

CROYDON *Gyladi Glead*



Saturday 16 August 12pm – 6pm

Sunday 17 August 12pm – 5pm

High Street, North End and Croydon Clocktower

**A free weekend of music and events celebrating the 150th anniversary
of Croydon composer and conductor Samuel Coleridge-Taylor**



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WHAT'S ON

BANDSTAND

High Street outside Grants

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SATURDAY

Baby Gospel

12pm

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from Civic Mayor Councillor
Richard Chatterjee

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Gospel Rising

2.35pm

Gospel Rising, a Croydon choir led by Joanne Miller, celebrate the joy of song with uplifting Gospel music.

Pegasus Opera Company

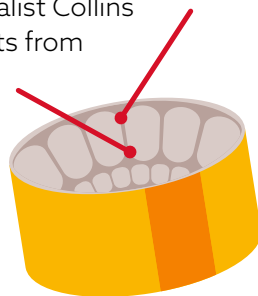
3.45pm

Pegasus' incredibly talented opera artists will perform a specially-curated set that brings Coleridge-Taylor's story to life through song. Expect incredible vocals and powerful storytelling.

King Masco and Collins Pratt

5.15pm

The ultimate showman and musician, King Masco, is joined by multi-instrumentalist Collins Pratt. These artists from Sierra Leone, along with their dancers, will certainly put the glad into Gladi Gladi!



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Drum the Bass

1.25pm and 3.45pm

Shri Sriram and Drum The Bass will bring together Indian classical, electronica, dub step, jazz and western classical music in a new

performance sampling Coleridge-Taylor recordings and re-arranging his compositions. Featuring composer and producer Shri Sriram on bass, bansuri (Indian flute) and electronics and jazz and funk legend Dennis Rollins on trombone, along with spoken word artist AmeN NoiR. New commission for **Croydon Gladi Gladi** funded by Croydon Council.



Ewan Bleach presents
The Cable Street Rag Band

4.20pm

This old-style jazz band plays blues, song book foxtrots and swing numbers along with other dance

music from around the world, including waltzes, beguines, tangos and the odd polka. All of their repertoire dates from the 1850s-1940s.



ON STREET PERFORMANCES

There will be outdoor arts and music performances at various locations throughout the weekend.

At the piano

A piano has been left beneath the BAREFACE mural of Coleridge-Taylor at Centrale. Croydon's young people have been invited to play, when there's a gap, why not flex your musical muscles?

Bowjangles

Sunday 1pm, 2.30pm and 4pm

Bowjangles is much more than a string quartet. It is also physical theatre and exuberant storytelling with a smattering of comedy.

Croydon Steel Orchestra

Sunday 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.20pm

Croydon Steel Orchestra is a community band dedicated to enriching the lives of children, teenagers, and adults in our local community through the art of steel pan music. Come and share the joy!



Jon Hicks

Saturday 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm and 4.55pm

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Jon performs his legendary outsized paintings with speed, incredible dexterity, attitude and immaculate timing, all to a kicking soundtrack. Seeing is unbelieving in his unique 'Painting Beyond Numbers' act, performed with stylish aplomb by a true variety master.



Meet Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Saturday 2.15pm, 3.45pm and 5.30pm

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Manny's definitely got the moves – he grooves through the streets offering flowers, charming the crowd and turning any street into a stage.

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Come face-to-face with the man himself! Our **Croydon Remix** giant puppet of Coleridge-Taylor is brought back to life by Stefan Pope. Puppet made by Strange Cargo.

Rhythm Generation

Sunday 12pm, 1.45pm

and 4.30pm

Rhythm Generation return to Croydon Town Centre with their highly acclaimed African drumming and dance performance.



WORKSHOPS AND FAMILY EVENTS

All workshops and activities are **free** to join. They are suitable for all ages unless a range is recommended.

Craft and face painting activities are on the High Street, other activities are in Croydon Clocktower.

African Drumming

Saturday 2pm and 3pm

Learn to drum with Cheikh Diop from Rhythm Generation.

An Anthology of Samuel

Sunday 12.30pm and 2pm

A storytelling show based on traditional Limba folklore from Sierra Leone about a man who declared his only reason for being on earth is

to chew. Usifu Jalloh, The Cowfoot Prince, leads this captivating chronicle accompanied by percussion and songs.

Beats and Eats DJ Workshops

Saturday 12pm – 2pm and 4pm – 6pm

Recommended 7 – 13 years

Learn how to match a beat or mix like a pro!

Dreams Lead to Change

Saturday 12pm – 2pm and 3pm – 5pm

Sunday 12.45pm – 2.30pm and

3.15pm – 5pm

Explore the theme of dreams by creating objects that help you manifest your wishes. You can also voice the

change you would like to see in Croydon and the dreams you have for the future. Led by Chioma Ince.

**Fabric Design Craft Workshop:
Create Your Story**

Saturday 1pm - 3pm and 4pm - 6pm

Use fabric paint colours to evoke emotions and integrate Adinkra and other African and Native American symbols and patterns to create your own visual story using symbols and colour. Led by Fée Uhssi.

Face Painting from Atelier Arzu!

**Saturday and Sunday
12pm - 3.30pm**



Learn to be an opera star

Sunday 3pm, 3.30pm and 4.15pm

Recommended 7 - 13 years

Step into the world of opera and try it for yourself! Led by Pegasus Opera.

Melodies in Print

**Sunday 12.30pm - 2.15pm and
3pm - 5pm**

Make your own printed artwork or a small hand printed bag. Explore shapes and patterns drawn from both Sierra Leonean and Victorian British culture. Led by Diana Phiri-Witty.

Play The Rig

**Saturday and Sunday 12pm - 2pm
and 3pm - 5pm**

Recommended 0 - 11 years

The Rig is an installation of musical curiosities... Built from up-cycled and recycled objects turned into instruments and sound experiments, kids can really get creative with music. Honk the golden tree, bang the metal teapots and chime the rainbow bells... You can also get crafty with an eco-friendly art zone - use recycling to make musical instruments to take away.



Rhythm and Harmony Weaving

**Sunday 12pm - 1.45pm and
2.30pm - 4.30pm**

Your woven paper artworks will reflect textures and harmonies from Coleridge-Taylor's compositions by visualizing musical elements as intersecting strips, and incorporating influences from Kente cloth, Bogolanfini (mudcloth), or Native American blanket designs. Led by Fée Uhssi.



**Collage workshop
with Yvadney Davis**

**Saturday 12.30pm -
2.30pm and
3.30pm - 5.30pm**

Taking inspiration from her banner design, Yvadney Davis will lead you to make your own collage with vintage wallpaper, photography and coloured papers.

FOOD AND DRINK



There's plenty of good food and drink to be had nearby including:

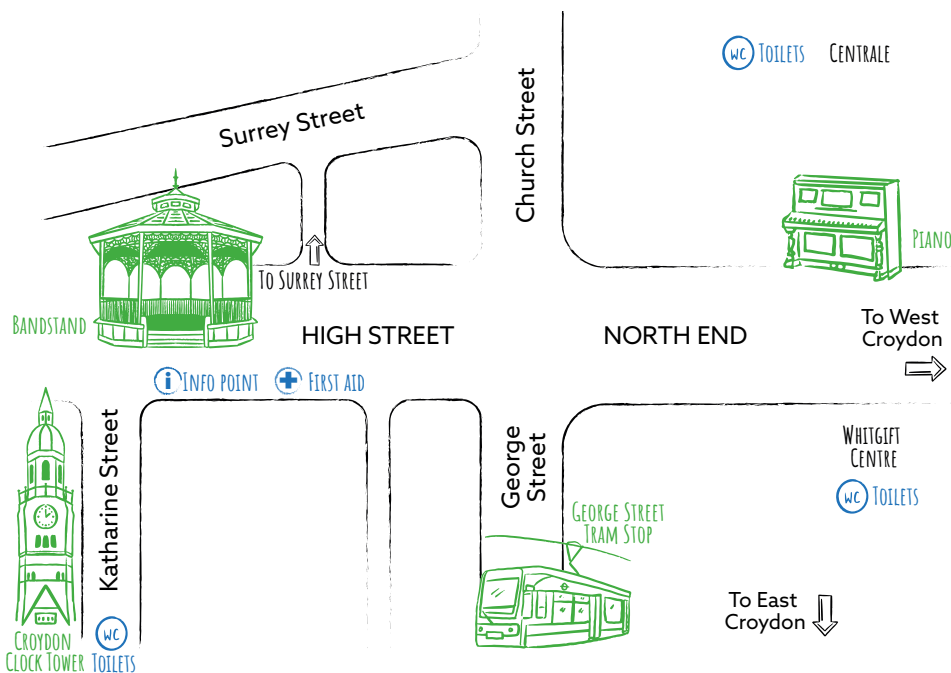
Limin Casks will be running a boutique bar both days on the High Street (near the bandstand). Serving both locally sourced premium

drinks as well as imported rarer stock from around the world, you're sure to find something to whet your whistle.

There's delicious street food on **Surrey Street Market** (just down the steps by the bandstand) and in **Tokia Square** inside the Grants building. **Croydon Clocktower Café** is open Saturday till 4pm serving teas, coffees and yummy lunches (including vegan friendly).

Pubs nearby, including **The Spread Eagle**, **Green Dragon** and **The Dog**, all serve great food.

Photography and filming will be taking place throughout the event. If you do not want to be captured please collect a sticker from the Info Desk.



SAMUEL COLERIDGE-TAYLOR 150 CELEBRATIONS

Join the celebration. Discover the history. Be part of the legacy.

Croydon is celebrating the 150th anniversary of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor with a landmark cultural programme, including the creation of brand-new work by artists and musicians. As well as **Croydon Gladi Gladi** there will be plenty more opportunities to be inspired by Croydon's great composer and conductor throughout the summer and autumn.

Look out for the on-street exhibition running August to October. Croydon Council has commissioned nine Global Majority artists to create new artworks for display as lamppost banners along North End and High Street. They are accompanied by an exhibition telling the story of his life.

In September we will launch free school resources and a self-guided walking trail.

Students from The BRIT School will take over Croydon Clocktower on 18 October, bringing the space to life with new music, dance, drama and art!

At Fairfield Halls on 19 October, London Mozart Players will lead a powerful musical tribute including new music and performances from Tunde Jegede. Violinist Braimah Kanneh-Mason will bring fresh energy to Coleridge-Taylor's Violin Concerto alongside soul-stirring performances from Croydon SDA Gospel Choir.

The Museum of Croydon will bring Coleridge-Taylor's history to life in a new exhibition opening in October.

On 25th October we will be supporting **Voice of Black Opera 2025** led by the Black British Classical Foundation, also at Fairfield Halls.



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