

**Bernie Grant
Arts
Centre**
Developing
culturally diverse
artists

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WELCOME TO THE BERNIE GRANT ARTS CENTRE!

I'm delighted to introduce you to our Spring 2018 season. As we look to the year ahead, there are a host of upcoming productions you'll want to put in your diary: **Red Riding Hood and the Wolf**, a fabulous children's show from Little Angel Theatre; performances by international women choreographers presented by Freddie Opoku-Addaie of **SystemsLAB**; Jofre Garcia Hall's art exhibition **Sold & Vinegar**; and many nights of hilarity with our **Seven Sisters of Comedy** series.

In April, we're bringing tropical heat to Tottenham with **Bembé Cubano** with four of London's top Latin bands together under the same roof. And our programme of screenings in the Cinema Lounge continues with films about an African drag pageant, Barack Obama's final year in the White House, and the crisis in Britain's prisons.

No matter your taste, whether for live music, comedy, theatre, dance or cinema, you'll find it here. It's your arts centre - come and enjoy!



Pete Courtie
Chief Executive
Bernie Grant Arts Centre

CAFÉ & BAR

Our colourful Café & Bar features a delicious lunch and evening menu chock full of home-cooked Caribbean dishes, including vegetarian and vegan options. There are fresh-baked cakes and hot beverages, not to mention beers on draft from Redemption Brewing and fine wines from our fully licensed bar. And there's free wifi!

We pride ourselves on sourcing ingredients locally, responsibly, and 'Made in Tottenham,' supporting a whole range of local traders and producers.

Reopened in June 2017 after a renovation led by artists Morag Myerscough and Yemi Awosile, you can linger in the Café over a cuppa or after you've dropped off your children at one of our many kids' classes. If you're coming for a show, why not make an evening of it, meet your friends early and enjoy drinks or our pre-theatre dinner menu?

The mezzanine bar upstairs is a great place to book a party, whether for a business event or a family do with drinks and nibbles. See our website for more details of hires and catering.

Visit berniegrantcentre.co.uk/visit/cafe-bar for sample menus, special offers and more!



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SEVEN SISTERS OF COMEDY

Kill yourself laughing with the best new talent in comedy

THANYIA MOORE

SPRING COMEDY SHOWCASE

Join the hilarious **Thanyia Moore** alongside **Esther Manito**, **Arielle Souma**, **President Obonjo** and **Nathan Roberts** for a night of side-splitting laughter, and lend your support to some of our home-grown Tottenham talent as they make their debut fresh from the Comedy Workshops!

13 March @ 7:30 pm
£7 early bird / £9 on the door
Suitable for ages 18+

SEVEN SISTERS OF COMEDY / MAYDAY

Join us for a night of the best U.K. comedy talent with enough award-winning circuit regulars and TV names to satisfy any comedy appetite. You'll see **Sindhu Vee** (Sindhustan, BBC Radio 4), **Michael Odewale** (BBC New Talent Hot List 2017), **Bisha K Ali**, **Twix**, and **Twayna Mayne** delivering giggles and belly-laughs galore, all hosted by the incredible **Thanyia Moore**.

17 May @ 7:30 pm
£10 early bird / £12 on the door
Suitable for ages 18+

DON'T MISS OUT!

Sign up to receive our email newsletter and we'll update you when new acts are announced: berniegrantcentre.co.uk.



ARIELLE SOUMA

COMEDY WORKSHOPS

Join professional funny-woman **Thanyia Moore** for a series of workshops where you'll learn the basics of comedy, build your confidence, and have the chance to perform in our Comedy Showcase on 13 March. It's cheaper than therapy and lots more fun.

31 Jan, 7, 14, 21, 28 Feb, 7 March @ 7 to 8:30 pm
£6 drop-in or £30 for all six
Call our Box Office on 020 8365 5450 to book!

MUSIC ON THE MEZZ

BOUBACAR KAFANDO

ANNIE REW SHAW

Beat the mid-week blues with our eclectic music series featuring everything from samba to reggae, folk, and West African kora. Wednesday nights on the mezzanine above the Café & Bar.
Doors open @ 7:30 pm – £3 cover

CAMINA BANDA

February 14

JOHN BLOOD AND THE HIGHLYS

February 21

IZE REDD

February 28

ANNIE REW SHAW

March 14

NATALIE LINDI

March 21

BOUBACAR KAFANDO & ZAAMA NOONA BAND

April 4

LET DRUM BEAT

April 11

HELEN MCDONALD QUARTET

April 18

BEMBÉ CUBANO

with **Jesus Cutiño y Son de Cuba**, **Tumbao Tivoli**, **Camina Banda**, **Philips Man y Lolo MC**

Join us for sunshine sounds – party the Cuban way!

Let us transport you away from London's April showers to the sun-soaked streets of Cuba! Welcoming four of the premiere Cuban acts this side of the Caribbean, together under the same roof for the first time ever, we'll bring you the rhythms and flavours of *son*, *salsa*, *timba*, and much more.

Get your dancing shoes on, grab yourself an authentic mojito and join us for what promises to be the hottest Latin-music event of 2018.

6 April @ 8 pm
Tickets: £10 early bird / £15 on the door

IZE REDD

THEATRE



URDANG ACADEMY PRESENTS

9 TO 5

Based on the 1980 movie, this production with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton tells the story of three women – Violet, Judy, and Doralee – who work soul-numbing office jobs under the thumb of the sexist, lecherous, and pompous Franklin Hart.

9 and 10 February @ 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm
£17.50/ £12 concessions
Suitable for ages 12+

SISTER ACT

A lounge singer goes into hiding in a convent when a mob boss puts her on his hit list – but life among the nuns isn't an easy fit for a woman accustomed to a life of freedom. A sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship, sisterhood and music.

16 and 17 February @ 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm
£17.50/ £12 concessions
Suitable for ages 12+

JANE EYRE

This classic story returns to the stage in musical form, following the eponymous heroine's journey to adulthood and love for Mr. Rochester, master of Thornfield Hall.

23 and 24 February @ 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm
£17.50/ £12 concessions
Suitable for ages 12+

SWEET CHARITY

Charity Hope Valentine, a comically unfortunate dance hall hostess in New York City, lives in hope of a great romance to sweep her off her feet. This musical captures all the energy, humour, and heartbreak of life in the Big Apple for an unlucky but irrepressible optimist.

2 and 3 March @ 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm
£17.50/ £12 concessions
Suitable for ages 12+

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THEATRE

CECI N'EST PAS NOIRE



CLAY



SYSTEMSLAB PRESENTS

CECI N'EST PAS NOIRE AND CLAY

Freddie Opoku-Addaie, curator of SystemsLAB, presents a double bill of works by three extraordinary international female dance artists

In *Ceci n'est pas Noire* (This is Not Black), an Afropean woman takes you on a spellbinding journey using dance, theatre spoken word and song. Choreographer and performer Alesandra Seutin delves into memories of her upbringing in Europe and Africa, playing with masks and guises as she moves from place to place, following the winding roads of memory.

In *Clay*, American contemporary dancer Asha Thomas and British flamenco *bailaora* Yinka Esi Graves draw from their collective memory and experiences to create a unique shared language. With routes spanning Jamaica, Ghana, and the American Deep South with its Baptist preachers, they explore the connections between who they believe themselves to be and the unconscious parts of their identities. Includes live music from award-winning flamenco guitarist Guillermo Guillen.

17 March @ 7:30 pm
£15 / £12 concessions
Suitable for ages 12+

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RED RIDING HOOD AND THE WOLF



LITTLE ANGEL THEATRE PRESENTS

RED RIDING HOOD AND THE WOLF

A delightful retelling of this classic tale for children ages 7+

Time for bed. Tuck yourself in. This is where Robyn's story begins.

How can they expect her to sleep at a time like this? She takes a book and starts to read. But she can't relate to Red Riding Hood, sugar and spice and all things nice.

There are two sides to every tale, and that is not how this one goes! What if the Big Bad Wolf wasn't big or bad at all? What if they got it wrong?

*And here is where our story starts
A gentle wolf with a broken heart...
The wolf is isn't big or bad, in fact he's rather shy
He won't gobble up your Grandma, he's an all-round nice guy.*

Robyn wants to tell you what really happened through a world of homemade make-believe. Enjoy a new spin on this classic story – about two misfits who just want to fit in.

20 March @ 1:30 pm and 5 pm
Tickets: £9 Adult / £7 Child
Recommended for ages 7+



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THEATRE

IZINDAVA

TAVAZIVA DANCE PRESENTS

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An extraordinary new work from ground-breaking choreographer Bawren Tavaziva

Bawren Tavaziva's new work is a bold and universal message about human fragility within our changing world.

Beautiful, haunting and provocative, Izindava unearths raw emotions that are unsettling and unforgettable. Extraordinary sculptural costumes extend and abstract Bawren's choreography with astonishing results.

A very personal piece about traumatic, religious childhood fears, Izindava also focusses on the redemptive power of dance, music and Rastafarianism.

Tavaziva's unique style seamlessly synthesises ballet, contemporary and African dance, and is performed by a cast of stunning dancers.

In Ndebele, Izindava translates as 'news'.

22 March @ 7.30 pm
Tickets: £16 / £12 concessions
Suitable for ages 12+

CANTATA FOR FOUR WINGS

KIND PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

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A tragicomic play about living on the brink of despair performed in Polish and English

In this unique production from Poland, two angels must fight for the life of a woman on the verge of suicide. A tragicomic reflection on love, loneliness, forgiveness and friendship. .

14 April @ 6:30 pm (in Polish) and 9 pm (English)
Tickets: £10 / £8 concessions
Suitable for ages 16+

**„Kantata na cztery skrzydła“
to tragikomedia polskiego
współczesnego dramaturga
Robert Brutter**

THEATRE



THE MTA PRESENTS

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

The MTA returns with its musical theatre revue, directed and choreographed by West End and TV star Steve Elias with guest choreography from Philip Joel (Closer to Heaven), Chris Whittaker (Top Hat), Anthony Whiteman (Legally Blonde), and Mark Smith (Tommy). Other choreographers include Cris Penfold, Helen Siveter, and Alan Bradshaw, to name just a few. With a live band, you will not want to miss this evening of musical theatre delight!

7, 8, 9 March @ 7:30 pm
10 March @ 3 pm and 7:30 pm
Tickets: £18 / £15 concessions
Suitable for ages 12+

EXHIBITIONS



SOLD & VINEGAR

New works by Jofre Garcia Hall

"These past two years, I have been materialising ideas that fluttered through my head, a mixture of 3D design art and graphic design. I very much enjoy seeing how the concept is interpreted in different ways according to the creativity of the observer. It is a kaleidoscope, which never repeats the same shape and colour, like the clouds. You might see an ant. Someone else might see an elephant."

Jofre Garcia Hall

26 January to 18 February

HARINGEY SHED PRESENTS



THE AMAZING JOURNEY OF THE GRIMACING PODGE OR THE MISSING ME

A new piece of musical theatre from the Tottenham-based inclusive theatre company, Haringey Shed. A story of self-discovery, hope, courage, anxiety and fear. A journey that feels like it has been travelled a million times before without drawing any nearer to the destination. But could this time be different? Performed with exuberance, energy, and passion, these young people tell their story with superb ensemble and high impact.

28 and 29 March @ 7 pm
Tickets: £7.50 / £5.50 concessions
/ £3.50 under 16s
Suitable for ages 7+

In 2018, we'll be further developing our exhibitions programme in the theatre's front-of-house area where we emphasise the visual arts and works by local creatives. Entry is always free!

Are you a visual artist or sculptor looking for a place to show your art?
Get in touch with us at programme@berniegrantcentre.co.uk.

CINEMA

JASON AND SHIRLEY



TICKETS £7 EARLY BIRD AND £9 ON THE DOOR – BOOK EARLY
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DATES AND TIMES

INDEPENDENT FILMMAKERS:

INJUSTICE + PANEL DISCUSSION

The past years have seen the worst prison riots in decades. This hard-hitting doc investigates, delving into the world of prisons and the judicial system.
25 January

THE FINAL YEAR



LEAVING LEGACIES:

THE FINAL YEAR

The Final Year is a unique insider's account of President Barack Obama's foreign policy team during their last year in office, featuring unprecedented access to the White House.
Screening 26 January to 23 February

AUDRE LORDE: THE BERLIN YEARS 1984-1992

Audre Lorde came to live in West Berlin in the '80s and early '90s. This film documents Lorde's lasting legacy on a whole generation of writers and poets in Germany.
6, 13, 20 and 27 April

WORLD CINEMA:

SWEET COUNTRY

An aged Aboriginal farmhand kills a white man in self-defence and flees across the harsh and rugged outback – but will he be able to outrun the posse hunting him down?
Screening 9 March to 5 May

THE WOUND

Xolani, a disgruntled factory worker, returns home every year to initiate a new group of Xhosa teenagers into manhood. Tradition and modernity clash when he encounters Kwanda, a flamboyant city boy with nothing but contempt for the old ways.
Screening 27 April to 19 May

OUR REEL HISTORIES

WE CAME TO SWEAT

A love letter to Starlite, Brooklyn's oldest black-owned gay bar and a queer landmark from before the Stonewall era, which finds itself threatened with eviction.
10 February

WOUBI CHERI

In Ivory Coast, a young man named Barbara organises the Transvestite Association's annual year end party. This insightful, funny, often ribald doc introduces us to Ivory Coast's vibrant gay and transgender community.
10 March

PORTRAIT OF JASON

Shot in a single 12-hour take, this 1967 *cinéma vérité* doc takes us inside the life of Jason Holliday, a hustler and would-be cabaret performer with a theatrical persona.
"The most extraordinary film I've seen in my life" – Ingmar Bergman
14 April

JASON AND SHIRLEY

When Shirley Clarke set out to make *Portrait of Jason* (see above), she invited him to her penthouse at the Chelsea Hotel and let him talk for 12 hours. Yet some accused Clarke of exploitation. This doc explores the fraught encounter from Jason's point of view.
12 May

INJUSTICE

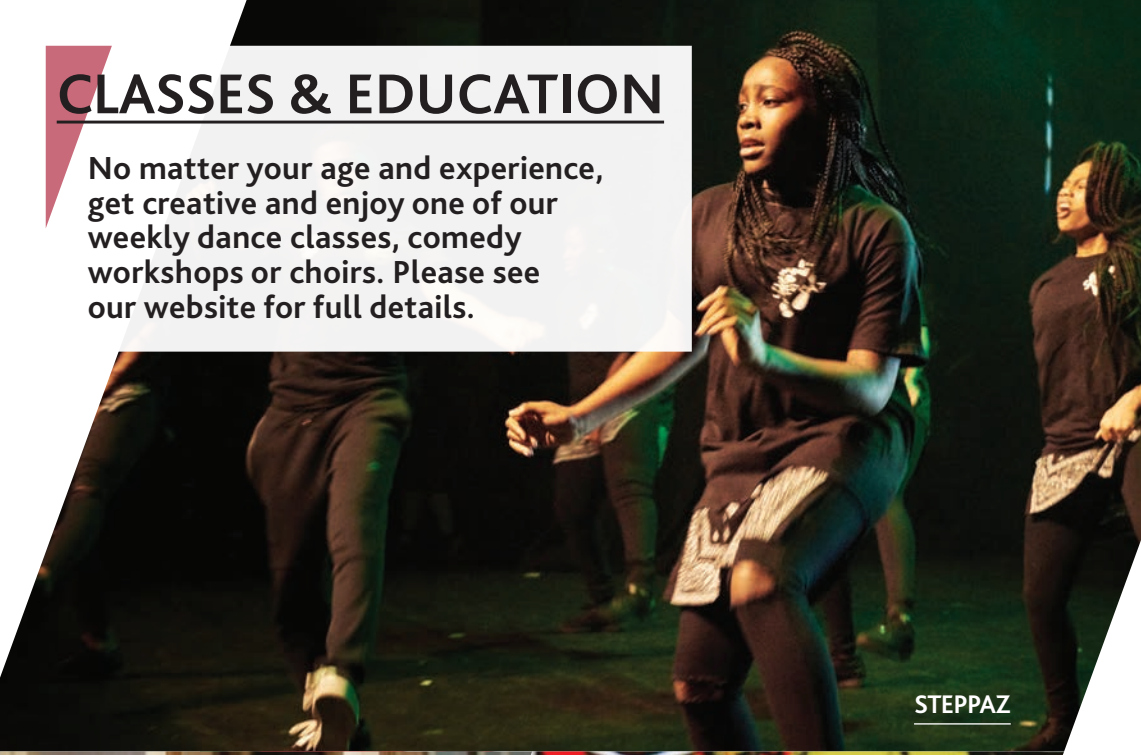


SWEET COUNTRY



CLASSES & EDUCATION

No matter your age and experience, get creative and enjoy one of our weekly dance classes, comedy workshops or choirs. Please see our website for full details.



STEPPAZ

ANIKO'S DANCE ACADEMY

Aniko's Dance Academy offers classical ballet for children and adults on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. £12 per adult class drop-in with free trial classes for children.

BALLET FOR YOU

Ballet for You runs challenging technical classes for adult dancers with at least 4 years of structured ballet tuition looking to hone their technique. Thursdays 7-8:15 pm (ballet class), 8:15-8:45 pm (pointe), £135 per term.

STEPPAZ

Steppaz is for young people and adults who love dance and movement. Classes take place on Wednesdays and Fridays, £5 per class.

DAISY ROOTS DANCERS

An exciting new dance class for beginners covering Hip Hop, Afrobeats, Latin and more. Wednesdays 8:15-9:15 pm, £5 drop in or £18 per month.

BLACK ARTS PRODUCTIONS

Black Arts Productions offers extensive and stimulating drama training for students interested in an acting career. Saturdays, 12-2, £80 per term.

COMEDY WORKSHOPS

In our Comedy Workshops led by professional comedian **Thanyia Moore** learn the basics of comedy and develop the confidence to get up on stage at your first gig. Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm starting January 31st, £6 drop in or £30 for all six workshops!

LONDON HOUSE CATS CHOIR

London House Cats Choir is a unique contemporary choir for intermediate and advanced singers rehearsing on Monday nights. Mondays 7:30-8:30 pm, £7 per rehearsal or £20 per month.

NEW TOTTENHAM SINGERS

New Tottenham Singers rehearse and perform a wide range of vocal music, from Mozart to musical theatre and jazz. Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 pm, £60 per term.



NEW TOTTENHAM SINGERS



DAISY ROOTS DANCERS

Photo: Stephanie Rose Wood

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ANIKO'S DANCE ACADEMY



CREATIVE ENTERPRISE

When the Bernie Grant Arts Centre first opened its doors in 2007, we set out to support North London artists, makers, and creatives with a special emphasis on under-represented minorities. More than a decade on, that mission is going strong and we are proud to host everything from London premieres by world-famous choreographers to new work by performers who grew up just round the corner.



HIRE US



CREATIVE CONTRIBUTORS

Are you a director or producer, a musician, actor, writer, choreographer, or curator? We want to hear from you. Send an email to programme@berniegrantcentre.co.uk – we look forward to starting the conversation.

Are you an artist, designer, maker, or creative entrepreneur who needs workspace? Learn about studios in our Enterprise Centre by visiting berniegrantcentre.co.uk/hire/workspace



VENUE HIRE

With a dedicated team taking care of your every need, the Bernie Grant Arts Centre is the perfect, hassle-free location for your next event, whether that's a theatre production, conference, private function, workshop or class.

Offering six easily configured spaces for hire, we welcome all enquiries no matter whether you are a theatre company looking for space to perform or rehearse, an organisation conducting a workshop or training, or a private individual looking for the perfect place to host a celebration.

For information on our spaces and to start your enquiry, please visit berniegrantcentre.co.uk/hire. We look forward to hearing from you!

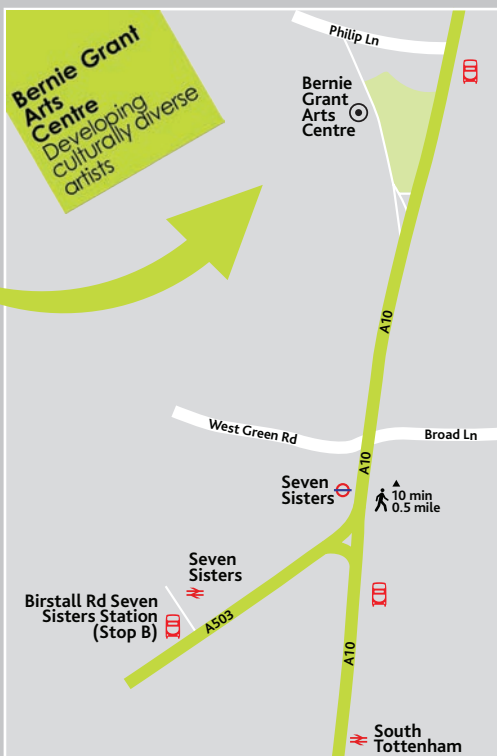


WHERE TO FIND US

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Located in the heart of south Tottenham next to Tottenham Green and the old Town Hall, the Bernie Grant Arts Centre is easy to find.

It's just a short walk from the Seven Sisters Tube and Overground station and is served by bus routes 76, 149, 230, 243, 259, 279, 318, 341, 349 and 476.



BOX OFFICE

Box Office Hours:
Monday to Friday 9 am - 7 pm
Saturday 9 am - 6 pm
Sunday 9 am - 5 pm

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