

PRESS RELEASE

COVENT GARDEN, LONDON'S BEATING HEART THIS VALENTINE'S DAY

Covent Garden is the ultimate shopping and dining destination this Valentine's Day, promising the perfect gifts and experiences. With an exclusive pop-up gifting market in its Central Avenue, late-night shopping and exclusive treats, special Valentine's dining and drinks menus and gifts in hundreds of shops, Covent Garden is London's Valentine's Day hub this February.

Open for just six days from Friday 9th February, Covent Garden's Central Avenue will transform into a gifting bonanza with **Tom Ford**, **Miller Harris**, **Godiva** and **Early Hours Flowers** pop-up carts stocked with the very best limited-edition freshly cut flowers, beauty gifts, fragrances and delicious chocolates.

Adding Valentine's magic to the Piazza and providing the perfect picture moment, neon artist **Lauren Baker** has redesigned one of Covent Garden's iconic floral benches with extra special Valentine's Day '*Blow Your Mind*' neon lights.

As well as being home to **Clos Maggiore**, London's most romantic restaurant, Covent Garden's finest eateries **The Henrietta**, **Frenchie**, **Balthazar**, **Oystermen** and **The Ivy Market Grill** will welcome couples looking to dine out this Valentine's Day. **Balthazar** invites pre-theatre goers looking to enjoy a loved-up feast and will have Valentine's sweet treats on its dessert menu including Raspberry Soufflé with the **Boulangerie** offering Raspberry Palmier, Raspberry Truffle and Love Apple – a delicious way to finish the meal. London's favourite oyster bar, **Oystermen** will also be open this Valentine's Day, surprising couples with a treat or two during their meal.

Iconic lifestyle brands across Covent Garden will be sharing the love in the run up to Valentine's Day, with late night shopping until 9pm on Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th February. **Petersham Nurseries** will be adorned with freshly cut bouquets and a charming Tea for Two set, and for something personalised, Linda Farrow will offer complimentary monogramming on glasses pouches. **Floral Street fragrance** first and only boutique welcomes shoppers to purchase bespoke hand painted perfume boxes from an exciting guest artist and **Miller Harris** will offer customised candles.

Covent Garden's Beauty Quarter will also be embracing Valentine's or Galentine's Day with make-up tutorials, makeovers, workshops and beauty treats in over 25 stores. **Tom Ford's** new and first-ever standalone store will hold Private Blend consultations for the Jasmin Rouge & Scarlet Rouge ensemble. Beauty junkies are also invited to book in for their Valentine's date looks at **NARS** with renowned Makeup Artist, Vincent Ford, to enjoy a one-hour session on Saturday 10th February. **Charlotte Tilbury** will also be revealing a brand new royal inspired lipstick collection: *The Queen*, *The Duchess* and *the Legendary Queen* on Tuesday 13th February. **Bobbi Brown** will be hosting a *Smiling Eyes* event on Wednesday 14th February with top make-up artist Amalie Russell leading the tutorials. Skincare enthusiasts can experience the *Healthy Skin Service* at **Clinique** and in turn will receive a beauty sample.

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Visitors to **Molton Brown** will also enjoy prosecco, chocolate coated strawberries, complimentary hand and arm massages and be gifted with Valentine's Goody Bags when shopping instore.

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For a full schedule of events and booking details, visit the Covent Garden Valentine's webpage www.Coventgarden.london/valentines

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