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### COVENT GARDEN AND PHOTOGRAPHER RANKIN PARTNER FOR A PICTURE PERFECT VALENTINE'S WEEKEND

- Rankin joins Twitter and Dominique Ansel Treehouse to spread love in London's Covent Garden for Valentine's Day
- From exclusive menus to bespoke gifts, tailored fragrances and more, Covent Garden is London's go-to destination this Valentines weekend
- SUSHISAMBA, Clos Maggiore, Frenchie, Cora Pearl and more are the perfect setting for a romantic rendezvous

Covent Garden will celebrate the most romantic time of year with a unique **Rankin** exhibition celebrating 'new generation' love, a **#DatingTwitter Advice Bureau** and a Love Tree installation from the estate's newest all-day café, **Dominique Ansel Treehouse**. These first of a kind pop ups will join some of the capital's best dining spots, including **Frenchie**, **SUSHISAMBA** and **Vital** in offering extra special Valentine's Day menus. **Charlotte Tilbury**, **Penhaligon's** and **Godiva**, amongst many others, will each celebrate with bespoke gifts in store. Whether coupled up, dating, practicing the art of self-gifting or looking to celebrate with family or friends, from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February, Covent Garden will be London's beating heart for visitors in search of [gifts and things to do](#) during the Valentine's weekend.

Popping up at 21 Long Acre Covent Garden, Cultural Provocateur, Director and Photographer **Rankin** will launch new exhibition '**Hold Your Breath**', from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February. With a new series of photographs, the exhibition will celebrate 'new generation' love through a raw and unfiltered lens, and will explore themes from gender to social media and dating apps. Welcoming those looking to celebrate love, visitors can experience a live shoot with Rankin, a free photo booth or enjoy browsing the archive books and prints from across Rankin's career.

For the social media savvy, Covent Garden's **#DatingTwitter Advice Bureau** welcomes those who enjoy the tongue-in-cheek side to Valentine's Day. From Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February, the Twitter experience will open at 7 James Street and transport visitors into an exciting simulation that recreates dating scenarios with a humorous twist. Entertaining Tweets and interactive Instagrammable installations will explore the different sides to dating, from the awkward encounter of a first meeting to the intimacy and romance in longer-term relationships.

**Dominique Ansel Treehouse** will pop up on the Piazza from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February. An enchanting four meter tall 'Tree of Love' will appear at the front of the iconic Market Building, with a lovers bench beneath encouraging visitors to stop by and have a

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photo taken. Those who do will be treated to a free sharing dessert at the newly opened **Dominique Ansel Treehouse** all-day café on Floral Street. Additionally, Dominique Ansel will take over Covent Garden's much-Instagrammed Infinity Chamber from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February, transforming into a secret garden path for romantic strollers and providing the perfect background for Instagram snaps.

Covent Garden has an unrivalled selection of gifts for him or her this Valentine's Day. Those looking to show love with something sweet can visit the Market Building and purchase the finest chocolates or truffles from **Hotel Chocolat**, **Godiva** and **Venchi** or choose to opt for something different and indulge in **Ladurée's** iconic heart shaped macaroons. For the beauty enthusiast, **Charlotte Tilbury** will offer a set of three Valentine's-ready lip shades and host pre-Valentine's Day makeup masterclasses on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Shoppers can also visit **Tiffany & Co.** Style Studio and **Jo Malone** for hand engraving and embossing on purchased fragrances. Those who book **Penhaligon's** fragrance profiling experience for two will receive a glass of English Sparkling Wine and a bouquet of flowers from renowned florists Moyses & Stevens. The fragrance profiling experience is available on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, **Tom Ford** will launch its latest must-have fragrance, the hotly anticipated, Rose Prick eau de parfum. Not forgetting the most traditional gift of jewellery, especially for Valentine's, a limited-edition **Daniel Wellington** bracelet will be available exclusively in store from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February. For a Valentine's experience with a difference, shoppers are invited to book a seasonal floristry masterclass at **Petersham Nurseries** on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Boasting London's most exciting selection of restaurants including **Balthazar**, **Cora Pearl** and London's most romantic restaurant **Clos Maggiore**, Covent Garden is the perfect place for an intimate Valentine's Day dinner. Guests at **SUSHISAMBA** can enjoy a Valentine Sambatini cocktail alongside a limited edition sharing menu. **Frenchie** will welcome diners with a tasting menu featuring hand-dived scallop and black truffle dishes, while **The Petersham** will offer special touches including a bottle of prosecco or flower bouquet personally delivered to the table on arrival. **VyTA** will offer a romantic Italian feast to remember with dishes such as Ravioli di Baccalà Mantecato, L'Anatra and a glass of Strawberry Ca'Del Bosco on arrival.

For more information visit [www.coventgarden.london/valentines](http://www.coventgarden.london/valentines)

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