

# Arts Council England Award Summer & Sydenham 2017

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Sydenham Arts scoops another Arts Council England Award for its summer festival this year.

Just like the cavalry, the Arts Council arrived in the nick of time to ensure that our 'Girls Allowed' festival themed events can go ahead as part of one of the best line-ups witnessed in our 9 year history.

Starting this Thursday, we have Deanna Rodger, rising star of the UK performance circuit, Four Femmes on the Thames – home grown talent and Winners of the Underbelly Comedy Award 2016 that will delight and provoke with their tongue-in-cheek take on dating, feminism, love and London-living, through comedy and song. With slick performances from all four vocalists and their band, the Hommes, this promises to be one of the favourites in the festival diary. Bryony Twydale's new show Twaddle arrives fresh from Brighton Fringe. Bryony (New Comedian of the Year 2016 semi-finalist, Funny Women 2015 semi-finalist, BBC Radio 4's 'Sketchorama', one fifth of award-winning sketch group The Jest) brings her debut solo show to Sydenham Arts. The festival closes with Ayesha Hazarika MBE with her unique 'State of the Nation' address, a move into comedy from front line politics.

Sydenham Arts' Summer & Sydenham 2017 Festival sees the return of **Foxtots Bops**, and we are proud to introduce **Step Lively Barn Dance & Ceilidh** in Mayow Park – London's largest ever barn dance. Our dance theme continues with **Salsa with Yamile**, performances by singer, **Harriet Eaves**, and our summer film, the iconic **West Side Story**, which celebrates its 60th anniversary this year.

If you haven't yet received a copy of our programme through your door, you can find it online at [www.sydenhamarts.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.sydenhamarts.co.uk/whats-on)

We hope to see you at one of our events over the coming fortnight.

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