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## More Companies

# Celebrities launch £1.6m appeal for Unicorn Theatre



Stars, including Bill Nighy and award-winning actress Imelda Staunton, donned hard hats to launch a public appeal for the Unicorn Theatre – the UK's first ever purpose designed professional theatre for children, currently being built at More London.

A final £1.6m is required to reach the funding target of £12.6m and finish the theatre so it can open as planned in autumn 2005.

Edward Fox, Bill Nighy, Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Joanna David, Gemma Jones, Jane Asher, Arabella Weir, Roger Lloyd Pack, Jared Harris and Jim Carter launched the appeal at the theatre's construction site – close to Tower Bridge and City Hall. Joining the stars, were children from the Unicorn's Young Consultants Group from the Southwark area, who worked with Keith Williams Architects for three years to design the theatre.

The appeal invites members of the public to contribute to the Unicorn and have their names prominently displayed alongside other supporters including Robbie Williams and Dame Judi Dench.

Funding initiatives range from £1,000 to 'name a seat' in the auditorium through to £100 pounds for inscribing a name on a special supporting wall – or simply giving as much as you wish. Donors will be invited to join celebrities and stars at a special celebration party when the theatre opens.

Details of the appeal are available on the Unicorn's website [www.unicorntheatre.com](http://www.unicorntheatre.com) or on the hotline 020 7697 1150.

Unicorn champions Edward Fox, Jane Asher and Bill Nighy at the Public Appeal Launch.

## morechampagne now open and bubbling

At the entrance to More London Place you cannot miss the newest and fizziest bar to hit the south bank of London. A stunning design in a modern glass building with a heated outside area, morechampagne a non-smoking champagne, coffee and wine bar, has been open just a month and is already becoming a major attraction.

The versatile offering ranges from breakfast of well sourced bacon and eggs or delicious fresh breads, to lunchtime charcuterie platters served on smart wooden blocks and tasty salads, to an evening tapas menu offering delicious bites such as padron peppers and almonds, or a bowl of hot chorizo.

Champagne ranges from Gardet n.v at £29.95 to Louis Roederer Cristal Rose at £250 plus a handful of fizzy cocktails. The wine list is short yet very much to the point



with glasses of red or white starting at £3.95. All but one are available by the glass.

morechampagne is smart, fun and really good value. If you haven't tried it – do.

Call 020 7403 0658 for more info or to book a table or party.



The bar at morechampagne.

# Norton Rose and Lawrence Graham sign-up to their moves to More London

International law firms Norton Rose and Lawrence Graham have confirmed that they will move their London headquarters to the award-winning More London development. The announcement follows the signing of agreements for lease in October of 3 More London Riverside (340,000 sq ft) and 4 More London Riverside (125,000 sq ft) respectively. The firms are scheduled to move into their buildings in 2007.

The contemporary glass buildings, designed by Foster and Partners, will overlook Tower

Bridge, the Tower of London and the River Thames, and are placed between City Hall and Ernst & Young's headquarters at One More London Place.

Norton Rose Chief Executive Peter Martyr said: "The More London development is fast becoming a hub for professional services and I am delighted about our move there in 2007. Our new office building will not only be a prestigious architectural statement but will create an excellent working environment for our staff and clients."

Lawrence Graham Managing Partner Penny Francis said, "We are excited to be moving to such a prestigious development located in a vibrant, exciting area. With views overlooking London's history, and easy transport links, our new location will be enjoyable and accessible for our clients and staff."

Planning consent has been obtained for both buildings and construction is due to commence by the year end. Mace has been appointed Construction Manager on both projects.

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## Hilton Hotel starts on site

Building contractor Bovis Lend Lease commenced the construction of Hilton London Tower Bridge at More London during October. Enabling works are due for completion in early December.

The Hilton London Tower Bridge will provide 246 guestrooms and executive suites with executive lounge, and will feature a 400-delegate conference and banqueting room. The hotel will feature a fully equipped business centre, as well as a lobby café and a ground floor signature restaurant/bar.

The hotel is scheduled to open in Summer 2006.

## More London scoops another design award

One More London Place has won a top award from the UK's leading office industry organisation the British Council for Offices (BCO), at the annual BCO Awards ceremony held on 5 October.

The building, developed for international business advisors Ernst & Young, was named London's best commercial workplace.

The judges were impressed with the way the bulk of the building was skilfully reduced by dividing it in two. This design maximises natural light within offices while simultaneously helping to guide More London's thousands of visitors gently through the site.

"Treatment of this sensitive location is probably the development's best quality. The riverscape, neighbouring City Hall and constant flow of tourists snaking along a trail from the Tate Modern to Tower Bridge were all heavy constraints.

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"But so were demands from E&Y for a light, airy building suiting a new culture of openness. The trademark glazed façade sweeping down to the water provides dramatic backdrop views for client presentations, says E&Y. The 11-storey atrium, criss-crossed by bridges, also ensures every staff desk has daylight."

## More Events

# Summer events season a success

Summer 2004 saw More London and its Scoop amphitheatre firmly establish itself as a major new London arts venue.

An estimated 125,000 visited Tom Stoddart's overwhelming and thought-provoking IWITNESS exhibition in the three months it was open at More London.

Over 20,000 people were entertained by the Steam Industry's critically-acclaimed productions of *Agamemnon* and *Androcles*

and *the Lion*. Glowing reviews and More London's policy of providing top-quality shows for free resulted in thousands of regular and first time play-goers enjoying the productions side-by-side, becoming London's most culturally diverse theatre audience.

Building on this success the events programme for 2005 promises a variety of free theatre, music, film, dance, sport, street theatre and a few surprises. There will also be the opportunity to get involved.



## More London joins the longest street festival in Europe



Intrigued visitors wait to view the show in *The Pig*.

For the first time ever the 2004 Thames Festival extended beyond South Bank and stretched through More London, to Tower Bridge, creating arguably Europe's longest street festival. The event, which took place on the 18 and 19 September, was achieved through a collaboration between Thames Festival, More London, Southwark Council and the Pool of London Partnership.

At More London a dazzling line-up of British and International street theatre, music and dance was featured in a programme of performance in and around the Scoop.

Topping the bill at More London Riverside, was the acclaimed Natural Theatre Company, which, with its 'Business Walkies' combined a unique style of visual comedy with an impeccable eye for detail, producing delightfully absurd street theatre. Meanwhile, Avanti presented Mr Lucky's Party a watery rendition of the unluckiest birthday party.

The large audiences saw incredible feats of juggling and balance through Zanzibar, Peruvian puppetry and a unique scissor dance by José Navarro, Mexican dance by the Latin American Artists Group and captivating close harmony singing from The Barbie Shop Quartet.



Laughter with the Natural Theatre Company.

On Friday 17 September, More London previewed acts including *The Pig*, a giant inflatable sleeping sow who snuffed and snored and the graceful butterflies and flowers from *Empress*.

The event was incredibly well attended and a bigger, better, bolder and brighter involvement in the Festival is already in planning for 2005.

More London was pleased to support the local Southwark community participation in this year's festival and was delighted that it was able to assist in encouraging its organisers to extend the festival along the river bank to Tower Bridge.

## Christmas in the Scoop – The London Nativity 2004

Following the success of the summer season, The Steam Industry returns to the Scoop to stage a unique open-air event for Christmas. A pacey, thought provoking, hilarious and moving modern-dress staging of the beautiful medieval Nativity plays presented with the company's trademark blend of wit, drama, comedy, puppetry and live music, in keeping with the lively and accessible style in which these medieval texts were first performed.

Award-winning director Phil Willmott directs a large cast in this boisterous reworking of the plays conceived to engage audiences of all beliefs. This is a timeless story of ordinary people confronting great good and great evil to emerge triumphant.

**The London Nativity at The Scoop, More London Riverside, London SE1. 20-23 December 2004 at 6.00pm**

**24 December at 1.00pm**

**Bus/Tube/Train: London Bridge**

Bring warm clothes and a rug for this free hour-long mix of comedy, drama, puppetry and live music in the open air.

## Christmas Aquabatics

A winter water wonderland at More London Riverside celebrates the festive season. Fountains, music, lasers and lights combine together to provide a spectacular display.

**Showing daily every 15 minutes from 4.00pm – 9.00pm at More London Riverside from 13 December to 4 January 2005.**



## More Community

# Going for a song at More London

Pupils from Peckham Park Primary School performed a song called 'My Favourite Town' in the Scoop at More London on 12 November.

Sung in front of a backdrop made by children from Cherry Gardens School in Bermondsey, the children were accompanied by a band of professional musicians.

The performance was the culmination of 'Song for London', a month-long project sponsored by More London that enabled Southwark schoolchildren to work with professional artists, actors, dancers, composers and musicians for an afternoon each week.

'My Favourite Town' is an original song written by the children in conjunction with composer and project leader Thomas Gray describing their lives and their favourite things about London. Over the course of the project the children also worked with percussionist Dan Earley and dancer Vicki Jackson to develop their piece.

Meanwhile, children from Cherry Gardens School, worked with artist Ray Eden to respond to the same 'My Favourite Town' theme by creating the mural backdrop for the performance.

Joyce Moore, Head Teacher at Peckham Park, said: "We are very pleased to be involved in this project. The children loved it and really enjoyed the performance. Projects of this kind are great for us to be involved with as the children take a lot from it and it fits in easily with the rest of their schooling."

More London's community arts programme will grow and develop over the coming year with plans already underway for Christmas theatre in the Scoop and a variety of linked schemes in the pipeline for 2005.

More London worked in conjunction with Vibration Music on the 'Song for London' project.



The 'My Favourite Town' mural designed by Cherry Gardens School.



Children from Cherry Gardens School enjoy the performance of 'My Favourite Town'.



Children from Peckham Park Primary School perform 'My Favourite Town' in The Scoop at More London.

# Networking at More London

More London hosted its first networking event on 21 October 2004. The purpose of the event was to give occupiers at More London an opportunity to meet one another, exchange ideas and hopefully build fruitful relationships.

As the site develops More London hopes to build on the sense of community that has evolved over the past two years and to encourage communication between the occupiers and the wider Southwark community.

The focus for this first event was 'More London and the Southwark business community'. Ray Austin from Southwark Chamber of Commerce and Mike Hill from Bankside Traders Association made presentations to members of the More London community. Mike Hill explained how Bankside Traders Association represents the interests of small businesses and traders in the Bankside area whilst Ray Austin explained the wider purposes of the Chamber in supporting local enterprise by providing a growing network and platform

of representation for local businesses with the Council, the Police and other major bodies. Both speakers discussed the benefits of local procurement from smaller suppliers.

The overall message was that there is a lot of value, for all parties, in developing closer relationships with the wider community. If you would like to learn more about their organisations or anything that was discussed that evening, please contact:

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# Potters Fields Park update



All the views and ideas collected so far from the ongoing public consultation being managed by Bankside Open Space Trust for the redesign of Potters Fields Park have been incorporated. A major bid for funding is now in process and an application for SRB (Single Regeneration Budget) funding is likely to be submitted to the Pool of London Partnership in January 2005.

Initial meetings have been held to restart the Friends of Potters Fields, and an AGM will be held shortly to invite nominations for officers. If you would like any further information or have enquiries about the Friends of Potters Fields, please contact Francesca King at Urbed on 020 7436 8050.

Everyone at More London wishes you a very Happy Christmas and hopes to see you enjoying the events at More London in the New Year.

## Keeping in touch

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