

dalston past

Timeline of selected arts venues in Dalston

1865: Railway arrives and Dalston Junction station is built.

1886: The National Hippodrome Circus is built adjacent to the station.

1898: The National Hippodrome Circus is remodelled to become the Dalston Theatre, a variety theatre seating just over 3,000 people.

1909: Kingsland Palace Cinema opens on Kingsland Road. Now the Rio Cinema, it was one of the first full-time cinemas in London.

1920: With the advent of the cinema age, the Dalston Theatre becomes the Dalston Picture House.

1967: The Dalston Theatre entrance buildings become 'The Club Four Aces' host to internationally renowned black musicians, including Count Shelly and other reggae Sound Systems.

1990s: The Four Aces club merges with a club in the main auditorium to become the legendary drum & bass and Acid House club; The Labyrinth.

2000: The soon-to-be-founders of Arcola Theatre, Mehmet Ergen and Leyla Nazli, seek space for a theatre at Dalston Junction, but can't find one and open instead on Arcola Street.

2005: Vortex Jazz club opens in the new Gillett Square.

2008: Café Oto opens on Ashwin Street.

2010: Dalston Eastern Curve Garden opens.

2011: Arcola Theatre moves to Ashwin Street.



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