



PRESS RELEASE

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Black Blues Brothers Performance Opens 2023 Outdoor Arts Events at Bell Square on Coronation Weekend

Bell Square is the exciting outdoor arts space in the heart of Hounslow town centre that brings together Hounslow's communities and attracts visitors to free outdoor cultural performances in Hounslow.

This year's programme begins on **Saturday, 6 May** with two performances, one at 3pm and the other at 7pm of **Black Blues Brothers**, an acrobatic celebration to the rhythm of music - breath-taking jumps, somersaults, limbo-dancing with fire, human pyramids – inspired by the cult John Landis film, *The Blues Brothers*. The Kenyan company are no strangers to UK Royalty – having already performed at the 2022 *Royal Variety Performance*.

This year's programme of high energy performances – including acrobatics, circus, theatre and dance - continues through the summer, culminating in the hugely popular *Winter Lights* at the end of November.

The spectacular outdoor programme will bring the best international and national artists to Hounslow to perform and work alongside local artists and communities. Performances will bring Bell Square and Hounslow town centre alive with amazing world-class events for everyone to enjoy.

In addition, Bell Square's programme in 2023 will build on two large projects started last year: the summer mass participation project with the theatre company **Rara Woulib**, from Marseille and **Anhad**, the festival of South Asian outdoor arts – both of which proved to be very popular with audiences.

The events at Bell Square create a unique atmosphere, with an extraordinarily diverse audience, many of whom don't normally engage with the arts, enjoying a high-quality programme that is surprising and often challenging. Many come back week after week, and this year audiences will see explosive acrobatics, powerful hip hop, beguiling theatre, highly skilled circus and mesmerising dance.

Bell Square is an exciting place to be, and that's why it has attracted an audience of over 220,000 people since it started. In 2023, there's a global award-winning line-up as well as plenty of home-grown talent and participation.

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Bell Square Listings May – July 2023

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND HELD AT BELL SQUARE, HOUNSLOW HIGH STREET, TW3 3HH (NEXT TO THE BELL INN)

6 May, 3pm & 7pm (c30 mins)

Black Blues Brothers

An acrobatic celebration to the rhythm of music. Breath-taking jumps, somersaults, limbo-dancing with fire, human pyramids and more!

Bell Square, 20 May, 1pm & 3pm (c15 mins)

Vanhulle Dance Theatre – DOVETAIL

An eclectic duet mixing Breakin', Martial Arts and highly physical contemporary movement.

Bell Square, 3 June, time tbc (c40 mins)

Max Calaf – ANYDAY

A trampolining masterclass absurdly comic and surreal as a man navigates his life with a bird.

Bell Square, 17 June, 2.00pm (circa 1 hour)

Cie Accrorap – PRÉLUDE

Choreographed by rising star Kader Attou, French hip-hop dance company, Cie Accrorap present a rhythmically compelling performance showcasing the virtuosity of the male and female dancers and the intense drama of the music of Romain Dubois.

Bell Square, 1 July, 1pm & 4pm

Company Zid/Said Mouhssine – TAROO (part of Shubbak Festival 2023)

Taroo is a Parkour and circus comedy show telling stories from streets all over the world. With a fusion of acrobatics, Chinese pole and urban street moves, this show is not all that it seems.

Bell Square, 15 July, 7.30pm

RARA WOULIB

Working with community groups, residents and local artists from across the borough, Rara Woulib will create a spectacular, mass participation event in Hounslow town centre using music, poetry and banners.