

## 2010 CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL

Portuguese music, bees and beehives will all be part of the celebration of the 200th birthday of Chopin. The 2010 Festival opens in the Guildhall Old Library on 21 June with the Portuguese Chamber Orchestra making its UK debut and with virtuoso Brazilian pianist Cristina Ortiz as soloist in Chopin's Piano Concerto No 2. This is to be followed by an outdoor performance in Guildhall Yard, specially designed by Luke Jerram. 21 young pianists will play a newly commissioned work for 21 upright pianos by Richard Causton, drawing on all 21 of Chopin's Nocturnes. Chopin himself had made his final public appearance as a pianist in Guildhall more than 150 years ago. The pianos will then be dispersed throughout the City; Street Pianos, will be available for all to play throughout the three Festival weeks.

The Festival will also 'commission' new honey through the installation of a number of beehives throughout the City. As part of the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010, bee-related events will include newly commissioned poetry and music, tastings, seminars and a lecture by the Bishop of London.

## THE RMT POSITION ON LONDON TAXIS

Bob Crow, General Secretary of the RMT, says that the recent attacks on the RMT by some of London's taxi trade press are unfounded. He says: "I can only put forward the points to you as self employed working cab drivers and finally put to rest any doubts you might have about our policy. I can state categorically that;

- The RMT has NO intention of seeking to control hours of London Taxi drivers.
  - The RMT has NO policy to introduce tachographs into London Taxis.
  - The RMT does NOT admit minicab drivers to membership of the union.
  - The RMT has NO official dialogue with the GMB Union in respect of taxi matters.
  - The RMT does NOT support satellite offices.
  - The RMT has NO interest in matters concerning other trade organisation membership numbers.
- Anything said in contradiction to the above is untrue."

### SUPPORTING DRIVERS

Bob Crow continued by saying that The RMT will support the London taxi driver in securing the best legal assistance, through branch legal representation. The branch has recently successfully challenged two revocations of driver licenses through representation at Court and at the Public Carriage Office. The RMT has also successfully appealed on behalf of some members against Penalty Charge Notices and recovered monies after a member had been bilked for a large sum.



Bob Crow at Heathrow's taxi feeder park July 2009

## 'UNITED CABBIES' MASS DRIVE-IN DEMONSTRATIONS

**In:** THE ALDWYCH  
**On:** Weds 26th May  
 Weds 2nd June.....  
 With More Dates To Follow  
**At:** 3PM

This action is NOT affiliated to any trade organisation or association, but is organised by 100% working cab drivers and is open to anyone who earns a living in the London Taxi trade.

The drive-ins are being held for the following reasons.

1. Non-effective Enforcement of Satellite Offices, the illegal touting by Private Hire, and the dereliction of duties by the PCO, TfL, TOCU and the Local Authorities in failing to uphold the law in regards to Private Hire.
2. Non Enforcement of the M4 Bus lane with regards to the use by Private Hire and other motorists.
3. Persecution of Taxis by Westminster, Camden and other Local Authorities.
4. Oversubscription of Yellow Badge Suburban Sectors without control, and the growth of illegal minicab ranks.

Every Taxidriver is asked to support this action. If you drive a Taxi for a living, you don't need us to tell you how bad things are out there. We have had enough and we intend to put a stop to this before the Taxi trade is wiped out.

TfL's agenda is to merge us into a lower standard 'one tier' service with private hire, and that will be the end of the London Taxi trade. We must all stand 'together' now and stop this from happening!

If you see this as an opportunity to earn money while the rest of us fight for your job, then hang your head in shame. Every single one of us must support this demo and fight to save the 'World's Best Taxi Trade' from being obliterated.

This demonstration is intended to highlight the Authority's incompetence to the whole world. This will be the first of many planned demonstrations until our demands are met.

The French wouldn't stand for it, so why should we!

If any member of any trade organisation tries to tell you this demo is cancelled, they are lying!

To register your support, or for more information please email:  
[savethetaxitrade@yahoo.com](mailto:savethetaxitrade@yahoo.com)

Please spread the word to your colleagues.  
 Thank You.

## COMMA £2 MILLION MOTORSPORT GIVEAWAY

To celebrate its Technical Partnership to the FIA Formula Two Championship, Comma Oil & Chemicals is offering £2 million worth of tickets to motorsport events with promotional packs of its Performance Motor Oil. More than 100 different race events between now and November 2010 are included in the offer at MotorSport Vision circuits - Brands Hatch in Kent, Oulton Park in Cheshire, Snetterton in Norfolk and Cadwell Park in Lincolnshire. Comma has been Technical Partner to MotorSport Vision since 2007, providing lubricant and other products for MSV's driving experience fleets, its Formula Palmer Audi Championship and, latterly, the FIA Formula Two Championship, which will headline alongside the WTCC at Brands Hatch on July 16-18.

Drivers buying Comma oil will be able to claim free entry to major motorsport events, such as the UK round of the FIA World Touring Car Championship (WTCC) and DTM German Touring Cars at Brands Hatch in July and September respectively, rounds of the British Superbike and British Touring Car Championships and a vast array of club and historic race meetings. Simply visit [www.commaoil.com/tickets](http://www.commaoil.com/tickets) to claim the free tickets. "Motorsport has been in Comma's DNA since the Company was founded over 40 years ago," said Comma's Mike Bewsey. "It also gives us the chance to showcase the technical excellence of our products in the harshest of engine environments. Through our partnership with F2 and MSV, our oils and coolants go through 2.3 million miles of scrutiny at the very limit of performance. It's important that our passion for performance is fed back through to our customers, and offering thousands of people the chance to experience the thrill of motorsport first-hand is a fantastic way to do that."

