

The Making of the Iconic Carol + More London Events, 13–19 August

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Another week beckons and although you're probably rushed off your feet seeking out new opportunities, it doesn't mean you can't have some fun. Luckily, the big city is here and ready to provide plenty of events to keep you both informed and entertained.

Goold and Graham get verbal.

Calling all you theatre nuts out there: this week's event to book ahead for is just for you. On 9 September the [Almeida Theatre's Artistic Director Rupert Goold](#) and playwright [James Graham](#) are getting together to talk about creativity, collaboration and how to attract different types of audiences. That's followed by an audience Q&A, and with Goold hard at work on a big-screen Judy Garland biopic starring Renée Zellweger, there's plenty to chat about. (£16)

Watch some great films.

Starting this week is the [London Feminist Film Festival](#) running until largely ignored by mainstream distributors, the festival is chock full of interesting, provocative films from over 30 female directors. Check out the films and stick around for the filmmaker Q&As and industry-based discussions—it'll be a great chance to network too!

Find out about the role of the producer.

If the LFFF inspires you to find out more about independent filmmaking, why not listen to [film producer Elizabeth Karlsen](#) chat about her brilliant career on 15 August. Karlsen has been behind films like *On Chesil Beach*, *Little Voice* and the film she describes as her passion project: the six-time Oscar-nominated *Carol*. (£10 with free cocktail; £8 for students)

Showbiz in all its agony.

Fancy seeing your musical theatre life on stage in all its glory? Well, that's what new comedy revue [I Wish My Life Were Like a Musical](#) threatens to do, one showstopper at a time. From the puppy-dog enthusiasm of the new drama school grad to the bitterness of the aging chorus member—all stages of performance life are represented here. The show runs now through 26 August. (£20)

Brush up on your Shakespeare.

Don your hose and unleash your codpiece immediately, the Soho Theatre is hosting Chicago's [Improvised Shakespeare Company](#) until 18 August. No one knows what the Bard would have made of these totally off-the-cuff plays created nightly, but most audiences think them very funny. Thou should maybe check it out. (From £14)

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