



19 - 23 August
Walking With Dinosaurs – The Arena Spectacular

Echo Arena, Monarchs Quay,
Liverpool, L3 4FP
www.accliverpool.com
0844 8000 400

For 200 million years, dinosaurs ruled the Earth. Now, just like *Take That*, the *VW Scrocco* and *Star Trek*, they're back.

This extraordinary new theatre production will see dinosaurs once again roam the Earth, as real size creatures come to life in a production based on the award winning BBC television series. Ten species of dinosaur are featured, including the mighty T-Rex, as the show depicts the dinosaurs' evolution with almost cinematic realism.

This show promises to be one of the most exciting and groundbreaking shows ever seen in the UK, so make like a caveman and din-o-see-iff!



Giddy Gays

21-31 August
Manchester Pride 2009

Various venues
Manchester
www.manchesterpride.com

Hey Gays, get your flags out: it's Pride time. Expect an amazing ten days and nights of events including film, heritage, debate, arts, entertainment and perhaps a little party party party. With more events lined up than ever, Pride 2009 has something for everyone, which climaxes over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Little Boots and Bananarama have already been confirmed (as have 69); maybe summer's not so cruel after all...

24 August - 29 August

Agatha Christie – Spiders Web

Leeds Grand Theatre
46 New Briggate
Leeds
LS2 1JK
www.leedsgrandtheatre.com
0844 848 2706

You can always rely on good of Agatha to spin a cracking murder mystery yarn (or web, in this case).

When Clarissa discovers a dead body in her drawing room, she tries to dispose of it before her Foreign Office diplomat husband returns home with a government VIP guest in tow. Persuading her houseguests to help her, it soon becomes clear that the dead man is not completely unknown. As the web of deceit starts to unravel, Clarissa and her friends must race to unweil the murderer before the police discover the body and arrest her as their prime suspect. Go see if you can work out who dun it.

25 - 29 August
Quadrophenia

Liverpool Empire
Lime Street
Liverpool
L1 1JE
www.liverpoolempire.org.uk
0844 847 2525

Set in London and Brighton at the height of the Mod era, *Quadrophenia* is told through the eyes of Jimmy, a hedonistic style-conscious teenager searching for a place to belong and a girl to love. Misunderstood by his parents and stuck in a dead end job, he sets off on a trip to Brighton that will change his life forever. This original adaptation of The Who's classic album is a coming of age story everyone can relate to.

Also playing at Leeds Grand Theatre 4-8 August www.leedsgrandtheatre.co.uk

29 - 30 August
Creamfields

Daresbury, Halton,
Cheshire, WA4 4AR
www.creamfields.com

After the blistering success of last year, the self-proclaimed crown jewel of dance festivals is back at its supersized two-day jamboree in the lush Cheshire countryside. In fact, these rolling hills of Daresbury are rumoured to be the inspiration for Alice in Wonderland. (Insert own joke about 'eat me' cakes).

Headliners this year include Basement Jaxx, Tiësto, Paul Van Dyk and Dizzee Rascal. Mylo Live will be showcasing material from his new album in his only UK appearance.

There'll be 8 arenas in total blasting out the very best that dance music has to offer. Other DJs set to tear the place apart include Pete Tong, Sasha, John Digweed and Erick Morillo. It's gonna be massive.

5 September

Motown's Greatest Hits – "How Sweet It Is"

Liverpool Empire
Lime Street
Liverpool
L1 1JE
www.liverpoolempire.org.uk
0844 847 2525

We heard it through the grapevine this slick and high-energy recreation of some of the best 60's and 70's music will be hitting Liverpool. It's a real Temptation to go. We're sure you'll have a Supreme, Wonderful, (Four)Top 40 time and be Dancing all night long. Get your tickets now or you'll be Crying the tears of a clown. * Wakes up from nightmare 69 had turned into cheesy local radio DJ *



11 September
Smirnoff Ice Sculptures

Manchester and Liverpool

They'll only be one chance to view to the Smirnoff sculptures celebrating a couple of their new flavours, as they'll be made of ice. Manchester and Liverpool are two of the five cities selected to have an iconic building replicated in ice. (Not full size though, pah, that'd just be crazy.)

Manchester's futuristic Urbis will be reproduced in Exchange Square and Williamson Square in Liverpool will be home to an ice replica of the top of the Liver Building. We believe the designs will have the new apple and lime flavoured bottles incorporated into them, but we don't know if there's going to be one giant voddy fountain. But worth checking out, y'know, just in case.

18 September

Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance – A Magical Night at the Musicals

Manchester Palace Theatre
Oxford Street
Manchester
M1 6FT
www.manchestertheatres.com/palacetheatre
0844 847 2277

We all love a good musical but sometimes it's so hard to choose which one to go to. Hurrah then for this new breed of musical theatre compilation featuring two hours of spectacular song and dance numbers from a variety of hit stage and screen shows. Prepare for a cast of top West-End performers to take you on an exhilarating ride through the world of musical theatre in this fully staged and choreographed show. From Gertrude to *Grease*, Lerner to Lowe, you'll be singing along from curtain-up to close, oh yes you will.

19 September

Abba Mania

Manchester Palace Theatre
Oxford Street
Manchester
M1 6FT
www.manchestertheatres.com/palacetheatre
0844 847 2277

While Abba seem to be the only band not prepared to reform, stage a huge comeback and conquer the world, the numerous tribute bands will have to sate your appetite. Abba Mania will look a bit like them and sound a lot like them and hopefully not have a stroop and get divorced midway through the show. Fans of the Swedish foursome are guaranteed to have a fabbaulous time 'giggles'.

29 September

Tinchy Stryder

Manchester Academy 1
Oxford Road
Manchester
M13 9PR
www.manchesteracademy.net

First gaining fame performing on pirate radio stations in his teens, Tinchy Stryder has come a long way, collaborating with numerous established artists including The Streets and Taio Cruz. Stryder notched up a huge hit with his prophetic track 'Number 1', featuring N-Dubz. With his new album 'Catch 22' hitting shelves this summer, prepare for another Stryder surge.

Also appearing at Liverpool's a2 Academy on 19 September.
www.a2academyliverpool.co.uk



Liverpool's First Women's Institute

The Women's Institute has arrived in Liverpool! It isn't all jam and Jerusalem these days, y'know. With a return to the traditional, sooo-right-now-knitting-parties springing up left, right and centre, and with some folk having to tighten their (waist emphasising) belts, everyone is being a bit more creative with budgets. As a result, the WI is staging a revival amongst young, professional women.

And now, for the first time, Liverpool has its very own branch, established by two city-dwelling 20-somethings (one of whom is 69's very own Gill Torres). The WI was established in the UK during WW1, empowering women to play a vital role in the war effort. These days it campaigns for things like the environment and an end to violence against women, as well as providing plenty of opportunity to eat cake and have a good old gab. Hurrah.

With branches all over the Northwest, visit www.thewi.org.uk to get involved or e-mail Gill at welove@69-247.com to attend the Liverpool meetings specifically.