

JUST ANNOUNCED

Gruff Rhys + London Contemporary Orchestra

Wednesday 12 September 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

Tickets £17.50 – £25.00 plus booking fee

Iconic Welsh musician and artist **Gruff Rhys** appears at the Barbican, joined by the **London Contemporary Orchestra** (LCO), to perform material from his forthcoming album *Babelsberg* – released on 8 June on Rough Trade. This record is his sixth solo outing and second release on Rough Trade since 2007's *Candylion*. *Babelsberg* was originally recorded in 2016, but the songs were put into hibernation until additional scores were added by composer Stephen McNeff and performed by the National Orchestra of Wales, eighteen months later. The record focuses on misplaced optimism with Rhys noting the Tower of Babel as an inspiration, stating of his thought-process 'people building towers to reach an idea of heaven (but maybe creating a kind of hell)'. The evening will also feature material from Rhys' celebrated back catalogue.

Rhys' numerous creative endeavours, atop his work in Super Furry Animals and as a solo artist, includes electro-pop act Neon Neon. It was with Neon Neon that Rhys last appeared as part of the Barbican contemporary music programme at Village Underground in 2013. As a collaborator Rhys has recorded and performed with Gorillaz, Mogwai, Manic Street Preachers and many more. For his concert in the Barbican Hall he will team up with LCO, an ensemble that has worked with Radiohead, Frank Ocean, and last performed at the Barbican in March of this year alongside John Cale.

On sale to Barbican members on Thursday 19 April 2018

On general sale on Friday 20 April 2018

Produced by the Barbican

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ALSO ANNOUNCED

SONORAMA!

Latin American Composers in Hollywood

With Omar, Nina Miranda and Hackney Colliery Band Horns

Part of La Linea

Friday 20 April 2018 / Barbican Hall / **NOTE NEW START TIME 20:00**

Tickets £15 - 25 plus booking fee

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Sounds and Visions, Session Seven

Chineke!: Waltz with Bashir

Sunday 13 May 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

Tickets £25 – £35

Following the performance, Sounds and Visions **co-curator Yulia Mahr hosts** a discussion between composer Max Richter and director Ari Folman, recounting details of their highly regarded collaboration and taking questions from the audience.

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monumental: Godspeed You! Black Emperor & The Holy Body Tattoo

Friday 13 & Saturday 14* July 2018 / Barbican Hall / **NOTE NEW START TIMES 21:00 / *20:00**

Tickets £20 – 30 plus booking fee

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COMING UP IN 2018

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Mexrrissey – *La Reina is Dead*

Part of La Linea

Sunday 29 April 2018 / Barbican Hall / 20:00

Tickets £15 – 25 plus booking fee

[Find out more](#)

Joby Burgess's Powerplant: *The Filthy Fifteen*

1 May 2018 / Milton Court Concert Hall / 19:30

Tickets £15 – 25 plus booking fee

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Sounds and Visions

The Barbican's marathon weekend in 2018 curated by Max Richter and Yulia Mahr with The 12 ensemble, Kaitlyn Aurelia Smith, Jlin, AGF, Víkingur Ólafsson, The Will Gregory Moog Ensemble, London Syrian Ensemble, BBC Symphony Orchestra with Roomful of Teeth conducted by André de Ridder, Colin Currie Group with Synergy Vocals, EX EYE, Caterina Barbieri, Claire M Singer, Chineke! conducted by Fawzi Haimor

Friday 11 – Sunday 13 May 2018 / Barbican Hall & foyer, Barbican Cinemas 1 & 2, LSO St Luke's, Milton Court Concert Hall, St Giles' Cripplegate

Tickets £10 – 35, plus free events

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Barbican Box Music Showcase

With the Max Richter Quintet

Monday 14 May 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:00

Tickets £3 plus booking fee

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Haley Fohr of Circuit des Yeux: *Salomé*

Wednesday 16 May 2018 / Cinema 1 / 20:00

Tickets £15 plus booking fee

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Kronos Quartet and Trio Da Kali – *Ladilikan*

Sam Green and Kronos Quartet: *A Thousand Thoughts* – a live documentary

Friday 18 May 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

Tickets £20 – 35 plus booking fee

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Susanne Sundfør

Music For People In Trouble AV

+ Gard Nilssen's Acoustic Unity

Monday 21 May 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

Tickets £15 – 20 plus booking fee

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Field Music with the Open Here Orchestra

Friday 25 May 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

Tickets £17.50 – 22.50 plus booking fee

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Actress + London Contemporary Orchestra

+ Duval Timothy, Silvia Kastel and Toxe

Saturday 26 May 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

Tickets £17.50 – 22.50 plus booking fee

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Charles Watson

Saturday 26 May 2018 / LSO St Luke's / 19:30

Tickets £12.50 – 15 plus booking fee

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Tigran Hamasyan & Nils Petter Molvaer

Saturday 2 June 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

Tickets £20 – 35 plus booking fee

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Thomas Bartlett + Nico Muhly

Peter Pears: Balinese Ceremonial Music

Friday 8 June 2018 / LSO St Luke's / 20:00

Tickets £25 – 30 plus booking fee

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Microdisney perform The Clock Comes Down the Stairs

Saturday 9 June 2018 / Barbican Hall / 20:00

Tickets £25 – 35 plus booking fee

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[Modern Ritual] featuring Charles Hayward + Laura Cannell + Hoofus + Jennifer Lucy Allan + Luke Turner

Saturday 16 June / LSO St Luke's / 19:30

Tickets £15 plus booking fee

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Wynton Marsalis Quartet

+ Headspace Quartet

Tuesday 19 June 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

Tickets £15 – 35 plus booking fee

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Alva Noto + Ryuichi Sakamoto: Two

Wednesday 20 June 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

SOLD OUT returns only

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Light in the Attic: Haruomi Hosono & Acetone

Saturday 23 June 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

Tickets £17.50 – 30 plus booking fee

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Michael 'Mikey J' Asante: Outliers

Saturday 30 June 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

Tickets £17.50 – 25 plus booking fee

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Oneohtrix Point Never: MYRIAD

7 July 2018 / Barbican Hall / 2018

Tickets £20 – 25 plus booking fee

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Yasuaki Shimizu

+ Carl Stone

Sunday 8 July 2018 / LSO St Luke's / 19:30

Tickets £15 – 20 plus booking fee

[Find out more](#)

Naseer Shamma Quartet - Spirits

Wednesday 11 July 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

Tickets £25 – 35 plus booking fee

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monumental: Godspeed You! Black Emperor & The Holy Body Tattoo

Friday 13 & Saturday 14 July 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

Tickets £20 – 30 plus booking fee

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Afro-Cuban All Stars

15 July 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

Tickets £20 – 30 plus booking fee

Produced by the Barbican

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Keaton Henson: *Six Lethargies*

Performed by Britten Sinfonia

Friday 20 July 2018 / Barbican Hall / 20:00

Tickets £17.50 – 25 plus booking fee

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**DJ Spooky presents Garage Classical
with the Ignition Orchestra**

Saturday 21 July / Barbican Hall / 19:30

SOLD OUT returns only

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They Might Be Giants

Wednesday 3 October 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

Tickets £20 – 35 plus booking fee

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Mew: *Frengers*

Saturday 20 October 2018 / Barbican Hall / 16:00 & *20:00

Tickets £20 – 27.50 plus booking fee / *SOLD OUT returns only

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Darbar Festival – Rupak Kulkarni + Meeta Pandit

Thursday 25 October 2018 / Milton Court Concert Hall / 18:30

Tickets £20 – 50 plus booking fee

[Find out more](#)

Darbar Festival – Soumik Datta + Malladi Brothers

Friday 26 October 2018 / Milton Court Concert Hall / 18:30

Tickets £20 – 50 plus booking fee

[Find out more](#)

Darbar Festival – Ustad Wasifuddin Dagar

Saturday 27 October 2018 / Milton Court Concert Hall / 10:00

Tickets £20 – 50 plus booking fee

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Darbar Festival – Sanju Sahai

Saturday 27 October 2018 / Milton Court Concert Hall / 14:00

Tickets £20 – 50 plus booking fee

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Darbar Festival – Lalgudi GJR Krishnan & Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi + Omar Dadarkar

Saturday 27 October 2018 / Milton Court Concert Hall / 18:30

Tickets £20 – 50 plus booking fee

[Find out more](#)

Darbar Festival – Ustad Shahid Parvez + Parveen Sultana

Sunday 28 October 2018 / Barbican Hall / 17:30

Tickets £18 – 75 plus booking fee

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Neko Case

Thursday 8 November 2018 / Barbican Hall / 20:00

Tickets £22.50 – 27.50 plus booking fee

[Find out more](#)

Bobby McFerrin

Part of EFG London Jazz Festival

Sunday 18 November 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30

Tickets £20 – 45 plus booking fee

[Find out more](#)

Brad Mehldau + Britten Sinfonia

Saturday 16 March 2019 / Barbican Hall / 20:00

Tickets £25 – 35 plus booking fee

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About the Barbican

A world-class arts and learning organisation, the [Barbican](#) pushes the boundaries of all major art forms including dance, film, music, theatre and visual arts. Its creative learning programme further underpins everything it does. Over 1.1 million people attend events annually, hundreds of artists and performers are featured, and more than 300 [staff](#) work onsite. The architecturally renowned centre opened in 1982 and comprises the Barbican Hall, the Barbican Theatre, The Pit, Cinemas One, Two and Three, Barbican Art Gallery, a second gallery The Curve, foyers and public spaces, a library, Lakeside Terrace, [a](#)

[glasshouse conservatory](#), conference facilities and three restaurants. The City of London Corporation is the founder and principal funder of the Barbican Centre.

The Barbican is home to Resident Orchestra, [London Symphony Orchestra](#); Associate Orchestra, [BBC Symphony Orchestra](#); Associate Ensembles the [Academy of Ancient Music](#) and [Britten Sinfonia](#), Associate Producer [Serious](#), and Artistic Partner [Create](#). Our Artistic Associates include [Boy Blue](#), [Cheek by Jowl](#), Deborah Warner, [Drum Works](#) and [Michael Clark Company](#). The [Los Angeles Philharmonic](#) are the Barbican's International Orchestral Partner, the [Australian Chamber Orchestra](#) are International Associate Ensemble at Milton Court and [Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra](#) are International Associate Ensemble.

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