

## artsrichmond

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# Arts events

in Richmond upon Thames

# January 2012

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## 2012: Olympiad + arts

The idea of a 'Cultural Olympiad' is not some-new-fangled trendy project to show off 'cool Britannia'. The 'father' of the modern Olympics, Pierre de Coubertin, always saw the great international sports event as including the arts, and for decades the events included competition in categories such as sculpture, painting and music, usually with a sports theme. But 2012 gives us in the UK a unique opportunity to show our pre-eminence as an international cultural destination.

The programme includes a remarkable series of events, many but not all in London, often involving cooperation between different aspects of our cultural society. So Sadlers Wells and the Barbican are working together on a tribute to the career of German choreographer Pina Bausch, and the Royal Ballet are working with the National Gallery on *Metamorphosis: Titian 2012*.

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There's going to be a big free BBC Radio 1 music event on Hackney Marshes on 23 and 24 June, and *Big Dance* in all sorts of unexpected places, including 2000 dancers led by Wayne

McGregor in Trafalgar Square on 14 July. There'll be public art installations on the roofs of London bus shelters, and a new opera, *Dr Dee*, from Damon Albarn and Blur at the ENO; David Hockney's landscapes at the Royal Academy from 21 January to 9 April; the South Bank will host *Poetry Parnassus* featuring 205 poets; there's a Yoko Ono exhibition at the Serpentine Gallery

Top events include the collaboration between the RSC, the RNT and the Globe on a series of new productions of or inspired by Shakespeare's plays, including the Globe's six week programme of all 37 Shakespeare plays in 37 different languages.

The BBC Proms will feature Daniel Barenboim leading the West Eastern Divan Orchestra in a complete Beethoven symphony cycle, and the BBC will produce adaptations of four Shakespeare histories; BT is organising the week-long *River of Music Festival* on the Thames.

**Richmond upon Thames**, with its historic heritage of Shakespeare, David Garrick, JMW Turner, Alexander Pope, Virginia Woolf, and the Crawdaddy Club – to name but a few – will have its own events, and we'll keep you informed of them all. (Thanks to *The Economist* for extra information).

### Welcome artsrichmond's Presidents for 2012

At the AGM on 1 December 2011, **Jason Bowyer PNEAC** and **Claire Ireland** were elected Presidents of **artsrichmond** for 2012, in succession to Sam Walters and Auriol Smith of the Orange Tree Theatre.

**Jason Bowyer** is President of the New English Art Club, and founder of its School of Drawing. He has a studio at the Kew Bridge Steam Museum where he runs courses for small selected groups in painting and drawing. He has had nine one-man shows including at the New Grafton Gallery, Cedar House Gallery and the Russell Gallery. See [www.jasonbowyer.com](http://www.jasonbowyer.com).

**Claire Ireland** is a ceramicist also working at Kew Bridge Steam Museum. Starting with sheets of clay, she decorates the constructed surfaces and forms with colours and slips, using summated transparent and crackle glazes on selected areas to create contrasting colours and surfaces. She offers courses in ceramics at the Steam Museum. See [www.claireirelandceramics.com](http://www.claireirelandceramics.com)

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## Drama

Two big drama productions coming up in the New Year: **Richmond Shakespeare Society** is performing Ronald Harwood's *Taking Sides* at the Mary Wallace Theatre, Twickenham Riverside, from 28 January to 4 February (020 8744 0547), and **Teddington Theatre Club** Shakespeare's *All's Well that Ends Well* at Hampton Hill Playhouse from 29 January to 4 February (0845 838 7529). The first is the absorbing investigation of the great German conductor Wilhelm Furtwangler's involvement with the Nazi regime, the second the light-as-air romantic comedy – each something to look forward to as wintry – and economic – gloom take over from the pleasures of Christmas.

For earlier fun, the **Edmundian Players** are performing *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* between 13 and 21 January (matinees on 14 and 15 January) at St Edmund's Church Hall, Nelson Road, Whitton – (020 8893 4361 - 7.00-9.00 pm, or 020 8894 0057 – daytime).

There's *stand up comedy* at HHP on Saturday 7 January with Milton Jones, Doc Brown and Maff Brown (07791 439363).

**Our warm thanks to Sam Walters and Auriol Smith, our outgoing Presidents, for their enthusiastic support during 2011, and a very happy 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and our best wishes for continuing success, to the Orange Tree Theatre.**

At the **Orange Tree Theatre** *The Charity that Began at Home* runs until 4 February, there's a gala 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary performance on Saturday 31 December, and there's a *coffee concert* on Sunday 29 January (020 8940 3633).

At the **Richmond Theatre**, *Cinderella* continues until 15 January. Then there's classical ballet with the Moscow City Ballet: *Swan Lake* on Wednesday and Thursday 18 and 19 January, and *The Nutcracker* on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 20 to 22 January.

Then *Peppa Pig's Treasure Hunt* from 24 to 26 January, and *Murder on the Nile* from 30 January to 4 February. There's a sing-a-long *Abba Tribute* on Wednesday 25 January, and the *Ballet Boyz* are back on Friday 27 January, the *Counterfeit Stones* on Saturday 28 January and *Suggs*

– *My Story in Words and Song* on Sunday 29 January (0844 871 7651).

*Snow Queen*, the Hans Christian Andersen story, continues at the **Rose Theatre**, Kingston until 8 January, then there's a series of one-day events: Saturday 21 January: *Magic at the Rose* Sunday 22 January: *Dick Whittington* Saturday 28 January: *Southbank Sinfonia* (see Music) Sunday 29 January: *Comedy Store*.

Then from Monday 30 January until Saturday 4 February: *Our Country's Good*, the story of a convict ship to Australia, and the governor's idea of a play, *The Recruiting Officer*, to help maintain order, (08444 821 556)

## Film

**Richmond Film Society's** screenings in January are *Investigation* (Bulgaria/Germany/Netherlands) on Tuesday 17 January, an exclusive screening, and *Broken Embraces* (Spain) on Tuesday 31 January. RACC, Parkshot, Richmond at 7.30 pm (rfs@richmondfilmsoc.org.uk)

The **Musical Museum** at Brentford is showing *The Dambusters* on Sunday 15 January and *Blithe Spirit* on Sunday 29 January, both at 3.00 pm (020 8560 8108).

## Music

As a farewell to the Christmas season, **Teddington and Hampton Music Festival** has arranged a *Candlelit Twelfth Night entertainment* on Friday 6 January at Hampton Court House, to include Richmond Shakespeare Society actors in

## artsrichmond Choral Workshop

For those of you who like to sing yourselves, there's an opportunity to study Poulenc's *Gloria* in depth at the **artsrichmond** Choral Workshop on Saturday 21 January at St Augustine's Church, Hospital Bridge Road, Whitton. Conductor John Sutton leads the workshop which concludes at 4.00 pm with a performance for friends and family. See the **artsrichmond** website, [www.artsrichmond.org.uk](http://www.artsrichmond.org.uk), for more details on how to book.

## ShowCoach

**Thursday 26 January:** *Tomb of the Unknown Craftsman* at the British Museum.

**Thursday 16 February:** *Less than Kind* by Terence Rattigan at Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford (**change**)

**Tuesday 6 March:** *Aida* at the Royal Albert Hall.

**Thursday 12 April:** Normansfield Theatre and Museum, Teddington

**Monday 28 May to 2 June 2012:** *Holiday* to the decennial Floriade World Horticultural Expo in Holland and to the many attractions of the Belgian Ardennes.

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scenes from *Twelfth Night*, the NPL Singers, and John and Jenny Sutton, and a buffet supper (hilarydodman@hotmail.com).

There's a New Year's Day concert at the **Musical Museum**, Brentford on Sunday 1 January at 3.00 pm: an entertainment presented by Michael Broadway (pianola), Edward Kemp-Luck (piano) and Simon Walton (tenor), with songs and music, the Museum's instruments, and a glass of champagne 020 8560 8108.

**Twickenham Choral Society** is at St Martin's in the Fields on Thursday 26 January at 7.30 pm as part of the 2012 Brandenburg Spring Choral Festival, with the Brandenburg Sinfonia with Brahms's *Requiem* and Mahler's *Adagietto from the 5<sup>th</sup> Symphony* (020 7766 1100).

**Richmond Orchestra** has a Children's Concert on Sunday 29 January at 3.00 pm at the Landmark Arts Centre, Teddington (07989 974 406).

**Barnes Music Society** has Elizabeth Watson (viola) and Geoffrey Pratley (piano) on Thursday 19 January at the Methodist Church, Station Road, Barnes at 8.00 pm, playing Bach's *Sonata in G Minor for viola da gamba & keyboard*, Shostakovitch's *Sonata for viola & piano*, outgoing-President Stephen Dodgson's *Caprice after Puck for solo viola*, and Schubert's *Sonata in A minor (Arpeggione)* (020 8876 1563).

**Richmond Concert Society's** January concert is the Rodolfus Choir, conducted by Ralph Allwood, with music by Elgar, Parry, Whitacre and others. That's at St

Mary's Church, Twickenham Riverside, on Tuesday 10 January at 7.45 pm (020 8892 1456).

On Friday 13 January at 7.30 pm, the famed pianist John Lill gives a concert of Mozart, Brahms, Schumann, Prokofiev and Beethoven at **Wathen Hall**, St Paul's School, Barnes ([www.wathenhall.com](http://www.wathenhall.com) or 020 8746 5424)

Simon Russell Beale and David Suchet are at the **Rose Theatre**, Kingston, to present the Southbank Sinfonia in an evening of classical music and readings by prominent actors, in aid of the theatre and Amnesty International (08444 821 556).

The **Eel Pie Club** meets at The Patch, 67 London Road, Twickenham: on Wednesday 18 January *The Hamsters* and on 1 February *The Blues Academy* Doors open at 8.30 for 9.15 pm. 08444 771 000 and [www.eelpieclub.com](http://www.eelpieclub.com)

Every Wednesday at 8.00 pm, **Way Out West** is at the Orange Tree pub, Richmond, in the Cellar Bar. 07802 430 859 and [www.wowjazz.org](http://www.wowjazz.org).

**Richmond and Twickenham Jazz Club** is a weekly jazz club which meets at the Crown Bar and Kitchen in St Margaret's every Thursday at 8.00 pm. [www.rtzjazzclub.com](http://www.rtzjazzclub.com) and 020 8286 3242.

**Tide Tables** café in Richmond has *Jam Jar* sessions on the last Saturday of each month. 020 8948 8285 [www.tidetablescafe.com](http://www.tidetablescafe.com)

The **Dysart Arms** in Petersham has regular classical and jazz concerts [www.thedysartarms.co.uk](http://www.thedysartarms.co.uk)

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## Visual Arts

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On a different note, go to the Landmark Show at the **Landmark Arts Centre**, Teddington, from Sunday 8 to Saturday 28 January – the whole space is turned into a viewing platform for new media and digital technologies, creating a dialogue between the artists' creative visions and the space itself (020 8977 7558).

You might, too, just have time to catch some of the excellent art exhibitions in the borough. **Twickenham Art Circle** is at the **Stables Gallery** at Orleans House until 8 January (020 8831 6000); Jem Panufnik at the **Riverside Gallery**, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond, until 14

January, and *Flux, Flow, Flight* in Orleans House main gallery until 22 January (020 8831 6000); Marion Deacon at the **Fountain Gallery**, Hampton Court, until 15 January; followed by Eileen Martin from 17 to 29 January (020 8941 5865), and the Winter Exhibition, with numerous RAs, at **Richmond Hill Gallery** until 8 January. 020 8940 5152.

**Richmond Art Society's** January lectures are Colin Wiggins on *Reshaping the Human Figure: from Antiquity to Mapplethorpe* on Tuesday 10 January, and Jo Rhymer on *James Abbott McNeill Whistler* on Tuesday 24 January. Vestry House, Paradise Road, Richmond at 7.30 for 8.00 pm. [www.richmondartsociety.com](http://www.richmondartsociety.com).

The **Environment Trust for Richmond upon Thames's** art picnic in January is at the Rose Theatre, Kingston - *Interior and Actors in Rehearsal*. Booking essential: 020 8891 5455.

**Richmond and Twickenham Photographic Society** meetings in January include on Thursday 5 January *PDI show of Christmas/New Year card designs*, Thursday 12 January Julian Hawkins, Thursday 19 January Rosemary Wilman Hon FRPS with *About Time . . . and More*, and Thursday 26 January *Print Analysis* with Tim Morland ARPS judging. All at Kew Community Centre at 8.00 pm. On Tuesday 31 January there's an open evening for prospective new members at the Vestry Hall, Richmond. For full groups programme, see [www.rtps.org.uk](http://www.rtps.org.uk).

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## Talks

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**Richmond Association for the National Trust** has a *social lunch* at Reflections Café at the White House, Hampton on Saturday 14 January and then a visit to the Jewish Museum on Tuesday 17 January and a lecture by Diane Hurst on *Women of the Wallace Collection* on Tuesday 24 January at Duke Street Church, Richmond, at 2.30 pm: 020 8979 3089.

**U3A's** Tuesday afternoon meeting is in the Clarendon Hall, York House, Twickenham, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 31 January: Derek and Ruth Scott on the history of operetta, *Schmaltz and Champagne*. [www.u3a-richmond.org.uk](http://www.u3a-richmond.org.uk)

## Join artsrichmond

I would like to be a Friend of the Arts and Libraries and an Individual Member of **artsrichmond**. *New members joining now get membership to end of March 2013*

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On Thursday 12 January at 7.30 pm: **Cercle Français de Richmond** has Patrick Pollard, Professor Emeritus at Birkbeck, on *Le Paris d'Emile Zola*, at the Vestry Hall, Paradise Road, Richmond. [www.richmondfrenchcircle.org.uk](http://www.richmondfrenchcircle.org.uk)

The **Friends of Bushy Park** have a talk on Thursday 26 January by Jo Pecorelli on *The Work of the Environment Trust for Richmond upon Thames* – St John Ambulance Hall, Park Lane, Teddington at 8.00 pm. 020 8287 2748 and [www.fbhp.org.uk](http://www.fbhp.org.uk).

**Barnes Literary Society** meets on Wednesday 25 January for Salley Vickers on *The Spirit of Stories*, Old Sorting Office Arts Centre on Barnes Green at 8.00 pm. [www.barnesliterarysociety.org.uk](http://www.barnesliterarysociety.org.uk)

**Richmond Local History Society** has Christopher May on *The porridge-pot boils over – the Middlesex election of 1802 – and the Richmond Connection*. Monday 16 January at 8.00 pm (coffee from 7.30 pm) at the Duke Street Church, Richmond. [www.richmondhistory.org.uk](http://www.richmondhistory.org.uk)

**Borough of Twickenham Local History Society** has a social evening: *Our First Fifty Years*, Monday 9 January at St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street, Twickenham, at 7.30 for 8.00 pm. [www.botlhs.co.uk](http://www.botlhs.co.uk)

The Richmond and Twickenham Branch of the **Historical Association** meets on Thursday 26 January at 8.00 pm for Paula Kitching, historian and education consultant, on *Women in the First World*

War. Vestry Hall, Paradise Road Richmond. 020 8581 2171.

**Richmond Scientific Society** meets on Wednesday 25 January at 8.00 pm for Professor Paul Leonard of Brunel University on *Nuclear Power – after Fukushima*. Vestry Hall, 01372 742 921

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## Museums and arts centres

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The current exhibition at the **Museum of Richmond** in Whittaker Avenue, Richmond, based on *Leigh's Panorama* of the Thames riverside, closes on 21 January. [www.museumofrichmond.com](http://www.museumofrichmond.com) 020 8332 1141

The **Landmark Arts Centre** has the *Landmark Show* from 8 to 28 January (see *Visual Arts* above), *Comedy Works* on Thursday 19 January at 8.00 pm, the *Landmark Quiz Night* on Friday 27 January at 7.30 pm, and a *Children's Concert* with the **Richmond Orchestra** on Sunday 29 January at 3.00 pm (see *Music* above). (020 8977 7558)

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## Historic Houses

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**Ham House and Garden** traditionally close after Christmas for conservation cleaning, this year preparing for two major installations.

In 2012, a new contemporary art exhibition, *Garden of Reason* will take place in the historic garden. Eight site-specific works by well-regarded contemporary artists have been

commissioned, along with a series of live art events, talks and tours throughout the spring and summer months. The exhibition opens in late April and will run until mid-September.

In the house, the basement area is being developed with new 'hands-on' displays and demonstrations to provide visitors with a sense of what life was like below stairs in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The gardens are open every weekend 1 January – 19 February. The House re-opens for guided tours on 20 February. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hamhouse](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hamhouse)

**Strawberry Hill House** is closed during January.

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## Libraries

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The Local History Season at Twickenham Library has Ken Howe of the BoTLHS talking about his most recent research on Teddington Lock on Saturday 21 January at 3.00 pm (020 8734 3340)

Booking essential for library talks: [www.richmond.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/libraries).

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### January mailing dates

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Flyers for events in February 2012 should be delivered to the **artsrichmond** office on Eel Pie Island by **Monday 9 January**.

**500** copies; £25.00; £35.00 for unaffiliated organisations.

Items for Newsletter and website: **Monday 2 January**.

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## artsrichmond Executive Committee members

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At the AGM on 1 December, **Pam Frazer**, who has served artsrichmond in so many capacities over the years, stood down from the Executive Committee and was elected a Vice President.

Lesley **Alabaf** and **Keith Wait** were elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

Committee members with continuing terms are **David Ward** (Chair), **Hilary Dodman** (Deputy Chair), **Simon Bartlett** (Treasurer), **Laurie Coombs** (Assistant Treasurer), **Sue Bell** (Membership Secretary), **Nicky Browne**, **Patricia Caunter**, **Karen Hindle**, **Jen Laney**, **Heather Morgan**, **Nuala Rowland**, **Gillian Thorpe** and **Gillian Wade**.

**Francis Bennett**, Chair of the Friends of the Libraries Committee, stood down on moving out of the borough, and has been succeeded by **David Ward**, a former Librarian of Royal Holloway.

**Lesley Bossine**, **Bob King** and **Pat Parsons** serve as co-opted members. LBRuT representatives are **Cllr Pam Fleming**, **Cllr Frances Bouchier**, and **Cllr Samantha Salvoni**.

Our grateful thanks go to all for their unstinting service, and especially to our Executive Secretary, **Sian Morgan**.

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## Getting publicity through *artsrichmond*

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**A**rtsrichmond is a voluntary charitable organisation supported by the subscriptions of its members (individuals and organisations) and by fund-raising events, with a small contribution from the borough council.

The monthly **newsletter** (usually four pages) is distributed to all members and to the general public through libraries and information centres, and to local newspapers and other media. It has a distribution of over 1000 copies each month.

The **website** is updated regularly, and carries details of **artsrichmond** events and of associated arts organisations and their events.

A **monthly mailing** for members includes flyers for events organised by member societies.

For events to be listed in the newsletter and on the website, the organising society must contribute to the costs of publication

either i) by being affiliated to artsrichmond, or ii) if there is space in the newsletter, and for one-off events only, by paying for a flyer to be included in the monthly mailing at the enhanced premium rate for non-members. Payment should be received by the time the newsletter is compiled.

Details of events for mention in the newsletter and website must be supplied to the **artsrichmond** office by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month preceding the month in which the event takes place.

Flyers for inclusion in the monthly mailing must be delivered to the **artsrichmond** office by the date notified to members and stated in the newsletter, usually the second Monday of the month. 500 copies needed, fee £25 to cover mailing costs (£35 for unaffiliated organisations).

Details of subscriptions to **artsrichmond** are available on the website.