



ROSL
ROYAL OVER-SEAS LEAGUE

London Events Guide

FEBRUARY 2026

Beneath February's pale winter skies, London awakens to a rich cultural calendar, showcasing the best of theatre, art and seasonal festivities. From West End premieres and landmark exhibitions to Lunar New Year celebrations and London Fashion Week, this guide presents a curated selection of the month's most notable events.



SHADOWLANDS: THE C.S. LEWIS STORY

5 FEB – 29 MAR

ALDWYCH THEATRE

The stage drama 'Shadowlands' returns to the West End with Hugh Bonneville as C.S. Lewis and Maggie Steed as American poet Joy Davidman. Set in 1950s Oxford, the play explores their evolving friendship and the way it deepens into love.



74TH ROSL ANNUAL MUSIC COMPETITION

10 FEB – 24 MAR

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Now in its 74th year, the Annual Music Competition presents emerging classical musicians and chamber ensembles, offering over £70,000 in prizes. Section finals provide an opportunity to hear some of the most promising talent at an early stage in their professional careers.



KEW GARDENS ORCHID FESTIVAL

7 FEB – 8 MAR

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW

The Orchid Festival at Kew Gardens highlights China's biodiversity, heritage and horticultural traditions. Now in its 30th year, the festival features over 1,700 orchid species displayed in immersive installations within the Princess of Wales Conservatory.



PANCAKE DAY

17 FEB

LONDON

This Shrove Tuesday, for those in pursuit of the capital's most mouth-watering pancakes, food critics acclaim our neighbours at The Wolseley and Fluffy Fluffy, famed for their award-winning soufflé pancakes, as well as Mildreds for its light, fluffy pancakes, alongside vegan options.



CYNTHIA ERIVO IN DRACULA

7 FEB – 30 MAY

NOEL COWARD THEATRE

Cynthia Erivo stars in the West End production of Bram Stoker's 'Dracula', performing all 23 roles. With the creative team behind Sarah Snook's 'The Picture of Dorian Gray', the production reimagines the gothic tale as a multi-faceted theatrical event.



LUNAR NEW YEAR

17 AND 21 – 22 FEB

LONDON

The capital marks the Year of the Fire Horse with festivities featuring traditional lion dances and a procession of around 50 floats, from Trafalgar Square through the streets of Chinatown. At ROSL, the award-winning Chef Daren Liew has curated a bespoke set menu, available exclusively for members from 9 February.

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LONDON FASHION WEEK

19 – 23 FEB

VARIOUS VENUES ACROSS LONDON

London Fashion Week presents Autumn/Winter 2026 collections from established and emerging designers. Historic venues host runway shows, installations and talks. Highlights include work from international design houses alongside new talent, with a programme that reflects the city's reputation for both creativity and innovation in fashion.



TRACEY EMIN: A SECOND LIFE

27 FEB – 31 AUG

TATE MODERN

The largest exhibition of Tracey Emin's career spans more than 40 years and presents both familiar and unseen works. Her early exhibitions include 'My Bed' and 'Exorcism of the Last Painting I Ever Made'. Emin's influences stem from contemporary British art and her continued engagement with personal and cultural themes.



AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP ONGOING

ST MARTIN'S THEATRE

Celebrating its 75th anniversary in the West End, 'The Mousetrap' continues its long-running residency at St Martin's Theatre, following the investigation of a murder in a remote English hotel during a snowstorm. Stalls seats provide an optimal view of Christie's intricate plotting and suspenseful narrative.



RAMSES AND THE PHARAOHS' GOLD EXHIBITION

FROM 28 FEB

NEON, BATTERSEA POWER STATION

Ramses and the Pharaohs' Gold will showcase over 180 authentic Egyptian artefacts dating back more than 3,000 years. The exhibition explores Ramses II, the 'builder pharaoh', through colossal statues, intricately carved coffins and glittering treasures.

Here are some of the best recommendations for West End musicals according to London's top critics in 2026:

For members wishing to dine before heading to the West End, our new à la carte menu will be available from Monday to Saturday, alongside our Chinese New Year menu from 9 February to 3 March. Reservations can be made online or by emailing dining@rosl.org.uk.



THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY

TUE TO SAT 19.30 | TUE, THU & SAT AT 14.30

THEATRE ROYAL HAYMARKET

This musical charts Harold Fry's 500-mile walk across the UK after a letter from a dying friend. Along the way, he meets strangers who bring hope, love and renewal. Following a sold-out Chichester run, the five-star, pitch-perfect musical praised by 'The Times' transfers to the West End, with a moving adaptation.



BACK TO THE FUTURE

MON & WED – SAT 19.30 | THU & SAT 14.30 | SUN 15.00

ADELPHI THEATRE

The musical adaptation of the 1985 film concludes its West End residency this month before a UK tour. Following Marty McFly's journey to 1955, the production combines humour, spectacle and nostalgia, with the DeLorean ensuring a dynamic and inventive staging.



MATILDA THE MUSICAL

TUE – SUN 19.30 | WED, THU & SAT 14.30 | SUN 15.00

CAMBRIDGE THEATRE

Roald Dahl's timeless tale comes to life in this seven-time Olivier Award-winning musical, celebrated for its dazzling sets and feel-good songs, captivating audiences for 15 years. Follow Matilda as she triumphs over her neglectful parents and the fearsome Miss Trunchbull, with the help of her kind teacher, Miss Honey.

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