

## GET INSIDER ACCESS TO WHAT'S NEW / NEXT IN LONDON

Welcome to W London Leicester Square. Step up your summer and light up your evenings with some of my hottest highlights this month.



### **BRIXTON BEACH** **BRIXTONROOFTOP.COM**

Brixton Beach, is back for another summer - this year inspired by the coasts of Cuba, with pastel-coloured beach huts, leafy palms and copious dunes of sand decorating the roof of the Brixton car park. The drinks will be decidedly Cuban, with a mix of beachside bars serving up tequilas, frozen margaritas and cocktails - as well as two dedicated bars serving Red Stripes and Chandon bubbles. The food offering meanwhile is just a touch more global, including Japanese comfort food from Nanban, ultimate cheesy delights from Mac to the Future, a lot of steak from STAKEhaus and Mexican dishes from Del 74.

Brixton Beach, Pope's End, Brixton SW9 8JH



### **SOHO FOOD FEAST** **SOHOFOODFEAST.COM**

In its 7th annual year of fundraising for Soho Parish Primary School is the Soho Food Feast, a two day festival where you can sample signature dishes from Soho institutions like Quo Vadis, Barrafina, BAO and The Palomar, as well as a handpicked selection from further afield, cocktail competitions and pudding masterclasses courtesy of Blanchette. So you do get to learn a little something besides tasting absolutely everything.

10 & 11 June

St Anne's Churchyard Gardens, Wardour Street W1D 6LB



### **ALICE'S ADVENTURES UNDERGROUND** **ALICE-UNDERGROUND.COM**

In the labyrinthine network of tunnels beneath Waterloo Station, you'll need to make your way through the ramshackle study of a certain Mr. Carroll, before reaching the outskirts of Wonderland. Here, you'll choose between Eat Me and Drink Me to start upon your unique journey. If you make it through with your head intact, you'll be able to kick back in the Wonderland bar; filled with flamingo croquet and secret alcoves in which to enjoy experimental cocktails from Smith and Sinclair, guilty pleasure street food from Saucy Chip and espresso martinis on tap. This is definitely my kind of Wonderland.

The Vaults, Launcelot Street Entrance, Waterloo SE1 7NN

### **THE TEST KITCHEN** **THETESTKITCHEN.CO.UK**

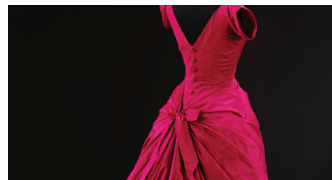
This 12-month popup comes to us from Michelin-starred chef Adam Simmonds and has a very simple idea behind it: after each meal, diners are invited to fill out a small form detailing exactly what they enjoyed, what flavour combos they liked, and what they think might be improved. From that, the menu can be honed and re-honed until it reaches a state of near-perfection, at which point Simmonds will open a permanent restaurant. As it stands, TK is housed in a sleek, marble-washed Soho space, with all bar seating running along the open kitchen.

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### **NEED MORE TIPS? GET IN TOUCH**

#### **JAMIE ROWSELL**

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### **BALENCIAGA: SHAPING FASHION** **VAM.AC.UK/EXHIBITIONS/BALENCIAGA-SHAPING-FASHION**

This exhibition examines the work and legacy of influential Spanish couturier Cristóbal Balenciaga, with over 100 pieces crafted by 'the master' of couture, his protégées and contemporary fashion designers working in the same innovative tradition.

Open now

The Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road SW7 2RL



### **W HAPPENINGS** **DANCE YOUR BEAT. AT YOUR BEAT** **WLONDON.CO.UK/FIT-GYM**

Charismatic, uplifting, empowering dance and fitness classes to get you energized and to teach you how to steal the scene on the dancefloor! Each Saturday come and kickstart your weekend with our weekly 45 minute FitBEAT classes in the Studios (2nd floor) at 12pm.

Limited spaces available, please sign up at the concierge desk.