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## Seun Kuti announced for Walthamstow Garden Party, plus community leaders contribute through the Creative Citizen Fellowship programme

### [Walthamstow Garden Party](#)

Lloyd Park

Saturday 14 July–Sunday 15 July 2018

12–9.30pm (Sat) / 12–8pm (Sun)

Free

Following the recent launch of the fifth Walthamstow Garden Party, today the Barbican, working in partnership with Waltham Forest Council and Create London, announces additional acts performing across the weekend, as well as more information on the festival's community offer and a taster of Waltham Forest's plans for London Borough of Culture 2019.

### BARBICAN MUSIC STAGE

On Sunday 15 July, **Seun Kuti** performs alongside rapper, singer and actor **Lil Simz**. Seun Kuti is the son of afrobeat pioneer Fela Kuti, who now leads his father's former band Egypt 80, and will be performing music from across his career including his new album, *Black Times*.

### CREATIVE CITIZEN PROGRAMME

This year, two key areas of the Walthamstow Garden Party will be planned, programmed and produced by eight local creative leaders through the **Creative Citizen Fellowship** programme. The Creative Citizen Fellowship is made up of eight local artists and community leaders who also run their own creative organisations in the borough. This year will see them collaboratively launch community and sustainability initiatives on **Fellowship Island**, alongside local produce in the **Appetite Food Market**, spoken word, workshops and demos on the **Dreamers & Diggers** stage and debate & discussions in the **Forest Lounge**.

The Creative Citizens have also worked together to programme the **News from Nowhere Stage** presenting dance performances from **Company Wayne McGregor**, making their Walthamstow Garden Party debut with excerpts from two dance works by multi award-winning choreographer and director Wayne McGregor, **Old Men Grooving** and **Khyal Arts** alongside work from their own companies **MovE17** and **X7eaven**. Alongside this, they have invited a host of gravity defying aerialists and acrobats to join Layla Rosa and the **Walthamstow Youth Circus**.

**Louise Jeffreys, Artistic Director at the Barbican, said:** "We're delighted that the festival is increasingly powered by the incredible network of local people, groups, organisations and businesses that are at the heart of the event's continued success. We are committed to ensuring that the festival provides a platform for these partners to showcase their work and we're passionate about making sure the weekend acts as a catalyst for new ideas, ambitious thinking and innovative collaborations in the borough.

"This year, thanks to our new **Creative Citizen Fellowship** programme, we have been working with eight local creative leaders to support their continued development and embed their expertise and passion into the fabric of the festival. We can't wait to see all their hard work come to life over the weekend and look forward to sharing it with the Walthamstow Garden Party audiences."

**Cllr Clare Coghill, leader of Waltham Forest Council, said:** "Waltham Forest is delighted to be working with the Barbican to support our local creative networks through the Creative Citizen Fellowship. We are committed to supporting artists and arts organisations from across Waltham Forest so they can build and develop their creative capacity whilst providing opportunities for others in the borough. This is something we will be shining a light on even more as London Borough of Culture 2019. I can't wait to see what our first Fellows bring to the Walthamstow Garden Party."

Delivered by the Barbican and London Borough of Waltham Forest (LBWF), the Creative Citizen Fellowship was made possible by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Arts Council England through the Great Place Scheme. The purpose of the programme is to ensure local people in Waltham Forest can access the arts and input into the creative delivery of the Walthamstow Garden Party.

We are also proud to announce the return of the popular **Earthly Paradise Tent** showcasing local talent, both young and more experienced. The programme includes Samba from Greenleaf Primary, **Choir 17**, **Frederick Bremnar Choir** and **Natural Voices**. On Saturday there's an evening of young creatives' work including **Urban Flames**, **Barbican Young Poets** and **Drum Works**. Closing the stage on Sunday will be music sets from **Danalogue** and **Philou Louzolo** presented by local record label **Byrd Out**.

## **ART ROAD SHOW**

Waltham Forest's creative talent will also be showcased in an all travelling exhibition of art submitted by community members and budding artists from in and around London. Curated by local arts organisation **Mehraj Arts** and the **William Morris Gallery Young Curators**, **The Art Road Show** will be visiting all of the Waltham Forest **Get Together** events across the summer. Festival goers will be able to pick their favourite art pieces, with cash prizes awarded to the winners.

## **LONDON BOROUGH OF CULTURE 2019**

As Waltham Forest steps up to be the first Mayor's London Borough of Culture in 2019 visitors will be able to find out more about exciting plans for the year ahead. There will be sneak peeks of some of the incredible events set to take place, with lots of opportunities for everyone to get involved. Come and discover more about our amazing programme and opportunities for residents, businesses and artists to be part of the year.

## **KEEP IT FREE**

This year, Walthamstow Garden Party is encouraging visitors and local businesses to donate to **Keep It Free**, a fundraising campaign asking people who enjoy the festival to help invest in local artists and organisations, attract the best talent from around the globe and build a sustainable, locally powered future for the festival.

## **BEYOND BARBICAN**

Walthamstow Garden Party is part of the Beyond Barbican programme which aims to inspire new and diverse audiences to discover and love the arts. The programme uses the expertise and knowledge of the Barbican to embed ambitious programming into events and support local communities to develop and deliver their own work.

Walthamstow Garden Party is a Waltham Forest Council festival, produced by the Barbican and Create London in partnership with key local organisations in Waltham Forest.

Support for Walthamstow Garden Party comes from Arts Council England.

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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 1, 2 and 3, 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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### About Waltham Forest Council

Waltham Forest is an innovative borough leading the way in improving residents' quality of life through arts and culture. It will be the first Mayor's London Borough of Culture in 2019.

Waltham Forest is set to announce an exciting year of cultural events for London in 2019, a massive £5m boost to help young people into cultural careers, and to deliver culture on every corner of the borough.

Walthamstow Garden Party is one of six major 'Get Together' community events to be held around the borough this year including the Leyton Carnival, Waltham Forest Mela, Chingfest and Leytonstone Street Fest.

For more information on the festivals visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/get-together](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/get-together)

For more information on London Borough of Culture 2019 visit [www.wfculture19.co.uk](http://www.wfculture19.co.uk) or follow [@wfculture19](#)

### About Create London

Create London is a charity that exists to explore the ways artists can contribute to the lives of people in cities. Its work is primarily focused in east London, home to more artists and art organisations than anywhere in Europe, and one of the most economically deprived parts of the UK. Create helps artists to connect more closely with communities through an ambitious programme of projects. Unlike a gallery or theatre, Create has no fixed public space, preferring to work in the places people encounter every day.

### **Funders**

Arts Council England champions, develops and invests in artistic and cultural experiences that enrich people's lives. It supports a range of activities across the arts, museums and libraries – from theatre to digital art, reading to dance, music to literature, and crafts to collections. Between 2015 and 2018, ACE plans to invest £1.1 billion of public money from government and an estimated £700 million from the National Lottery to help create these experiences for as many people as possible across the country.

Fellowship Island is supported by the National Lottery Awards for All.