

Win a space in the Jupiter London Nocturne race

FANCY riding one of the shiny red Santander Cycles in a twilight race?

On the evening of June 6, TfL and Jupiter London Nocturne will host a 15-minute race on the cycle hire bikes. Participants will join some famous faces to race the 1.1km route, pedalling as fast as they can around the iconic Smithfield Market.

The Jupiter London Nocturne, now in its ninth year, is a series of sprint and endurance cycling events and free festival in east London. Attended by more than 15,000 spectators, it boasts a buzzing atmosphere, with a cycling expo area, food stalls, live music and the Santander

Cycles roadshow, where people can pick up a free docking station map and ask staff about the cycle hire scheme.

James Mead, general manager of Santander Cycles at TfL, said: 'Last year's race was one of the standout events of the night. While only a handful of people will be lucky enough to compete in the race, anyone can hire one of our Santander Cycles from one of 750 docking stations across central London. I'm sure, like last year, this race will encourage even more people to use the scheme to ride around London for commuting or leisure.'

■ The event runs from 4pm to 10.30pm in Farringdon. Spectators can attend the event for free. For more information, go to www.londonnocturne.com

Win a place in the race

Want to take part in the race? MetroTravel has five places to give away. To be in with a chance of winning, answer this question:

What colour are the Santander Cycles bikes?

Email your answer to Metrocompetitions@tfl.gov.uk by midnight Thursday May 21. Please put Santander Cycles in the subject line.

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Have you got the busk factor?

TALENTED musicians keen to busk on the Tube network and TfL's wider estate will be asked to battle for slots in an 'X Factor' style competition this summer.

For the first time, aspiring buskers will face a panel of music industry experts who will judge them on originality, technique and performance in public locations across the Capital.

Applications are now open for the next round of auditions, which will take place between July 18 and August 8 as part of the Mayor's 'Busk in London' initiative. Locations for the auditions will be announced in the coming months.

The winners will be selected to showcase a wide range of music genres, representing London's incredible diversity.

Apply for a spot

You'll need to be a solo or duo act, aged 16 years or over and resident in the UK to take part. Pop, classical, folk, world music and other quality performers are all welcome to apply before applications close at midnight on Sunday May 31. To apply, visit the Busk in London website at www.buskinlondon.com.

Follow in famous footsteps

Former buskers who have gone on to achieve international fame include Ed Sheeran, Jessie J, Bob Geldof and Katherine Jenkins.

Did you know?

Busking has brightened up passenger journeys since the London Underground Busking Scheme launched 13 years ago. There are 35 official busking pitches across the Underground network, with more than 1,800 bookable performance slots every week.



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