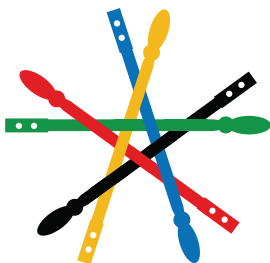




An international sword dancing rampage  
across the capital



**The Rapperlympics**

London 2012

30 March – 1 April



## What is Rapper?

Rapper is a traditional sword dance from North-East England, originally performed by miners in Northumberland. Through a series of high speed and occasionally acrobatic movements, rapper dancers tie the swords into a series of knots and shapes to display to the audience.

## What is DERT?

DERT is one of the most prestigious traditional dance competitions, attracting rapper sword teams from across the world to prove their mettle. Rapper dancing was traditionally danced in pubs and DERT continues this association, transforming a public house into a rapper arena.



## Get involved

The Rapperlympics will feature a ceilidh with Panjandrum, open workshops and performances from some of the finest, most exciting and energetic rapper teams around.



Saturday night will be rounded off with music from the Hackney Colliery Band. DERT: London 2012 will be based at Cecil Sharp house in Camden and the fine pubs of Soho. Spectators as well as competing and non-competing rapper teams are all welcome.

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