celebrates local talent, cultural diversity, and community spirit.

Expect everything from soulful jazz and folk guitar to street theatre, hands-on art workshops, comedy, roving performers, and readings by celebrated authors; all nestled among independent shops, studios, and al fresco eateries along the Thames Path.

“Gabriel’s Wharf has always been a place where creativity thrives. This festival is a chance for Londoners to reconnect with the artists, makers, musicians, and shopkeepers who give this corner of the South Bank its unique heart and soul.”
**said: Hannah Thomas, Marketing Manager, Coin Street**

**Festival Highlights**

**Live Music & Spoken Word**

* ***Alina Bzhezhinska & Tony Kofi***: award-winning harp and saxophone duo
* ***Doolally Tap***: prohibition-era jazz bursting with energy
* ***City Academy Songbirds feat. The Sheens*:** uplifting gospel, pop, and musical theatre
* ***Tom Chivers*:** readings from *London Clay*, exploring London’s forgotten layers
* ***mex.fS*:** hypnotic ‘lap tap’ guitar performances
* ***Tamashii School of Wadaikoo-Do*:** powerful traditional Japanese drumming
* ***Tia-zakura*:** spoken-word storytelling and rhymes, roaming the Wharf

**Street Performers & Roving Comedy**

* ***That Guy With A Ball***: mesmerising crystal ball juggling
* Surprise comedy acts and street performances throughout both days

**Interactive Art & Activities**

* Bunting making for all ages
* Mark making with Tami St George Hedley using paint, sticks, and bubble wrap
* Drop-in sessions outside Skylark Galleries
* ***Poetry On The Hour*** at Potters' Yard Arts

**Festival Offers & Local Shopping**

* Free dessert with mains at *Paradiso* (mention "Arts Festival")
* 10% off framed prints and artists' books at *Potters’s Yard Arts*
* Exclusive in-store discounts at *TAP by Gita’s Portal*

**Event Info**

* **Admission**: Free – no ticket required
* **Dates**: Saturday 6 & Saturday 20 September 2025
* **Time**: Activities from 12pm to 6pm
* **Location**: Gabriel’s Wharf, Upper Ground, SE1 9PP (also accessible via Thames Path)
* **Access**: All ages welcome, step-free access throughout

**Media Opportunities**

* High-res photos available upon request
* Interviews with performers, traders, and festival organisers
* Press attendance welcome – please contact Keith to arrange

**Notes to Editors**

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**About Gabriel’s Wharf**

* Gabriel’s Wharf is owned and managed by Coin Street Community Builders, a social enterprise working to build a thriving, creative, and inclusive neighbourhood in the heart of London’s South Bank.
* The arts festival is part of a wider initiative to support independent businesses, foster local pride, and champion the arts in public spaces.

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