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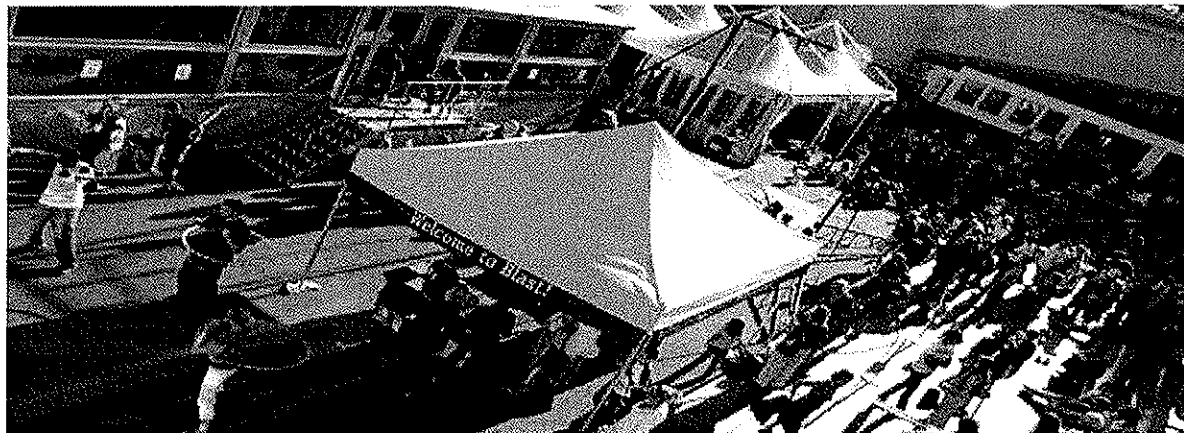


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BBC Blast

When is it?

Saturday 13 September 2008 & Sunday 14 September 2008

Get there for

12pm–7pm
(Saturday 13)

12pm–6pm
(Sunday 14)

Where is it?

National Theatre

Free workshops, taster sessions and showcase events for 13–19 year-olds. Work with leading artists, designers, BBC and National Theatre experts to develop your ideas and creative skills in writing, music producing, theatre, film-making and much, much more. For bookings and more info email blast-national@bbc.co.uk, or visit the website www.bbc.co.uk/blast/ontour.

SATURDAY HIGHLIGHTS

BLAST WORKSHOPS

12 – 5pm *So you wanna be a model?* Catwalk choreography plus hair & make-up masterclass.

Any aspiring Tyra Banks out there? – this is for you! Elizabeth Laskar from Ethical Fashion Forum will teach you how to strut your stuff and show off fashion designs on the catwalk, whatever shape or size you are. You'll learn how to create stunning hairstyles and make-up worthy of the catwalk with professionals from London College of Fashion. Then get to take part in a real fashion show in front of Thames Festival crowds.

6.30 – 7.15pm *Q & A with Jay Sean, hosted by Asian Network*

A chance for you to put your questions to R'n'B artist Jay Sean and find out all you ever wanted to know about the music industry, hosted by BBC Asian Network.

LIVE EVENTS

4.30 - 5pm *Fashion showcase*

See the results of Blast's hair and make-up artists, fashion designers and models in this public performance.

6 – 6.30pm *Hip-hop Shakespeare performance*

Come and see the results of blast's hip-hop Shakespeare workshops, run by MOBO award-winning artist Akala.

7.15 - 8pm *Dance off finalists showcase*

Watch all the lucky finalists of Blast's Dance Off competition battle it out to win a chance to work with the leading dance company United Dance, on a new performance for UK R'n'B artist Jay Sean to be shown on BBC Switch.

SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS

BLAST WORKSHOPS

12 - 4.30pm *Blast official photographers for the Thames Festival*

Press passes please! Become an Official Blast Photographer for the Thames Festival, and capture all the action along the South Bank.

12 - 2pm *Join the urban carnival!*

Get into the carnival spirit of the Thames Festival! Design and create elements of your own urban carnival costumes with the professionals at Beats Culture.

1.30 - 3.30pm *1Xtra Presenting Masterclass*

Can you do it better than the professionals? Join our radio presenting masterclass with a 1Xtra DJ and record a demo under the guidance of an experienced 1Xtra producer. Highlights will be featured on the Blast website and passed on to 1Xtra for their Xtra Talent slot.

LIVE EVENTS

5 - 5.20pm *1 Xtra DJ Set*

Come and help Blast at the National Theatre 2008 end in style! Watch a DJ set from a 1 Xtra DJ and have a look at photographs of what's gone on across the ten days of Blast at the National Theatre!

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Blast festival kicks off

Rachel Hoyes
21/10/2008

A DRAMA and music festival packed with free celebrity events and activities for teenagers will open tomorrow.

The four-day BBC Blast festival at Salford University will include workshops with MOBO award-winning rapper Akala, Radio 1Xtra DJs and Tom Hingley from Manchester indie rock band Inspiral Carpets.

Youngsters will get to meet Hollyoaks' Gilly Roach played by Anthony Quinlan on Wednesday from 1-2pm.

The Blast festival, aiming to inspire young people in arts careers, culminates in three showcases where participants can demonstrate new-learned skills to the public.

Events include:

Sound and Fury: Hip Hop Shakespeare workshop with rapper Akala Song writing master classes with Tom Hingley from Inspiral Carpets DJ workshops with Radio 1Xtra.

Hollyoaks Q&A - meet Anthony Quinlan who plays Gilly Roach

Q&A with film-maker and director Matt Bloom - who has worked on Eastenders and The Bill

Stand-up comedy, film-making, fashion, stage combat and animation

Creative writing workshops with writer Gill James and poet Mike Garry




Progression Routes Fair with information about jobs, education and training Workshops run from 10am-3.30pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 12-5.30pm on Saturday.

Showcases are on Friday at 5.30pm and Saturday at 5.45pm.

The free event is supported by Salford City Council and Salford University.

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BBC Blast arts truck in city

Jun 25 2008 by Catherine Jones, Liverpool Echo

THE BBC Blast truck is on tour and coming to Liverpool next month.

Blast is designed to encourage young people aged 13 to 19 to get into the creative arts and digital media via its website www.bbc.co.uk/blast.

The site is a place where young people can showcase their work, get tips from industry professionals, chat to other youngsters and use free software.

The BBC Blast Tour is taking place in a large mobile e-learning studio and marquee which will be based on the Review field of Sefton Park, near Ullet Road, for three days from July 10-12.

The truck will provide free workshops in areas including animation, film-making, rapping, songwriting, fashion, photography, radio presenting, hip-hop and street dance.

Blast employs industry professionals to lead workshops, and the Liverpool event will have MOBO award-winning rapper Akala leading a Hip-Hop Shakespeare workshop, Liverpool singer-songwriter John Power leading a songwriting workshop for budding musicians.

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