

DEEP DARK & POSSIBLY DIRTY

a weekend of

COLD WATER FUN

**a series of imaginary events
for the River Thames (London)**

Tim Etchells

Part of A River Enquiry,
a series of new artists' commissions by home live art
in collaboration with The Mayor's Thames Festival

Saturday 8 am

**The RIVER THAMES
dyed DAYGLO using SCIENTIFIC
MATERIALS in COLOURS that
approximate RED, ORANGE &
DARK GREEN**

**the latter to make it more like a postcard,
the former for reasons that no one understands**

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**A Ballet of Pleasure Boats,
Working-Tugs & Police Motorboats**

Set to Music by some friends of The Pussycat Dolls

NOTE:

Only Suitable for Old People & Idiots

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Lunchtime Special

**DRINK A GALLON OF RIVER
WATER (CONTEST)
(No Under 5's)**

Fastest Drinker Wins a Pizza & a Plate of CHIPS.

Saturday 2 pm

The Thames Frozen Over By MECHANICAL MEANS

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The Great River Becomes A Stage

Grand Parade of The Elephants & Castle (sic)

ALSO:

SLIDING CONTEST

From Hay's Wharf to Tate Modern

A SERIES of MEN launched out on the vast expanse of the ice using
BEER BELLIES & cooking oil as an AID TO THEIR MOTION

Win an iPod etc.

PRIZES donated by JEKYLL, ANONYMOUS & CO.

Prizes presented by Jordan, Madonna & Maradonna.

PLUS

City Traders Drink Their Ages, Bonuses, Salaries & Shoe Sizes
in Bottles of Dom Pérignon vintage champagne (sic).

Saturday 3 pm

**Scenes from Shakespeare,
Osborne & Pinter enacted by
Ice-Skating Thespians**

Music by Roger Daltrey & Timothy Dalton

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Stalls ERECTED on the ICE

Inc Toasted Chestnuts, Vat-Grown Venison, Alcopops & Red Bull.

Anna Chapman in the NUDE*

(*& Other Sleeper Agents)

Not Suitable For Children

Guided Tour presenting

Sundry Creatures Entombed Within The

RIVER ICE

**inc. Plankton, Jelly Fish
& Genetically Modified Mice.**

No Drunks. No Timewasters.

Saturday 4 pm (approx)

The FROZEN Thames MELTED BY MEN WIELDING FLAMETHROWERS

Sneak Preview of Global Warming. Book early.
Why Wait for 2050? Etc.

NO LATECOMERS

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Tag Team Swimming Contest

Tramps & Tourists

Vs

Economic Migrants & People With Migraines

People with No Swimming Trunks

Vs

People with No Common Sense

PLUS

4.30pm prompt. All over the city:

Honest Working People SOLD SHORT & DOWN THE RIVER
(Repeated from the 80's. Soundtrack by Bros.)

Saturday Afternoon Specials

Half Price Lager & Free Ice Cream

(Pineapple & Gravy Flavour Only. One Serving Per Household)

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'FLOATSAM & JETSAM' (SIC) SCULPTURE CONTEST

Amusing ASSEMBLAGES formed out of Driftwood,
Plastic Bottles, Disposable Carrier Bags, Broken Glass &
Sundry 'Ambiguous' Objects from the Shoreline.

Judged by Bruce Forsyth & a glamorous assistant (tbc).

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REPLICA OF ATLANTIS (ACTUAL SIZE)

Opened by Sir Michael Caine, then sunk beneath the WAVES.

Saturday 8 pm

'Beggars from the Eurozone'

perform

Poems to The River

in Nightschool Mockerney Rhyming Slang
Accompanied by an old Bloke With no teeth &
an Electrified Barrel Organ

ALSO: Dancing Monkeys

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WASHED UP ON THE RIVER BANKS

*Pete Doherty, Gordon Brown,
Gordon Ramsay, Robinson Crusoe
& etc.*

Saturday 11 pm

SPLASH CONTEST

including:

Boris Johnson

dropped NAKED from a Helicopter

Sam Fox

dressed in a Trouser Suit &
hurled from the Hungerford Bridge

Paul "Gazza" Gascoine

bound in a REPLICA England KIT &
launched from a Cannon at the Tower

**Plus other guests TBC. Contains artificial LIGHTING.
Prizes at 10pm Prompt. No Crash Helmets, T-Shirts or
Baseball caps.**

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Who Can Swim Like A Jellyfish?

Open to everyone. Win an iPad. British Citizens Only.

Saturday AT MIDNIGHT

Londinium Forever

A Ballet of Sea Serpents
with A Chorus of Voluptuous Mermaids

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FIREWORKS DEPICTING A WATERFALL

Set to Music by Sir Elton John & Lady Ga Ga

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BEST OF LONDON CCTV

Inc 2 car crashes, a fat drunk bloke on a escalator, escape of a Zebra on the M25 & two blonde girls in a multi-storey car park late at night with nothing but Ugg Boots to cover their shame.

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25% Cuts of Everything
20% of the Water Drained

Sunday 6 am

The infamous vaudevillians

CAMERON & CLEGG

present

A Ship of Fools

Aquatical Fairytale

'BENEATH THE WAVES OF ALL REASON'

also inc POINTLESS IDEOLOGICAL VANDALISM

Music by Forgemasters

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Boating Extra:

PEDALOGES AT DAWN

Sir Peter Stringfellow & 'Friends'
Afloat upon a Lilo

(Tableaux Vivant)

**Sunday 7 am
at Bankside**

**Fully Modernised Roundabouts &
Futuristic Amusement Arcades
Top speed 200mph**

May cause headaches, nosebleeds & nausea.

**Members of the Upper Class Try
Jumping from Hungerford Bridge**

Respect Their Dignity. Please Do Not Applaud.

**8 am
CLOSED FOR A PRIVATE EVENT**

**9 am
CLOSED FOR AN EVENT BY THE SPONSORS**

**10 am
CLOSED BECAUSE OF A SECURITY ALERT**

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**The Whole River Boiled Away to Make
Steam**

Sunday Lunchtime

Recession-Buster Slap-Up Specials

Roast Ox & a Packet of Crisps
Chicken Legs From Concentrate

**Linda McCartney's
Vegetarian Surprise**

Single Dads, Crack Heads & War Veterans Eat Free.
(Terms & Conditions May Apply.)

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**A SOLITARY ELEPHANT DROPPED
WITHOUT PARACHUTE INTO THE RIVER
FROM WESTMINSTER BRIDGE**

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Exhibition of Dust

Sunday 3 pm

Aqua-Battle Special

Absolutely No Holds Barred

Kids with Massive Water Pistols

Vs

Teenagers with Experimental Fire Extinguishers

Jules Verne's Nautilus

Vs

NAZI Yellow Submarines

Sudanese Pirates

Vs

Spanish Armada

Etc.

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Late Night SPECTACULAR

“Re-Sinking the Titanic”

Inc. Glenn Close in a terrible LATEX mask.

Sunday 4 pm

MARATHON EVENT

Merrie Minstrels sing the platinum collection of

KICK-ASS BALLADS

Inspired by the Tidal Motion of the Thames

Remixed by MC Dombey & Son

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'Merrie Englande' Live on Television

NATO Bombardment of a Big Brother © House

Pole Vaulting over the Tower of London

**Pickpockets, thieves & other Ne'er-do-wells bound, gagged,
tasered & cast adrift inside wheelie bins.**

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**Cops dredge the river for EVIDENCE,
treasure & old boots.**

Sunday 5 pm

A GREAT RACE OF DANGEROUS, UNUSUAL & UNSEAWORTHY CRAFT

Inc. improvised Gondolas, rafts made entirely from plywood,
two men in a bucket, etc. etc. & co.

Prize presented by Cheryl Cole. All proceeds to Charity.

PLUS

Tales from the Riverbanks

Homeless Persons & Tourists Swap Style Tips, Anecdotes,
Survival Strategies & Religious Persuasions.

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The Last Fish Still Living in the Thames

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In A Nearby Hostelry:

**Troubadours Lament the Current Standard of
Football in the Premiership**

Sunday 9 pm

BIG SOCIETY

“BRING & BUY SALE”

Start your own school, army, air-sea rescue or fire brigade.

CANCELLED
Due to TOTAL
Lack of
INTEREST

Sunday 10 pm

GRAND FINALE

Fiddlers on the Roof. Police Marksmen in the bushes.

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Dog Race Across the Thames

NOTE: Pedigree Animals Only

**Dogs win a Bone with Some Meat on it.
Owners Win a Flat Screen Television.**

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The River Gods watch & wait with the patience of the Ages.

**Be careful what you wish for.
You May Get it In the End.**

**Rule Britannia.
Welcome to the Pleasuredome.**

Tim Etchells

Tim Etchells (1962) is an artist and a writer based in the UK. He has worked in a wide variety of contexts, notably as the leader of the world renowned performance group Forced Entertainment and in collaboration with a range of visual artists, choreographers and photographers. His work spans performance, video, photography, text projects, installation and fiction. His first novel *The Broken World* was published by Heinemann in 2008 and his widely acclaimed collection of texts and essays on contemporary performance and Forced Entertainment, *Certain Fragments* was published by Routledge in 1999. In recent years Etchells has exhibited widely in the visual arts context, with solo shows at Gasworks and Sketch (both London) and Künstlerhaus Bremen. His work has appeared in the biennales Manifesta 7 (2008) in Rovereto, Italy, Art Sheffield 2008 and Goteborg Bienale (2009) and (with Vlatka Horvat) will be part of Aichi Triennale in Nagoya, Japan and October Salon in Belgrade (both 2010). Selected group shows include Netherlands Media Art Institute (Amsterdam), MUKHA (Antwerp), Sparwasser HQ (Berlin), MACBA (Barcelona), The Centre for Book Arts, Canada and Exit Art (all New York) and Kunsthau Graz. He is currently *Legacy: Thinker in Residence* (2009-2010) at Tate Research and LADA in London.

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Mayor's Thames Festival: 11th and 12th September 2010, 12pm-10pm

The Mayor's Thames Festival (www.thamesfestival.org) is London's largest free outdoor arts festival. A spectacular, free celebration of London and its river, the festival takes place every September with a packed weekend of outdoor events on the River Thames, the riverside walkways, roads, bridges, docks and public open spaces from the London Eye to Tower Bridge and beyond. The festival commissions new work, and transforms unusual spaces on and around the River Thames with a vivid mixture of music, dance, feasting, carnival, river races, art installations and street arts. The Mayor's Thames Festival is supported by Arts Council England and the Mayor of London.

home live art

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