

AGENDA

"It's truly humbling that people still enjoy these songs from so many years ago, reliving the emotions of that time." As Dame Vera Lynn turns 100 on 20 March, her words couldn't ring truer. Three days before she celebrates her birthday, the Forces' sweetheart will release her album Vera Lynn 100 through Decca Records, the same label she recorded with at 22. A day later there will be a variety concert, raising money for The Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity. Performances will include the Royal Air Force Dance Orchestra - The Squadronaires - of which Lynn's late husband, Harry Lewis, was a founding member. 17 March, release of Vera Lynn 100; 18 March, 7.30pm, 100: A Tribute to Dame Vera Lynn, London Palladium, rutlive.co.uk

Couture culture



After glowing reviews in both New York and Paris, the hit musical An American in Paris comes to the Dominion Theatre, bringing with it a Tony award-winning cast. In the aftermath of World War II, American Veteran Jerry Mulligan (Robert Fairchild) tries to make it as a painter in the French capital where he meets Lise (Leanne Cope), a young dancer. Caught in a love triangle between Jerry and his friend Henri, Lise has to decide whether to follow her head or her heart. Get ready to relive the soundtrack of original songs such as 'S Wonderful and jazz tune I Got Rhythm. From 4 March, Dominion Theatre, W1T, anamericaninparisthemusical.co.uk

LITERARY **ITINERARY**



Fashion historian Olivier Saillard is celebrating Dior's 70th anniversary with a series of books on the designers who worked at the famous house. First up is Dior by Christian Dior, which looks back at one of the most famous collections in fashion history: the 1947 New Look, as well as the elegant Fuseau line presented for A/W 1957. Photos from Laziz Hamani document the period of change over which Christian Dior reigned, alongside images from carefully preserved exhibits in museums and institutions around the world. Dior by Christian Dior by Olivier Saillard, photography by Laziz Hamani, £150, Assouline, assouline.com



BALLGOWN IN WHITE ACETATE SATIN, WORN BY GENEVIÈVE PAGE ©LAZIZ HAMAN



FILM

Downton Abbey star Hugh Bonneville features alongside fellow British favourites Gillian Anderson and Michael Gambon in the historical drama Viceroy's House. The film depicts the final days of the British Raj and the decision to partition India by religion. The story focuses on the Delhi residence of the

Viceroy's House

final Viceroy of India, Lord Louis Mountbatten, who, while coordinating the handover of power from the Empire to the people, resides above 500 servants from a diverse range of faiths. It's another fresh cultural perspective from *Bend It Like Beckham* director Gurinder Chadha. *In cinemas from 3 March*





Local news

A call for a cure

Artwise, Bonhams and the David Ross foundation are teaming up this month to raise awareness and cash for The Cure Parkinson's Trust. More than 50 artists have been invited to create a work of art within a 20cm³ box inspired by the words 'slow, stop and reverse'. Pieces ranging from £1,000 to more than £10,000 will be sold across a two-day exhibition called *Cube3*. Expect to see the likes of Grayson Perry, Damien Hirst, Alison Jackson, Jonathan Yeo, Polly Morgan and many more. 13-15 March, Bonhams, 101 New Bond Street, W1S, cureparkinsons.org.uk

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A place of comfort, memories and emotion, a home is unique to everyone. In a new exhibition entitled *House Work*, Victoria Miro Mayfair has drawn together paintings that explore the concept of a house as more than just a physical form. Work from artists such as David Harrison, Cy Twombly and Marc Chagall shows their creative interpretations, from dark and atmospheric street scenes to vibrant Los Angeles pool parties.

Until 18 March, 14 St George Street, W1S, victoria-miro.com

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SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

With the US influencing headlines around the world on a daily basis, now is a good time to reflect on the country's influence on Mayfair. The Americans in Mayfair walk will take you on a 90-minute tour of the area, providing insight into the special relationship between London's classiest district and the US. Learn about actors, musicians and politicians, from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Dwight Eisenhower, who moved here from across the pond. *From £9, 11 March, 11am, footprintsoflondon.co.uk*



Call For a cure images, from left. Jonathon Yeo, Mr, 2016, Perspex cube, oil, Gold, Acrylic Paint, 20 X 20 X 200M; ROB and Nick Carter, Returning, 2016, Perspex cube, IPAD and Plexiglass, 20 X 20 X 200M; Conrad SHawcross, *untificed*, 2016, Perspex, Aluminum, NYLON and Pafer, 20 X 202M, CLOSE UP



Goodbye bridezilla

Planning a wedding can be a stressful affair. One thing you don't need to worry about is finding a dress, thanks to Jenny Packham and the Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park. With an exclusive catwalk show, champagne and afternoon tea, finding the perfect frock couldn't be more relaxing. Brides will have the chance to view the complete Jenny Packham 2017 collection, as well as enjoy bridal makeovers from Bobbi Brown and massages from Jo Malone London. 1 April, 3-5.30 pm, Mandarin Oriental, 66 Knightsbridge, SW1X, jennypackham.com



Who's cooking dinner?

For one night only the Four Seasons Park Lane is to host the 18th annual Who's Cooking Dinner? fundraiser at which 20 of Britain's most celebrated chefs cook for 200 lucky patrons in aid of leukaemia research. Guests are assigned a table at random to be served by a talented roster that includes the Michelin-starred Hélène Darroze, Tom Kerridge and Ruth Rogers. At the end of the meal guests can then bid for the chefs to cook for them in their own home. £7,000 for a table of ten, 6 March, Four Seasons Park Lane, Hamilton Place, W1J, whoscookingdinner.com



and Jane Taylor.

Modelling for Mencap In aid of Mencap, the UK's largest learning disability charity, designer Suzannah Crabb will be showcasing her latest S/S17 collection at the Sheraton Grand Park Lane in its beautifully restored Art Deco ballroom. Drinks and canapés will

be served on arrival and guests will

and gifts, as well as work by

Lane, W1J, mencap.org.uk

milliners Rachel Trevor-Morgan,

Edwina Ibbotson, Juliette Botterill,

£110, 27 March, Sheraton Grand Park

get the chance to browse a selection of stalls selling jewellery, clothing

SUZANNAH OBSESSION DRESS IN WATERMELON



POLICE Marie-Louise Burrows LICENSING Derek Stratton

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