



# artsrichmond

newsletter

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## *Glorious and plenteous music*

**T**here's a glorious programme of music around the borough in March, with some really big performances by local choirs, orchestras and groups.

**Richmond Orchestra's** Spring Concert on Saturday 20 March includes Richard Strauss's *Duet – Concertino for Clarinet and Bassoon*, Dvorak's *Symphony No 7 in D minor*, Mahler's *Blumine* and Schumann's *Genoveva*: St John the Divine Church, Richmond, at 7.30 pm (020 8547 2695).

**Teddington Choral Society** sings Mendelssohn's *Elijah* on Saturday 20 March at 7.30 pm at St James's Church, Hampton Hill (020 8977 5986)

**Twickenham Choral Society** is at the Landmark Arts Centre, Teddington, on Saturday 27 March at 7.30 pm with

*Sir Peter Hall directs A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Rose Theatre, Kingston, with Dame Judi Dench as Titania, until 20 March (0871 230 1552).*

*Cartoons by Clive Francis, artsrichmond President 2010*

*Twentieth Century English Greats: Finzi, Delius, Vaughan Williams, Holst and Walton (020 8894 3231).*

**Barnes Choir** sings Monteverdi's *Vespers* on Saturday 27 March at 7.30 pm at St Mary Magdalene Parish Church, Richmond (020 8940 0949).

**Hampton Choral Society** is performing Tippett, Rutter and Vaughan Williams on Saturday 27 March at All Saints' Church, Campbell Road, Twickenham at 7.30 pm (01932 247962).

**Whitton Choral Society** celebrates Easter with Handel's *Lenten Cantata*, Orlando Gibbons's *Hosanna to the Son of David*, and music by Pergolesi and S S Wesley. That's at Whitton

Baptist Church, Hounslow Road, Whitton, on Good Friday, 2 April at 7.30 pm (tickets at door).

**Richmond Concert Society's** President's Concert on Tuesday 9 March is the tenor, James Gilchrist, and Anna Tilbrook, piano, in a programme of songs by Purcell, Lennox Berkeley, Poulenc, Schumann and Muriel Herbert: St Margaret's Catholic Church, East Twickenham, at 7.45 pm (020 8892 1456).

**Barnes Music Society** is on Thursday 18 March with the Stagg Quartet in an 'inclusive form of music making' with such gems as Bach's *Air on a G String*, Pachelbel's *Canon*, and Scott Joplin: Methodist Church, Station Road, Barnes at 8.00 pm (tickets at door).

On Friday 12 (at 7.30 pm) and Saturday 13 (at 2.30 and 7.30 pm) March you can enjoy **Cantanti Camerati's** *Just a Song at Twilight* in the Clarendon Hall, York House, Twickenham, this year with the theme 'favourite things' (020 8898 8020, 6.00 to 7.00 pm or Albert's Music Shop, Heath Road, Twickenham).

### artsrichmond spring and summer dates

Monday 8 March: *ShowCoach* to *Don Pasquale* at Sadlers Wells

Wednesday 24 to Tuesday 30 March: *ShowCoach* two centre seven day holiday in Sicily

Tuesday 30 March: Library Forum

Wednesday 28 April: *ShowCoach* to *Sister Act* at the London Palladium

Saturday 8 May: Art Tent at Richmond May Fair

Sunday 9 May: Book Picnic in marquee on Richmond Green

Friday 21 May: *ShowCoach* to Royal Albert Hall for international pianist Lang Lang  
Saturday 26 June: Garden Party at Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare

Wednesday 8 September: Swan Drama Award Nominations at York House

Tuesday 5 to Saturday 9 October: *ShowCoach* Welsh holiday based in Cardiff, five days

Sunday 10 October: Swan Drama Awards at Hampton Hill Playhouse

**More ShowCoach events planned**

**Isleworth Baroque** performs *Lilith* – a modern oratorio by Janet Oates, its chorus director, on Thursday 18 March – one performance only at St Margaret's Catholic Church, East Twickenham at 7.30 pm, with pre-talk at 6.30 pm (020 8948 0791 and at door).

The **Petersham Festival** has arias from Bach's *Passions* at St Peter's Church, Petersham, on Sunday 21 March at 6.00 pm with further events in April and the festival fortnight in June (0844 586 7644).

The **Eel Pie Club**, which meets at the Cabbage Patch, 67 London Road, Twickenham, has The Larry Miller Band on Wednesday 3 March, the Kast-Off Kinks 2 on Wednesday 17 March and the Baddest Blues Band (Ever) on Wednesday 31 March. 8.30 for 9.15 pm (07732 322610).

The **Dysart Arms** at Petersham has regular and varied music on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and classical concerts on the first Sunday of every month. Sunday 7 March; Andrew Maginley (baroque lute); Sunday 21 March, Simon Spillett (tenor sax) and John Critchinson (piano), both at 7.30 pm (Box office 07967 481 625)

The **Tide Tables** under Richmond Bridge is offering some new events: every Tuesday from 5.00 to 9.00 pm, there's *The Jam Jar*, an acoustic music night when you can sing for your supper – bring a song, a poem or just listen, and on Thursday 4 March at 9.00 pm there's a poetry night, *Rhyme and Tide*, with poet, musician and journalist Alan Franks, who'll read from his new book *Going Over*, and an open mike session for poets, storytellers and troubadours alike (020 8948 8285).

At the **Musical Museum**, Brentford, Richard Cole is at the pianola on Friday 19 March at 2.30 pm, there's a Theatre Organ Day on Saturday 20 March from 11.00 am to 6.00 pm, and a Gala Wurlitzer concert the same day at 7.30 pm (020 8560 8108).

**Kingston U3A** is launching a new orchestra, and orchestral players are invited to play at the launch on Thursday 25 March from 9.30 to 12.30 am at the United Reformed Church, Eden Street, Kingston (lizbartlett@brightnet.co.uk).

**Richmond Music Trust**, responsible for music teaching at schools in the borough (and much more), is arranging its 2010 Singing Festival concert on Wednesday 24 March from 3.45 to 5.00 pm at the Rose Theatre in Kingston – its biggest to date ([carolineduckett@richmondmusictrust.org.uk](mailto:carolineduckett@richmondmusictrust.org.uk)). There's also a hands-on event to enable children from 4 to 16 to experiment on a wide range of instruments, at the Waldegrave School for Girls on Wednesday 10 March

from 4.00 to 6.00 pm. Call the Trust on 020 8538 3866 for further details.

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## Drama and dance

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The **Twickenham Operatic Society's** *Smokey Joe's Cafe* is in St George's Suite at the Twickenham Stadium from 3 to 6 March. Lots of Leiber and Stoller songs in a 'rockin' party' of a show, in best cafe atmosphere – an intimate and fun change from TOpS's usual spectaculars (08445 889003).

**Richmond Shakespeare Society's** *Antony and Cleopatra* is at the Mary Wallace Theatre on Twickenham Embankment from 6 to 13 March (020 8744 0547).

At Hampton Hill Playhouse **Teddington Theatre Club's** Coward Studio performance of Ibsen's *A Doll's House* from 28 February to 6 March, and *After Mrs Rochester* by Polly Teale in the main auditorium from 21 to 27 March (0845 838 7529). And you may just catch the **Barnes Charity Players** in *Come on Jeeves!* at the Old Sorting Office, Barnes Green, from Tuesday 23 to Saturday 27 February (020 8876 9885).

The **Orange Tree Theatre's** *The Promise*, by Ben Brown, directed by Alan Strachan, runs from 17 February to 20 March. It's a play of political and sexual intrigue and the origins of Israel – there's a seminar on the issues on Saturday 13 March at 10.30 am. Then from 24 March Sir Alan Ayckbourn directs his play *Taking Steps* – that runs until 29 May, with a seminar on Ayckbourn's plays on Saturday 10 April at 10.30 am. The Coffee Concert is on Sunday 14 March at 11.00 am. (020 8940 3633).

At the **Richmond Theatre**, *The Secret of Sherlock Holmes* with Peter Egan and Philip Franks runs from 1 to 6 March. *Haunted* with Brenda Blethyn, Niall Buggy and Beth Cooke, follows from Monday 8 to Saturday 13 March, then Rosamund Pike and Tim McInnerny in *Hedda Gabler* from Monday 15 to Saturday 20 March, and Willy Russell's musical *Blood Brothers* from Monday 22 to Saturday 27 March. On Mother's Day, Sunday, there's **BIGgins Night Out**, 'a variety show with a modern twist' presented by the Princess Alice Hospice – an evening of music, comedy and dance. That's at 7.00 pm. (0844 871 7651)

The **Landmark Arts Centre** in Teddington has *Comedy Works at the Landmark* on Thursday 25 March at 8.00 pm (doors and bars open at 7.00 pm): Reginald D Hunter, Scott Capurro, Adam Bloom and Chris Martin (020 8977 7558).

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## Film

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The **Richmond Film Society** continues its season of great classics, with many international films, on alternate Tuesdays: on 2 March, *El Bano del Papa* from Uruguay, on 16 March *El Bola* from Spain, and on 30 March *My Brother is an Only Child* from Italy. That's at the Richmond Adult Community College at 8.00 pm (020 8893 3503).

The **Musical Museum** at Brentford shows movies on some Sunday afternoons at 3.00 pm: on 7 March, *Swing Time*, and on 21 March, *Casablanca* (020 8560 8108).

The **Museum of Richmond** in Whittaker Avenue, Richmond, as part of its 'Richmond in Film' season, has *The Young Victoria* (written by Julian Fellowes, who entertained us at the enjoyable **artsrichmond** and Museum of Richmond gala evening in January), with its scenes shot in Ham House, on Wednesday 31 March at 6.00 pm (020 8332 1141).

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## Exhibitions & Museums

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The **Twickenham Museum** on Twickenham Embankment: *Down by the Riverside* focussing on all aspects of the river. Open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm, and on Sundays 2.00 to 4.00 pm. (020 8408 0070).

The **Museum of Richmond's** current exhibition, *Richmond on Page and Screen* - Richmond seen through the words of famous writers and the filmmaker's lens. (020 8332 1141).

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## Dance

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The **LBRuT Arts Service's** *Dance Richmond*, celebrating youth and community dance, is at the Live Room, Twickenham Stadium, on 13 and 14 March (020 8831 6000)

## ShowCoach diary

Join a friendly group for visits to the theatre, concerts and outings, with transport from different parts of the borough

**8 March** Don Pasquale at Sadlers Wells

**24 March** Two centre seven day holiday in Sicily

**28 April** Sister Act at the London Palladium

**21 May** International pianist Lang Lang at the Royal Albert Hall

**5-9 October** Welsh holiday based in Cardiff, five days

*Details from the office. Other ShowCoach summer events to be announced*

## Art

**Richmond Art Society's** lecture at the Vestry House, Paradise Road, Richmond is on Tuesday 9 March at 7.30 pm: Sue Ribbans gives a demonstration of acrylics. The AGM is on 23 March (020 8943 1735).

**Fountain Gallery**, East Molesey (020 8941 5865): 2 to 14 March, *An Alternative View* by Edwina Wardle, from 16 to 28 March, Christine Savage, and from 30 March to 11 April, Maureen Farr.

The **Environment Trust for Richmond upon Thames's** February Art Picnic is on Sunday 21 March, from 11.00 am until 4.00 pm: *Ham House – Lavish interior and elegant formal gardens*. Booking essential (020 8891 5455)

At **Orleans House**, Riverside, Twickenham, *Private Passions for Public Pleasure* - an insight into the fascinating collections that have been donated to make up the Richmond Borough Art Collection. In the **Stables Gallery**, *A Table from the Sea's Edge* by Silas Birtwistle until 21 March, then *Faces Forward to the Past* from 25 March, marking the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Richmond and Twickenham Photographic Society. At the **Riverside Gallery**, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond, *Impacts of War*: Artist-in-Residence Christopher Rainbow and pupils from

Orleans Park School present a meditation on war (020 8831 6000)

The **Richmond Hill Gallery**, on Richmond Hill, has its Spring Show from 4 March to 25 April (020 8940 5152).

The **Richmond and Twickenham Photographic Society's** annual exhibition is at the Landmark Arts Centre, Teddington, from Wednesday 31 March until Sunday 11 April. It celebrates the 120<sup>th</sup> year of the RTPS, and includes retrospective work alongside contemporary images, as well as featuring the inaugural RTPS Nation Open Digital Image Exhibition (see [www.rtps.org.uk](http://www.rtps.org.uk) and 07989 095657).

The **Landmark Arts Centre**, Teddington, has a 5 week course in printmaking with Jennie Ing. Thursdays from 7.00 to 9.30 pm from 25 February (020 8977 7558).

The borough arts service at **Orleans House** is working with the Richmond and Twickenham Primary Health Care Trust on a project to install artwork in the new Teddington Health and Social Care Centre which has been built at the Teddington Memorial Hospital. Artists interested in taking part should email Rachel Tranter at [r.tranter@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:r.tranter@richmond.gov.uk)

**LBRuT's Arts Service's Holi**, the **Hindu Festival of Colour**, is at Orleans House on Saturday 6 March. The Festival, marking the beginning of spring, involves traditional celebrations including the play of colours, performances by traditional artists, art workshops and stall with delicacies and crafts (020 8831 6000)

## Talks

**Barnes Literary Society** has a members-only meeting on Wednesday 10 March with Andrew Graham-Dixon on *Writing about Art*, followed by the AGM. 8.00 pm, Old Sorting Office Arts Centre, Barnes Green ([www.barnesliterarysociety.org.uk](http://www.barnesliterarysociety.org.uk)).

At the **Richmond Local History Society** on Monday 8 March at 7.30 for 8.00 pm at the Duke Street Church, Richmond: *Mortlake and Barnes in 1830 – a View from the Thames*. by Maisie Brown, author of *Barnes and Mortlake Past* (020 8891 3825).

At the **Borough of Twickenham Local History Society** on Monday 1 March at St Mary's Church Hall, Twickenham at 8.00 pm, *The Thames*

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*Discovery Programme*, revealed by Natalie Cohen from the Museum of London Archeological Service (020 8878 7041).

**Richmond Scientific Society** has a keynote lecture for National Science Week on Wednesday 17 March at 8.00 pm at the Vestry House, Paradise Road, Richmond: *Plants, Animals and Time* by Professor William Chaloner of Royal Holloway, University of London (020 8987 9302 or 01372 274 2921).

**Richmond Association for the National Trust** Tuesday 9 March: *Plum in the Suburbs* – Murray

Hedgecock on P G Wodehouse, Vestry Hall, Richmond. Doors open 2.15pm; Monday 15 March, London visit to Spencer House (020 8979 3089).

**Friends of Bushy and Home Parks** Friday 5 March, AGM and talk – Nigel Reeve on *Wildlife Conservation in the Royal Parks*, Elleray Hall, Teddington at 7.30 pm. Saturday 20 March at 11.00 am, with Ray Brodie to the Water Gardens (020 8287 2748)

**Friends of Museum of Richmond** Thursday 11 March at 7.30 pm, *Meet Our Neighbours*: Peter Payan, a trustee of the Twickenham Museum,

talks on essayist and with Stanley Smith, and the Barnes and Mortlake History Society on the history of these ancient areas. Library Room, Old Town Hall, Richmond (020 8332 1141)

**Cercle Francais de Richmond**  
Thursday 11 March, Thierry Viennois on *Champollion et la naissance de l'Egyptologie*. Vestry Hall, Paradise Road, Richmond at 7.30 pm (020 8892 6139)

#### Local Amenity Societies

**Richmond Society** meets on Thursday 18 March in the Vestry Hall, Paradise Road, Richmond at 7.30 for 7.45 pm: Ian Dodds, LBRuT Head of Culture, on *Fact and Fiction: How are Public Libraries Changing and What does their Future hold?* (020 8948 0643)

**Hampton Society**, Wednesday 10 March, Denzil Isaaks on *Barnes Wetlands* at the Methodist Hall, Percy Road, TW12 (020 8979 3543)

**Teddington Society**, Thursday 25 March at 11.00 am, excursion to St Pancras and King's Cross (020 8977 0167)

**Twickenham Society**, Wednesday

17 March, Jason Debney on *After Arcadia*, The Cricket Pavilion, Twickenham Green at 7.30 pm (www.twicksoc.org.uk)

## Libraries

### Library Open Forum

The Annual **Open Forum for library users** arranged by the Friends of Richmond Libraries (which operates under the aegis of **artsrichmond**) is on **Tuesday 30 March** at 7.30 pm at the Richmond Reference Library in the Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond. Ian Dodds, LBRuT Head of Culture, responsible for the library service, will talk on *Running a Library in an Age of Austerity – and the Future for E-Libraries*.

The Library Service has two new promotions for teenagers and young people: **gr8txts**, a booklist featuring some of the hottest teen books published in the last 18 months (see the gr8 txts webpage), and **The**

**Current**, an exciting collection of electric reads for 15+ (see The Current webpage).

Saturday 6 March from 3.00 to 4.00 pm at **Twickenham Library**: *What Made Modern Twickenham*, by Professor Michael Lee, author of *The Making of Modern Twickenham*. Book at 020 8892 8091.

Saturday 6 March from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm at **East Sheen Library**: *Learn to Make Friends with Yourself*, a workshop with author and coach Sue Plumtree (020 8876 8801)

Saturday 6 March from 3.00 to 4.30 pm at **Castelnau Library**: *The Perfect Mother* by Margaret Leroy (020 8748 3837).

### March Mailing

Flyers for events in April should be delivered to the **artsrichmond** office on Eel Pie Island by: **Monday 15 March**. 475 copies; £17.50 (because of increased mailing costs, from 1 April £20 for a single sheet - £35 for unaffiliated organisations)  
Items for Newsletter: **1st April**

## Richmond upon Thames Arts Council

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## Cultural Olympiad in Richmond 2010

Rachel Tranter, Head of Arts at LBRuT, has sent us the following report

### Richmond's year-long Cultural Olympiad Project – *Heritage Now!*

Heritage Now! encompasses a number of special projects in 2010 which celebrate the rich heritage of the borough in a contemporary way, involving the community, children and young people and volunteers.

- Dramatic Edge's *Eel Pie Island* project – performance at the Live Room, Twickenham Stadium, 12 February
- Ham House brings the community together for a special singing event to celebrate its 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May
- *Heritage Now!* exhibition at Orleans House Gallery from the 12 July – September, showcasing the work of a contemporary maker (Eleanor Pritchard), commissioned as part of the *museumaker* project
- Carnival Sunday, 13 July, with a special heritage theme
- Heritage Now! dance residencies July to September features site-specific contemporary performances in historic properties
- Richmond Theatre's 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary project culminates in a performance in August
- *Between the Locks* project – Richmond Environment Trust - will include an exhibition at Orleans House Gallery in October

- Kilmorey Mausoleum Opening on Saturday 1 May as part of the English Heritage *Discovering Places* project: 1 to 3 May

**Orleans House Gallery** has been selected as a partner for the London *World City* project within the Journeys cluster that is led by the London Transport Museum. This project is part of the national *Stories of the World* programme managed by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council. The project will involve young people exploring collections in Richmond and creating their own artwork and creative responses for an exhibition at Orleans House Gallery January-April 2011.

Links with the ten major projects in Richmond:

- Links with the *London Legacy* Trust Project – *Big Dance* in July
- Links with the Cultural Olympiad Open Weekend 23, 24, 25 July
- The Heritage Now! dance commission performed at Strawberry Hill House over the Cultural Olympiad weekend
- Links with the Mayor's *Story of London* festival in October
- *inspire mark* projects in Richmond: The *World Rugby Museum* in Twickenham is part of the Sports Heritage Network *inspire mark* project