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Students from Sally's Dance Academy will perform at the weekend

Britain's Got Talent star gears up for Redbridge Carnival

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Teenage dance sensation Aidan Davis has promised to deliver a "unique and unpredictable" performance at Redbridge Carnival this weekend.

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The 42-year-old carnival's headline act, who came fifth in ITV show Britain's Got Talent in 2009, is set to showcase his range of moves on Saturday at 4pm.

Ahead of his appearance at Valentines Park in Perth Road, Ilford Aidan, 14, said: "I can't wait to get to Redbridge and see what the crowd is like.

"I like this type of event because it's more personal compared with others I've been to.

"I love what I do and hopefully I'll be able to inspire a few people to try out dancing."

He gave fans a sneak preview of one of his dances saying he would start off slow and then kick into something "really fast and unexpected".

Aidan is just one of many talented acts scheduled to wow the crowds at the *Recorder* backed two-day event.

There will also be performances from singer Sofia Hayat, Bollywood dance specialist Honey Kalaria and her academy which meets at Apples Health Studio in Eastern Avenue, Gants Hill and Sally's Dance Academy in Ilford Lane, Ilford.

Principal Sally Neal said: "The children are really excited to perform and have been doing extra rehearsals in preparation.

"Our 20 minute slot will include ballet, tap and modern."

As well as music there will be a number of free activities which will provide an opportunity for youngsters to learn new skills.

These will include a football tournament, a Kabbadi demonstration, go-karting, multisports taster sessions, a Sikh sword fighting tournament, drama and a funfair.

There will also be a free interactive workshop for youngsters organised by group Whale of Time which promotes ecological issues.

The carnival procession will leave the town centre at noon on Sunday and event organisers are encouraging people to come and watch.

It will feature a steel pan band, gymnastics and dance groups and majorettes all performing on floats.

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