

# HIGH GATE FEST IVAL

## HIGHGATE FESTIVAL 2026 – 13 – 21<sup>st</sup> June

The Highgate Festival returns with possibly the best programme ever. We hope you agree and enjoy the very best of what Highgate has to offer. Thanks to our sponsors and participants as ever. We have also collaborated with the Highgate Hitlist and Broadsheet this year so a special thanks to them.

Let us know your thoughts via the contact page at [www.highgatefestival.org](http://www.highgatefestival.org)

### Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June

#### Highgate Society Exhibition

11 – 3pm

The Highgate Society is 60 this year. The exhibition celebrates examples of what the Society has achieved over the years and will also include all the other activities the Society's volunteers carry out.

Highgate School Museum, Southwood Lane, N6 6BS  
[www.highgatesociety.com/](http://www.highgatesociety.com/)

#### Fair in the Square

12.30 – 5.30pm

The amazing fair returns with over 100 stalls, entertainment and Dog Show.

Pond Square to St Michael's Church, N6 6BS

Free

[www.fairinthesquare.co.uk](http://www.fairinthesquare.co.uk)

#### HLSI Open House Tour and Book Sale

12.30 – 4pm

A chance to visit this special building, library and archive and relax over a cup of tea. Some wonderful and rare books for sale too.

HLSI, 11 South Grove, N6 6BS

Free

[www.hlsi.org.uk](http://www.hlsi.org.uk)

#### Katya Apekisheva Piano Recital

7.30 – 9pm

An evening of music by Haydn, Elena Langer, Beethoven and Schubert by one of Europe's most renowned pianists.

The Red Hedgehog, 255 Archway Road, N6 5BS

£25/20 u18 £15/12

[www.theredhedgehog.co.uk](http://www.theredhedgehog.co.uk)

### Sun 14<sup>th</sup> June

#### Boogaloo KidsCreate Workshop and Radio Takeover

12 – 2.30pm

Creative making-session and a chance for kids to have a go on Boogaloo Radio for ages 2 – 12. Come along for the Gospel Brunch and kids eat free!

Belle Star Lounge, Boogaloo Pub, 312 Archway Road, N6 5AT

£12

@kidscreateldn

[www.theboogaloo.co.uk/](http://www.theboogaloo.co.uk/)

#### Historic Jewish Highgate Walk

2.30 – 4pm

Walk with local historian Peter Walton, who will share 350 years of local Jewish history.

Meet at Cromwell House, 104 Highgate Hill, N6 5HE

£15 - please book via Eventbrite

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#### 'The Poetic Piano' Petros Moschos Piano Recital

3 – 4.30pm

An afternoon of Mozart, Brahms, Granados, Mompou, Chopin and 2 poems by Scriabin.

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[www.theredhedgehog.co.uk](http://www.theredhedgehog.co.uk)

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#### Music in Pond Square – Vikas and Bob

5 – 6.30pm

Our festival favourites return, playing a mix of classic rock to pop, from The Beatles to Harry Styles. Grab a drink from a local pub and come along. Seating provided. Power kindly supplied by the Prince of Wales pub.

Free

Pond Square, N6 6BS (cancelled if raining)

#### An Actor's Lament

7.30 – 8.45pm

Well-known actor, Harry Meacher, entertains with tales from his life and long career – from nearly being thrown out of RADA to probably the most hilariously bad production of Hamlet ever!

£14.00 – please book [www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com](http://www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com)

Upstairs at the Gatehouse, 1 North Road N6 4BD

[www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com](http://www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com)

### Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June

#### Highgate on Film

2 – 4pm and 4 - 6pm

Drop in for the screening of various films about Highgate's past and present, including The White Flats, Our Northern Heights, Live at the Boogaloo and films from the Highgate Festival Film Unit. Lovely refreshments kindly provided by Riverstone.

Free

Riverstone Community Hub, 1 Hampstead Lane, N6 4RS

[www.riverstoneliving.com](http://www.riverstoneliving.com)

#### The Boogaloo presents: Spraytan

7 – 9pm

SPRAYTAN is a 6-piece alt rock band formed in 2024, inspired by The Breeders, Wolf Alice, Hole, and Bikini Kill. They are developing their sound and performing originals to audiences all around North London.

Free

Boogaloo Pub, 312 Archway Road, N6 5AT

[www.theboogaloo.co.uk/](http://www.theboogaloo.co.uk/)

### **LOVE at BOTH Launch – all welcome**

6 – 8pm

Please drop in to the Both Gallery and write your thoughts on the wall. Inspired by George Michael's enduring message of compassion, courage, and humanity, LOVE invites participants to reflect on what it means to choose love in their own lives and communities.

Free

BOTH Gallery, 323 Archway Road, N6 5AA

[www.bothgallery.com/events](http://www.bothgallery.com/events)

## **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Coleridge - Ends and beginnings . . .**

6 – 7.30pm

A journey through some of the decisive moments in the life of the major English poet/philosopher, led by actor/director Kenneth Michaels.

Free - with voluntary contributions welcomed

St Michael's Church, South Grove, Highgate N6 6BJ

[www.thecoleridgetrust.com](http://www.thecoleridgetrust.com)

### **Will Hutton: 'Escaping the State We're In'**

8 – 9.15pm

Broken Britain? It need not be. Join Will Hutton to hear his rationale for the changes needed to Britain's politics and economy to build a more successful, fair and confident country.

£20 – please book via [www.hlsi.org.uk](http://www.hlsi.org.uk)

HLSI, South Grove, N6 6BS

[www.hlsi.org.uk](http://www.hlsi.org.uk)

### **Klezmer with Rhapsodic Roots: Highgate Festival World Music Concert**

8 – 9pm

Join Rhapsodic Roots for an evening of Klezmer music, characterised by its lively yet melancholic "happy-sad" sound, with Leora Cohen, Oliver Cuttriss, Danny Cleave and Samuel Huston.

£15/£12 concs

Lauderdale House, Highgate Hill, N6 5HG

[www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk](http://www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk)

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### **Special HLSI Library and building tour with Stuart Baines**

2 – 3.30pm

Join Stuart for a lively tour of HLSI, the library and its special collections. The library holds unique collections of books about London and Highgate, including works by and about Coleridge and Betjeman.

Free - please book in advance

[www.hlsi.org.uk/whats-on/hlsi-highgate-festival-2026/](http://www.hlsi.org.uk/whats-on/hlsi-highgate-festival-2026/)

### **An Inspector Calls Acting Workshop**

6.30 – 8pm

A directed scene workshop of a great 20<sup>th</sup>-century play, full of social commentary relevant to the period, for locals interested in theatre and acting skills. For over 16s.

The Red Hedgehog, 255 Archway Road, N6 5BS

£15

[www.theredhedgehog.co.uk](http://www.theredhedgehog.co.uk)

### **Brave and Bold with Nell Frizzell**

7 – 8.15pm

Nell Frizzell, a journalist, author, and former lifeguard at the pond, discusses her new book, Brave and Bold, which spans a century of social change, covering the experiences of swimmers from suffragettes to modern-day regulars.

£5 – please book via [www.highgatesociety.com](http://www.highgatesociety.com)

Highgate Society, 10A South Grove, N6 6BS

[www.highgatesociety.com](http://www.highgatesociety.com)

## **Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Power Station film – special Festival screening and exhibition**

7 – 9pm

First local screening of the award-winning documentary about two artists in Walthamstow who set out to take their street off the grid, kickstarting a solar-powered energy revolution. Also, a short video and exhibition about the recent eco-refurbishment of the library.

Free – but arrive early

Highgate Library Hall, Croftdown Road, NW5 1HB

[www.fohl.org.uk/events](http://www.fohl.org.uk/events)

### **LOVE Exhibition Opening – all welcome**

7 – 8.30pm

Meet the artists exhibiting in the exhibition created in homage to George Michael. Developed by BOTH Gallery, HAG (Highgate Arts Group), and the Highgate Festival, it celebrates the legacy of an artist whose voice was defined by compassion, generosity, and a willingness to speak out.

Free – see Lauderdale House website for opening times

Upper Gallery, Lauderdale House, Highgate Hill, N6 5HG

[www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk](http://www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk)

### **Swing into Summer with the Take Twenty Choir**

7.30 – 9pm

Relax into a smooth and classy collection of pop, blues and jazz numbers accompanied by piano and bass. Follow it with a post-show bar by donation. What better way to spend a summer evening?

£15 /£12 via [www.taketwenty.co.uk/](http://www.taketwenty.co.uk/)

United Reformed Church, Pond Square, N6 6BA

[www.taketwenty.co.uk/](http://www.taketwenty.co.uk/)

### **Piano with Love**

7.30 – 9pm

A programme of favourite works by a variety of classical composers, performed by piano enthusiasts living in London.

If you would like to perform, please email

[programme@theredhedgehog.co.uk](mailto:programme@theredhedgehog.co.uk)

£10/8

The Red Hedgehog, 255 Archway Road, N6 5BS

[www.theredhedgehog.co.uk](http://www.theredhedgehog.co.uk)

### **The Boogaloo presents: The Neckbreakers**

8 – 10pm

All living locally, the three Palmer sisters craft irresistibly catchy and anthemic tracks by combining harmony-rich

guitar anthems, shimmering with '80s textures and subtle shades of Fleetwood Mac.

Free

The Boogaloo, 312 Archway Rd, London N6 5A  
[www.theboogaloo.co.uk](http://www.theboogaloo.co.uk)

## Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June

### **Anything Goes Community Cabaret – Open Call**

7.30 – 9pm

An opportunity for locals to perform in an informal cabaret. Music, comedy, spoken word, acting. If you would like to take part please email [anythinggoes@theredhedgehog.co.uk](mailto:anythinggoes@theredhedgehog.co.uk)  
The Red Hedgehog, 255 Archway Road, N6 5BS  
Performers free then £10/8  
[www.theredhedgehog.co.uk](http://www.theredhedgehog.co.uk)

### **The Boogaloo presents: Tempomental**

8 – 10pm

Join the ensemble of local medics who play a fusion of jazz and soul at our iconic music venue and pub.  
Free  
The Boogaloo, 312 Archway Rd, London N6 5A  
[www.theboogaloo.co.uk](http://www.theboogaloo.co.uk)

## Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June

### **Highgate Village Brocante**

10 – 4pm

This small market offers a variety of eclectic treasures including antiques, bric-a-brac, modern vintage and clothing.  
Free  
Pond Square, N6 6BS

### **Highgate Newtown Community Centre Open Day**

11 – 4pm

Drop into the Highgate Newtown Community Partners (HNCP) award-winning new Community Centre. Events on the day include a Hedgehog Talk by local eco group Growing Green, advice from Camden Cyclists and Dr Bike, art and clay workshops, climbing wall, bouncy castle and soft play in the new gym hall.  
Free  
HNCP, 30 Bertram St, London N19 5DQ  
[www.hncp.org.uk](http://www.hncp.org.uk)

### **Highgate Arts School proudly presents:**

12 - 5pm

#### **Salon Student Art Show**

Highgate Art School  
162 Archway Road, N6 5BB  
St Augustine's Workshop, Langdon Park Road N6 5BH  
[www.highgateartschool.com/](http://www.highgateartschool.com/)

#### **AND Halfadozen Studio Open**

St Augustine's Workshop, Langdon Park Road N6 5BH  
[www.halfadozenstudio.co.uk/](http://www.halfadozenstudio.co.uk/)

#### **Hornsey Lane Gardens Triangle Community Dig**

2 – 4pm

Be part of a community effort to revitalise this local green space and get advice on how you make your garden nature-friendly. Locals will be weeding, cleaning, planting, and creating a bug hotel to support the local wildlife and improve the space for everyone. Please email [miltonsra@outlook.com](mailto:miltonsra@outlook.com)  
Free  
Junction of Milton Road and Hornsey Lane Gardens, N6 5NY

#### **The Lost Girls of Highgate Cemetery special performance and talk**

3.30 – 4.30pm

Join Theatre in the Square at Hillcrest Estate for a talk with performance exploring 'The Lost Girls of Highgate Cemetery' - a play about the lives of ten young women who lay buried together in an unmarked grave, all 'penitents' of 'The House of Mercy'.

Free – please book via [www.theatreinthesquare.org/](http://www.theatreinthesquare.org/)  
Meet outside the Wrestlers pub, 98 North Road N6 4AA  
[www.theatreinthesquare.org/](http://www.theatreinthesquare.org/)

### **Nervous System Yoga and Crystal Alignment with Jo Jo Yoga on the Tea Lawn of Lauderdale House**

4 – 5pm

A gentle, deeply restorative practice designed to calm your nervous system, release tension and reconnect you to your body. Bring your matt and a crystal will be supplied by Allegory Highgate upon arrival to work with.  
Free – sponsored by Solta-ra and Allergy, Lauderdale House, Highgate Hill, N6 5HG  
[www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk](http://www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk)

### **George Michael Community Sing-a-long in Pond Square 6 – 8pm**

Join us to sing and dance to some of George's classics with help from some local choirs, ten years after his tragic death. Power kindly supplied by the Prince of Wales. Please take your litter home to help the tidy up.  
Free  
Pond Square, N6 6BS (cancelled if raining)

### **An Evening of Cuban Jazz**

8pm

An evening of exhilarating Cuban jazz from two internationally acclaimed virtuosos - Oman Puento on violin and Robert Mitchell on piano.  
The Red Hedgehog, 255 Archway Road, N6 5BS  
£25/20 u18 £15/12  
[www.theredhedgehog.co.uk](http://www.theredhedgehog.co.uk)

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Creative making-session and chance for kids to have a go on Boogaloo Radio for ages 2 – 12. Come along for the Gospel Brunch and kids eat free!  
Belle Star Lounge, Boogaloo Pub, N6 5AT  
£12  
[@kidscreateldn](https://www.kidscreateldn)  
[www.theboogaloo.co.uk/](http://www.theboogaloo.co.uk/)

### **'Poetry in Motion' Walk**

2 - 3.30 pm followed by tea and cake

A relaxed, sociable circular walk with poetic pit stops around Highgate, pausing for a series of short readings from authors linked to Highgate, ranging from Coleridge to Karl Marx.  
£7.50 including tea and cake (accompanied children under 16 free)  
Meet at 10A South Grove, N6 6BS  
Book via [www.highgatesociety.com/events/](http://www.highgatesociety.com/events/) (only 25 places so please book soon)

### **Waterlow Park Geotrail**

3 - 3.45pm

A walk to learn how the geology of Waterlow Park relates to its layout and local development, led by Diana Clements of the London Geodiversity Partnership.  
Meet at the Highgate High Street Entrance to Waterlow Park, Highgate Hill, N6 5HG  
Free - please book via Eventbrite

### **Sundial Sundays – Camden Music Jazz Group**

3 – 4.30pm

Bring a picnic or stop at the café and join us on the Tea Lawn of Lauderdale House for performances from some of Camden's finest young musicians.

Free

Lauderdale House, Highgate Hill, N6 5HG

[www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk](http://www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk)

### **Music in Pond Square - Archway Mountain Lightnin' Boys**

5 – 6.30pm

Yes – they are back! Join us for a community shindig in our village public space for dancing and collective joy. Grab a drink from a nearby pub. Seating provided. Power kindly supplied by the Prince of Wales pub.

Free

Pond Square, N6 6BS (cancelled if raining)

### **The Plague Pit - The Antiquities of Highgate**

7 – 9pm

An event to remember the many victims of the Great Plague buried locally, with readings of 'The Journal of the Plague Year' by Daniel Defoe and hear specially selected songs by folk singer and international recording artist, Johanna Warren.

Free – please book via Eventbrite

Meet on the corner of Wood Lane and Muswell Hill Road (or Boogaloo Belle Star room if raining)

[www.theboogaloo.co.uk](http://www.theboogaloo.co.uk)

## **ON ALL WEEK**

### **Art Exhibitions**

#### **LOVE Exhibition**

An exhibition by a group of local women artists connected to HAG (Highgate Art Group) invited to respond to this theme. Inspired by George Michael's iconic 'Choose Love' T-shirt, their works explore ideas of care, activism, and speaking out.

Free - on all June but see Lauderdale House website for gallery opening times  
Upper Gallery, Lauderdale House, Highgate Hill, N6 5HG  
[www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk](http://www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk)

#### **LOVE at BOTH – participatory installation**

Thurs – Sun 12 – 4pm

Please come and write your thoughts on the wall. Inspired by George Michael's enduring message of compassion, courage, and humanity, LOVE invites participants to reflect on what it means to choose love in their own lives and communities.

Free

BOTH Gallery, 323 Archway Road, N6 5AA

[www.bothgallery.com/events](http://www.bothgallery.com/events)

#### **Art at The Winchester – Lara Sparey and G**

12 – 6pm daily

Two local artists exhibit their work. G explores the relationship between humans and the natural world. Lara Sparey creates original collagraph prints, drawn to the simplicity of shapes, subject matter, and the shadows they produce.

Free (on all June)

The Winchester, 206 Archway Rd, London N6 5BA

[www.thewinchesterhighgate.co.uk/](http://www.thewinchesterhighgate.co.uk/)

#### **Cabinet of Curiosities Exhibition**

Celebrating the incredible talents of 69 Year 10 students from Parliament Hill and William Ellis whose 276 bronze, clay and ceramic sculptures are exhibited in the Lauderdale House courtyard gallery and outside the house. Many thanks to John Lyon's Charity for funding this project.

Free – on until 5 July but see Lauderdale House website for gallery opening times

Lauderdale House, Highgate Hill, N6 5HG

[www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk](http://www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk)

## **Highgate Festival Promotions**

### **Special Highgate Festival Promo**

#### **'How to make a Mess - A totally Unauthorised Love Letter to Nigella Lawson'**

7.30 – 9.30pm

A delicious celebration of feeding yourself in every sense, through the exploration of recipes and the stories they hold. Enjoy a '20% Festival Discount' during the festival - just enter the code 'Highgate Festival' when buying tickets online. Upstairs at the Gatehouse, 1 North Road N6 4BD  
[www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com](http://www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com)

### **Boogaloo Highgate Festival Pizza Promotion**

Pop into the Boogaloo for 20% off Holy Joe's amazing pizzas. Show something from the Highgate Festival eg. programme, flyer or ticket for your discount.

### **Founders**



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[www.theboogaloo.co.uk/](http://www.theboogaloo.co.uk/)

**BOTH Gallery**  
[www.bothgallery.com/](http://www.bothgallery.com/)

If you enjoy the festival please join the small team of locals who make it happen. Email [info@highgategatefestival.org](mailto:info@highgategatefestival.org)

**[www.highgategatefestival.org](http://www.highgategatefestival.org)**