

## **“It’s time for the Tottenham Carnival 2009” – at last some good news!**

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The twelfth Tottenham Carnival, North London's biggest community festival, takes place on June 20th 2009 in Bruce Castle Park (N17 8NU) - bringing together local communities to celebrate all the good things Haringey has to offer through rich cultural diversity.

Up to 80,000 people are expected to join in the free family-friendly fun, to experience a unique showcase of different cultures, tastes and sounds: there will be five stages of live entertainment, as well as a Spurs zone organised by Tottenham Hotspur, Comedy Tent, Latin Zone, fun fair, Kids' Zone, Youth Zone, and Pensioners' Zone.

The now famous carnival procession starts at 11am in Eade Road; the festival commences at 12 noon in Bruce Castle Park (ends 7pm).

Carnival president and Tottenham MP, David Lammy, said: “Almost 190 languages are now spoken so it’s different communities working together in Tottenham. Obviously it’s an opportunity for the young people particularly, many of whom in the primary schools have got involved in making costumes and making floats.

“It has grown so it gets bigger and bigger every year and it culminates in an afternoon-into-evening activity in Bruce Castle Park, and that’s got to be a good thing because that’s an opportunity for family and young people to be there enjoying the event, enjoying the stalls.”

He continues: “Tottenham now is known for its diversity. There is significant regeneration, and there is suitable and accessible housing for people. There’s a sense that things are moving forward and happening in the area.”

Perrier-nominated comedian and ‘local boy’ Simon Munnery has been lined up to headline in the Comedy Tent, alongside an array of local Tottenham talent, and many schools and other organisations are adding to the feel-good factor by appearing on the other stages (see details below).

Carnival chairman Nicky Price said: “This is one of the capital’s biggest good news stories – the Tottenham Carnival will be bigger and better than ever.

“It’s been a difficult year for many and this will be a chance to get away from all the bad news and celebrate Tottenham’s growing cultural contribution.”

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Notes to editors:

For interviews with Carnival chairman Nicky Price or other Carnival organisers, or for carnival jpegs, please ring Howard Dobson Press and PR on 07788 864411.

The president of Tottenham Carnival is David Lammy MP.

The Carnival is a registered charity number 1124324 with patrons Daniel Levy (Tottenham Hotspur) and police Borough Commander David Grant.

More details on Carnival attractions are included below, or visit [www.tottenhamcarnival.co.uk](http://www.tottenhamcarnival.co.uk).

Nearest transport links: Tube: Tottenham Hale (0.96mi, 1.55km), Railway: White Hart Lane (0.40mi, 0.64km).

#### Main stage - highlights

- Carnival Costume Parade at 2.30pm
- Dance/school acts: Risley Avenue Primary School Choir, Up To Da Time, St Francis De Sales Junior School, Lets Be Positive (NDC), Trainor School of Irish Dance, Serenity, Dimensions
- Vocal acts include: Tawiah (young female artist at forefront of new wave of UK soul, [www.myspace.com/tawiah](http://www.myspace.com/tawiah)); Zacheous Jackson (just returned from a Reggae festival in Turkey performing alongside many well known names).
- Flavasum Trust LOVE MUSIC NOT KNIVES urban music Showcase with DJ Kat (from Choice FM)

#### Children's stage programme

12-1pm - Mr Squash will entertain and delight children of all ages

1-2pm - Solid Steel band will play music to sway your hips to

2-3pm - Foxy The Funky Genie will perform Little Red Ridding Hood with a difference and the Funky Genie show

3-4pm - Beeja Dance Company will perform Indian dance and run a dance workshop with live musicians

4-5pm - Franco Magic Show, Magic Circle Franco will amuse and amaze

Free of Charge in the area: balloon modelling, soft play area for little ones, giant castle inflatable activity run

#### Carnival Latino

The Latin Zone will feature, amongst other activities and attractions:

- Latin American floats in the Tottenham Carnival Parade earlier in the day
- International guest artists from Latin America
- The Inti Raymi – the Andean New Year celebrations
- Some of the best local artists from the Latin American community in London
- Children and elderly dance groups
- Folk dance groups from various countries
- A Latin American dance tent with classes in different Latin American dance styles
- Children's activities
- Latin DJs
- A Latin Village, with Latin American stalls

· Latin American food and drinks

#### Inclusion Zone Music Live Stage

Frank Hutson and Louise Wallis of Luminous Frenzy have attended the event for many years with a group of young people with learning difficulties, who have mastered the art of DJ-ing (as taught by Frank and Louise) called the The Wild Bunch. This year Tottenham Hotspur have agreed to complement Frank and Louise's music activities with sports activities for people with disabilities.

#### Youth Entertainment Sound System presents 'Rise of the Underground 4.0

The Youth Zone will be showcasing some of the finest up and coming talent from across the capital and beyond: singers, dance troupes, MCs, poets and others will deliver a series of jaw-dropping performances as part of a seven hour line-up of entertainment, along with competitions and give-aways.

#### Elders Marquee

1pm – 6.00pm

All day DJ with Pop Pickers and New for 2009, Carnival Karaoke! Plus, back by popular demand it's the fabulous RED GLASS SKY DANCE group with samba and belly dance sessions. Lots of guest performers, including Ping Wing, guest singers and dancers and very special guest artist on the day. Tea coffee and good conversation guaranteed.

#### Comedy Tent

A range of hilarious talent, headlined by Simon Munnery.