

- **Hip Hop Shakespeare**, London, Southbank Centre: Public performance of a medley of reinterpreted scenes from Shakespeare plays by undiscovered young artists, MOBO award winning artist Akala and VERY special guests - audience participation guaranteed!
  
- **Electric Field, Halifax**, uses sports and arts to explore our perception of how we move through the world, involving young people, sporting and other community groups as well as using performance, live and taped especially composed music and visual arts installations.
  
- **Fighters and Writers**, Omagh, Northern Ireland: Explores the history of Irish Boxing and how the sport has provided men with promises of travel, fortune and fame. Some have made it to the top of the amateur and paid ranks, while others were unlucky and have left us their stories. John McNally, Ireland's first ever Olympic medalist, who took Silver at Helsinki in 1952 will talk about his memories of the glory days of boxing in the 1950s.
  
- **Summer Shorts**, Woking: A day of dance from morning through to tea-time as Woking Dance Festival bring performances from professional dance companies and local communities, each one inexplicitly linked with the rhythms of going about our daily business. Saturday shoppers will become unexpected audience members as they find performances unravelling before them in cosy coffee shops, the bustling town square and shopping malls. As the afternoon winds up into early evening Dance Theatre Ireland's 'Block Party' will unfurl as the Summer Shorts grand finale.
  
- **The Lyric Lounge**, Leicester: A seven-day festival to enable people to explore and enjoy the power of live literature. The event at the Y Theatre is being held as part of the cultural programme for the Special Olympics, Lounge events are expected to attract hundreds of artists, athletes, local families and literature fans alike.
  
- **A Century of Olympic Posters**, The Shipley Art Gallery, Gateshead. The show, on tour from the V&A Museum, explores the representation of the Olympic Games through the intensely visual medium of the poster. Marking the Beijing Olympic Games of 2008 and the build-up to London 2012.
  
- **Streetstyle, Sportstyle 89/09**, Leicester University, is an exhibition exploring what people in the East Midlands were wearing in 1989 and what they choose to wear in 2009. The exhibition will include everyday and sports clothes loaned by local people as well as designer and high street clothes preserved by museums around the East Midlands.
  
- **Our Sporting Life, at the World Rugby Museum**, Richmond upon Thames. As part of Our Sporting Life, WRM will be inviting members of the public to share their personal, family and community sporting memories. The Museum will also be opening up its archives to explore Rugby's connections with the Olympics. Did you know that the USA are the reigning Olympic rugby champions? Or that Cornwall competed in the 1908 Olympic rugby final?

- **Medley Mix-Up**, Southampton: A rare open to all opportunity for people to take part in dressing Southampton's most famous landmark-The Bargate. Volunteers will attend free workshops led by a professional artist to create a display that will dress the Bargate throughout London 2012 Open Weekend. The display will be made out of recycled materials from Southampton Scrapstore and will represent a mix of various cultures to celebrate the Cultural Olympiad.

- **Journey to Olympus**, East Horsely: Inspired by the Olympic Games coming to London, six dances from The Freewheelers Theatre Company, follow the history and celebration of the Games including: Ancient Games, Journey, Victory, Trust, Colours (inspired by the Olympic flag) and Celebration (a dance of joy, achievement and celebration). Freewheelers consists of people from many culturally diverse backgrounds and is made up of disabled and non-disabled artists.

- **Step up Bradford**, Bradford, dance all weekend! The programme begins with an open air-tea dance with professional dancers and anyone who wants to have a go. Stepping up the beat, dancing will continue into the evening and on Saturday with a vibrant mix of musical styles and sounds. Performances from Circus, Aerial, Bicycle Ballet and a host of other activity will delight and entertain. Internationally renowned Strange Fruit from Melbourne will perform both nights, fusing circus, dance and theatre including seven performers perched on Giant illuminated orbs.