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What's On

Arts & Culture in and around the borough of Richmond upon Thames

June 2024

The Arts Richmond newsletter

Open Studios



For the second year running Arts Richmond is organizing the Art House Open Studios on several dates in June. Many local artists will be welcoming visitors to their homes or their studios to view their work. The Borough is filled with talented and creative people so we urge you to visit some of them to see for yourself the variety of work they produce. The dates to visit

are Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June and then on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 June.

Catalogues will be available in local libraries, at the artist venues and also online. Do go along to see the talent of our creative community and maybe even invest in some original artwork!

NEW PLAYS COMPETITION

Arts Richmond invites submissions from local writers, regardless of whether they are linked to affiliated drama societies.

You don't have to be a professional writer – we welcome people of all levels of ability and experience to submit their work.

The deadline for submissions is Friday 19 July, and further details, including the criteria for entries is available on our website: https://artsrichmond.org.uk/arts-richmond-events

Showcoach

June

Trip to St Albans and Chenies Manor

July

A possible trip to Chichester Festival Theatre on page 12

September

guided walking tour around the Temple Church

November

Visit to Kenwood House and to Gatehouse Theatre Highgate

Details on

www.artsrichmond.org.uk

ARTS RICHMOND DRAMA PARTY AND SWAN AWARD NOMINATIONS EVENING

Please put the date in your diary now! The Arts Richmond Drama Party, featuring the announcement of the Swan Award winners, is on the evening of Saturday 21st September. Remember that this isn't just for Swan nominees, but for everyone involved in local theatre!

Some further changes will be made for 2024, but the focus

continues to be on celebration rather than competition. The venue will once again be the glorious Landmark Centre in Teddington. Tickets will be on sale soon.

We will also host an evening specifically for Swan nominees again this year – on the evening of Thursday 1st August. The venue will be the Exchange, Twickenham. Again, further details will be announced shortly.In the meantime, if you have any questions on either event, please contact info@artsrichmond.org.uk. See you on the red carpet, dressed to impress!

THE AFFORDABLE ART TENT AT Kew Fete

On Saturday 22 June.

Artists will be selling artwork in our Affordable Art Tent on Kew Green on Saturday 22 June. Please come along and browse and hopefully you will see something that you would like to buy.

Visual Arts



RuptureXIBIT This June don't miss the last of their Spring Residencies, on until Sunday 2nd. Then, join them from the 5th - 10th for their Open Studios; showcasing the new evolving body of work from Founding Artist in Residence Kate Howe: 'All of the

Susannas'. Visit the website for more information. RuptureXIBIT.com

Teddington Tintype June is a busy month for them, with plenty of opportunities to get your wet plate portrait! The Victorian Photography Workshop starts again at the Landmark Arts Centre on Tuesday evenings from Tue 4 June, book on their website. On 15/16 June and 29/30 June they will be back at The Beach Gallery, 197 Waldegrave Rd., Teddington for the Arts Richmond Open Studios. On Mon 17 June they are running a full day wet plate workshop in their regular studio at Teddington Photographic, 17 Broad St., Teddington. Book online.

teddingtontintype.co.uk

One Paved Court Gallery

Tue 4 to Sun 16 June. Meditations and Repetitions: Buffy Kimm & Doris Ernst. Contemporary paintings, mixed media and paper works that express the meditative and repetitive method of their creation. Tue 18 to 30 June Possible Impossibilities: An exhibition of mixed media artist Hanna ten Doornkaat and Dutch photographer Shiba Huizer. While their styles diverge significantly, their collaboration illustrates the aphorism 'opposites attract'. Tue 18 to Sun 30 June Chromatic Journey: An exhibition by Jennifer Talbot. Jennifer recruits colour, from the pastel tones of mannerist paintings to the fluorescent manmade pigments. onepavedcourt.co.uk

Saturday Watercolour Workshop Saturday Watercolour Workshop: Sat 8 June 10.00am-4.00pm. Summer Bouquet Made-to-measure one-day workshop led by experienced tutor Pat Harvey at 21, Cranebrook, Manor Road TW2 5DJ, her Twickenham riverside home. All abilities. The aim: for you to end the day with a painting you can be proud of! Suggested donation £45 (£10 reduction per class for three ormore). Email patkayharvey@talktalk.ne t or call 020 3643 6227 patharvey.co.uk

Bobcat Gallery will launch an online exhibition all about cats this June, with sales benefiting Cats Protection, the UK's largest cat welfare charity. Hosted in a virtual gallery accessible via the BobCat Gallery website for the whole month and featuring a range of affordable original and limited edition artworks depicting or inspired by our feline friends, the 'Picture Purrfect' exhibition can be viewed around the clock and across all devices. bobcatgallery.co.uk

JOC Ceramics Gallery Open Gallery date: 1-5pm on Sun 30 June. At 9-11 High Street, Hampton TW12 2SA. A designled Ceramics Gallery and styling resource. Showcasing an everevolving collection of work by over 30 artists, all of whom share their passion for ceramics and architecture. jacksonoconnor.com/ceramics

Orleans House Gallery Until

23 June. Play Works, an interactive exhibition for children, which has seen the gallery transformed with multi coloured fabric hanging from the ceiling, an assortment of curious objects, dressing up costumes and hats and masks. Children are invited to

come and play and create their own world.

richmond.gov.uk/orleans_house_gallery

Leigh Gallery and Picture Framers are an established gallery and framing business. Offering a very friendly, fast and efficient service at competitive prices they can cater for all your picture framing and mounting requirements. They practise conservation framing techniques, so you can be assured that the artwork they frame will be preserved for the future. All work is done on their premises in Hampton Hill, where their Gallery is the permanent home for seven local artists. leighpicturegallery.co.uk

PRATTS A friendly group of artists who meet to draw, paint and do 'arty' things together. The group is un-tutored with a professional m/f nude model each week. They are of various levels of styles, ability and experience – all are welcome (over 18s). Tuesdays: 7pm -9.30pm. Attenborough Hall, ETNA Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road, Twickenham TW1 2AR. Drop-in sessions are just £10 for each of the first three taster sessions, then £15. Regulars can pay a subscription - currently £250 for a half year. Please get in touch if you are interested. Contact: John Wylie 0n 07986 821448 or email johncwylie@yahoo.co.uk

The Art of Nature

Further details Alex Robb: 07914 509 833. Email: alexandra.robb@gmail.com or Rachel Labovitch: 07944911598 Email: rachel.labovitch@gmail.com

Richmond Art Society richmondartsociety.com

Redlees Artists redlees.org

Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society rtps.org.uk.

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The Beach Gallery

Art at Home newartathome.co.uk Teddington Artists teddingtonartists.co.uk

the-beach.uk

Molesey Art Society moleseyartsociety.co.uk

Twickenham Art Circle twickenhamartcircle.org.uk

Barnes Artists barnesartists.org

Colneroadstudios whettonandgrosch.co.uk

The W4 Ceramic Fair email zordangioilla@gmail.com.

Art And Soul artandsoul.org.uk

Landmark Arts Centre landmarkartscentre.org

Handmade Workshops handmadeworkshops.co.uk

London Potters londonpotters.com

Creative Richmond www.creativerichmond.co.uk

Fountain Gallery fountaingallery.co.uk

Kew Studio kewstudio.org.

Willow Bank Studio janleejohnson.co.uk/

Literature



Poetry Performance Sun 2 June. Poetry Performance is upstairs at The Adelaide Pub, Teddington, from 6 till 8 pm. Featured poet is Sharron Green. If you would like to read or be part of the audience, please email poetryupstairs@outlook.com£3 entry and please buy a drink at the bar.

St Mary's University email kim.salmons@stmarys.ac.uk.

Barnes Literary Society barnesliterarysociety.org.uk

Performance



Orange Tree Theatre. Mon 24
May to Sat 6 July. Suite In Three
Keys by Noël Coward directed
by Tom Littler. Stephen Boxer,
Emma Fielding and Tara
Fitzgerald star in Coward's
collection of three plays set in
the same hotel room. Sun 2
June at 11am. Sunday Morning
Coffee Concert. Starting with
Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante
in a version for string sextet,
followed after the break by

Schönberg's Transfigured Night. Tue 4 to Fri 7 June. *Testmatch*: OT On Screen. Watch Kate Attwell's new play from the comfort of your own home.. Sun 23 June, 2:30pm. *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare, adapted and directed by Natasha Rickman (Primary Shakespeare programme). orangetreetheatre.co.uk

Richmond Shakespeare Society

Sat 1 to Sat 8 June Heroes by Gerald Sibleyras (translated by Tom Stoppard). Set in France in 1959 in a retirement home for old soldiers, three elderly veterans, Philippe, Gustave and Henri, while away their days with tepid suppers and tales of past glories. That is until an opportunity to make a daring escape presents itself and the three comrades plan the journey of a lifetime. The Mary Wallace Theatre is situated on the Embankment, close to St Mary's Church and the Barmy Arms.

richmondshakespeare.org.uk

OSO Arts Centre Summer is in full swing at the OSO! With the drama of the real-life hero, The White Mouse (4-6 June), the unflinching docu-play Afghanistan Is Not Funny (13-15 June), and the breathtaking solo performance of Macbeth (20 June) there is plenty to keep you on the edge of your seat. Not to mention a whole host of music and food events including Cocktails with Joyce Grenfell (19 June), Sam Jewison sings the Great American Songbook (26 June), and Bollywood Night (27 June). osoarts.org.uk

The Telling Sun 9 June at 7.30pm. Clare Norburn (Arts Richmond Radio Plays Competition 2023 Winner) and

The Telling present I, Spie: a play about composer John Dowland and his grisly dealings with the Elizabethan Secret Service. Think *Spooks* meets *Blackadder* with music by Dowland, his contemporaries and lively Elizabethan tavern, street and courtly masque music. At Raleigh Road United Church Hall, Raleigh Road, Richmond TW9 2DX. Tickets: www.thetelling.co.uk/i-spierichmond.

thetelling.co.uk

The Exchange Sat 29 June at 2.30 pm and 7 pm and Sun 30 June at 2.30 pm. The Great Belzoni. Experience the hilarious return of The Great Belzoni, solving a new crime in 1928 London during 'Egyptian Mummy Fever'. Written by local talent Loz Keal, it's a brilliant spoof whodunit the family won't want to miss. Join us for laughs and uncover the mystery at the British Museum! Tickets £10-£12.

exchangetwickenham.co.uk

Dramacube Productions are delighted to announce West End Musicals Weekend for 13-18 yrs! Places on this special Youth Theatre project are limited and cast lists close on 16th June. For full rehearsal details go to

www.dramacubeproductions.co .uk/youth-company/west-endmusicals-weekend//

29 June to 1 July *Moana Jr.* This feel-good summer show will be filled with Musical Theatre and magic so journey with us as we whisk you away to find the Heart of Te Fiti. Our 8-12 year old performers will be setting sail on stage from 29th June – 1st July. Book your tickets now at

www.dramacubeproductions.co .uk/tickets/

dramacubeproductions.co.uk

BYT Impro Workshops Weekly every Thursday 8.15pm-9.45pm. At the Castelnau Community Centre, 7 Stillingfleet Road, Barnes, SW13 9AQ. Price £20 or concession £10 pay on the door or pre book contact details Ed Cottrell 07976 718142.

Bluefire Theatre Company

bluefiretheatre.co.uk

Teddington Theatre Club teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk

BROS TC

brostheatrecompany.org

Q2 Players

q2players.wordpress.com

Optik Theatre

thescriptroom.com

Barnes Community Players

barnescommunityplayers.co.uk

Landmark Arts Centre

landmarkartscentre.org

Ignite Me Workshop Theatre C.I.C

ignitemewt.com

YAT

yat.org.uk

Rhinoceros Theatre.

rhinoceros the at recompany. co.uk

GRiP Theatre

griptheatre.com

Edmundian Players

facebook.com/TheEdmundianPlayers

Langdon Down Theatre

langdondowncentre.org.uk

TOPS Musical Theatre Company

topsmusicals.co.uk

The Puppet Theatre Barge

puppetbarge.com

Follow them on Facebook or @ohadsdrama for information.

Strut & Fret

Follow them on Facebook (@Strut & Fret), Instagram (@strut_and_fret) and X (@strut_fret).

St Mary's Drama Group (Hampton)

facebook.com/stmarysdramagroupham pton

Film



Richmond Film Society The final three films of the Society's 60th season are 'The Whistlers' (Romania) at 8pm on 4 June, 'Kind Hearts & Coronets' (UK) at 8pm on 11 June and 'Are you there God? It's me, Margaret' (USA) at 8pm on 25 June. Films are screened at The Exchange, 75 London Road, Twickenham, TW1 1BE. Season 61 will commence on 17 September 2024. Non-member tickets are £5 (full-time students £3) and can be purchased in advance from The Exchange's Box Office at https://exchangetwickenham .co.uk/box-office/ See http://www.richmondfilmsoc.or g.uk for further information. richmondfilmsoc.org.uk

The Exchange 27 June at 10 am. Baby Cinema: The Holdovers (2023) Films exclusively for grown-ups accompanied by their babies. exchangetwickenham.co.uk

Music



Kingston Choral Society Sat 22
June at 7.30pm Summer concert
- A Purcell Celebration. Open
rehearsal 2.30-4pm. Join
Kingston Choral Society at St
Andrew's Church, Surbiton for a
rare opportunity to experience
the very best of English Baroque
music by Henry Purcell. The
evening features four soloists
and the authentic instruments
of the Purcell Orchestra. Venue:
St Andrew's Church, Maple
Road, Surbiton, KT64DS. Further
information about the choir and

Richmond Orchestra Sat 15 June at 7pm sees two

kingstonchoralsociety.org.uk/kcs/

the concert, visit the website.

indefatigable musical forces in south west London come together for *Mozart's dramatic* Requiem. In an exciting and dynamic all-Mozart programme Sheen Gate Choir join forces with Richmond Orchestra, led by conductors Ben Thapa and Martin Smith, to offer highlights of his operas, and piano concerto #27 in B flat with Robert Bridge. Featuring outstanding professional soloists, this promises to be an evening to live long in the memory. All Saints Church, East Sheen, SW14 8AX. Tickets from SGC on:

www.sheengatechoir.co.uk richmondorchestra.org.uk

Thames Philharmonic Sat 15 June. Summer concert. Join Thames Philharmonic Choir at a new venue, St Paul's Church Knightsbridge, for a musical exploration of some of the country's finest choral music from the last 50 years. Including music by Sir James MacMillan, Cecilia McDowall, Jonathan Dove, it promises to be a very special evening. Solo parts will be sung by Thames Philharmonic's choral scholars and the concert will be conducted by Music Director, Harry Bradford. For full information and to book, go to: www.thamesphilharmonicchoir. co.uk/event-details/summerconcert

thamesphilharmonicchoir.co.uk

Richmond Concerts Tue 18 June at 7.45pm. Virtuosic saxophonist Manu Brazo and experienced pianist Prajna *Indrawati* will give a recital for Richmond Concert Society at St Mary the Virgin church, Twickenham Riverside, TW1 3NJ. This young duo will perform a wonderfully varied programme, which will include Beau Soir by Debussy, A Gershwin Fantasy by Martino and a sonata by Fernande Decruck alongside pieces by Vaughan Williams, De Falla and Волла.

richmondconcerts.co.uk

Richmond Chamber Choir Sat 22 June. For a light but fun summer evening of choral greats join Richmond Chamber Choir (formerly Cantanti Camerati) for their concert A Midsummer Night's Dream at St. Anne's Church, Kew Green, Richmond TW9 3AA, which will be conducted by new musical director Alexander Turner. It will feature music by Elgar, Finzi, Diemer and Rutter and include modern classics such as 'Summertime' and 'Over the Rainbow', plus readings from Shakespeare. Tickets are £15 from

www.wegottickets.com/event/ 619039/ (small fee applies). e-voice.org.uk/cantanticamerati/

Twickenham Choral Sat 22 June at 7.30pm. For his final concert as Conductor of Twickenham Choral, Christopher Herrick has chosen to perform Verdi's Requiem with his 100-strong choir, four stellar soloists and the exceptional Brandenburg Sinfonia – plus spine-tingling offstage trumpets - at London's elegant Cadogan Hall. Not only that, but the occasion will mark the 150th anniversary of the first performance of this magnificent piece, derided at the time as 'Verdi's latest opera, but in ecclesiastical robes' but then quickly endorsed by Brahms himself, who hailed it as a work of genius. https://cadoganhall.com/whatson/twickenham-choral-societyverdi-requiem/book/877434/. At Cadogan Hall SW1X 9DQ. Tickets £35 (£20 concessions). twickenhamchoral.org.uk

The Ripieno Choir Sat 22 June at 7.30pm at All Saints, Esher KT10 8JL. With songs of rivers (Babylon, Shenandoah) and seas, tears of grief and penitence, their 'Water Nights' programme is inspired by the variety and ubiquity of water. From Eton Choir book to Sea Shanties, from Gibbons to MacMillan, the musical diversity offers something to delight everyone. Tickets: £16 in advance/£18 on the door, £5 under from http://ripienochoir.org.uk/conc erts/tickets/ or 020 8399 2714. ripienochoir.org.uk

Hampton Choral Society Why not join Hampton Choral Society who sing together at Teddington Methodist Church, 1 Stanley Road, TW11 8TP? They meet to sing every Tuesday

evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Their summer concert is at 7.30pm on Sat 29 June and will be John Rutter's Requiem and Durufle's Requiem. The venue is The Parish Church of St James, St James's Road, Hampton Hill, TW12 1DQ. They are a friendly, welcoming choir with a superb Music Director and Accompanist. Singing together is a joy from the beginning. No auditions are needed and fees are kept low. https://www.hamptonchoral.or g.uk. Or contact macdonald.avf61@gmail.com. hamptonchoral.org.uk Concordia Voices Sun 30 June at 6pm. Shakespeare and All that Jazz, an early evening summer concert featuring Will Todd's Jazz Missa Brevis, settings of Shakespeare by Shearing, Rutter and Emma Lou Diemer, and Bernstein's West Side Story Medley. Tickets £13 + booking fee in advance from www.ticketsource.co.uk/concor diavoices, or £15 on the door. At St Mary's Church, Twickenham, TW1 3NJ.

Barnes Music Society barnesmusicsociety.org

concordiavoices.com

Mortlake Community Association

MCA Drawing Group and Mortlake Community Choir are part of the diverse range of social, educational and recreational activities that Mortlake Community Association provides. Join our friendly groups and learn from professional tutors. The price of the groups is £5/session, and they include a social cup of tea and biscuit. Singing every Tuesday 12noon to 1.30pm. Drawing every Friday, 2 pm to 4pm in Mortlake Hall. mortlakecommunityassociation.org.uk

Twickenham Community Choir

meets on Wednesday evenings, 7-8.30pm at Waldegrave School, TW2. To join email helenastrid@gmail.com

Whitton Adult Community

Come and discover that if you can speak, you can sing! No need to be able to read music or to have sung in a group before. At the Whitton Community Centre, Percy Road, TW2 6JL every Saturday 11.15-12.30 until 20 July (Half Term break -Saturday 1st June). They learn songs from a variety of genres and cultures: Pop, Folk, Soul, Classical, Spirituals, etc. Come to a free trial session on any term time Saturday (11.15-12.30). For further details, please contact: loulla82gorman@gmail.com or

07788664957

Teddington Wind Orchestra

New members welcome! They are an adult, community wind orchestra made up of a variety of musicians, of mixed age and ability, playing a variety of wind instruments. If you are looking for a place to learn or relearn a wind instrument or a place to just enjoy making music then join them Wednesday evenings 7.15pm - 8.45pm. Location: Salvation Army Hall, Church Rd, Teddington. First session is free. Grade 4 and above best suited. If you would like to join contact Mandy on 07850 166874 or email

mandyholliday@hotmail.com.

Thameside Harmony Chorus

are a four-part a capella ladies singing group based in Hampton. With their new MD, the experienced music professional Antonio, guiding them, they will sing tunes designed specifically for the

evening. You'll soon be able to hear how good harmonies can sound. Thameside Harmony periodically performs concerts or 'singouts' in the local area. Meets Wednesdays 7.45-9.30pm Hampton Methodist Church hall, Percy Road, Hampton. Contact admin@thamesideharmony.org .uk or call 020 8894 3516 for more information. thamesideharmony.org.uk

Richmond Opera

richmondopera.org.uk

Loki Music

lokimusic.co.uk

Kew Wind Orchestra kewwindorchestra.org.uk Teddington Choral Society

teddingtonchoral.co.uk

Thames Youth Orchestra

thamesyouthorchestra.co.uk

West London Chamber Choir

westlondonchamberchoir.com

Barnes Music Festival.

barnes music festival.com

Instant Opera

instantopera.co.uk

HLO Musical Company

hlo.org.uk

The Middlesex Yeomanry Concert Band

mycb.website

Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra

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Richmond upon Thames Festival of the Performing Arts

rich mond festival. or g.uk

Rock, Jazz & Folk



Richmond Rhythm Club

"Conversations in Jazz" at the Richmond Rhythm Club on Tuesdays 2 - 4pm, Twickenham Club, 7 Church Street, TW1 3NU. An opportunity to learn about the jazz world from a guest speaker who shares their background and influences, and usually plays their particular instrument. These talks are relaxed, entertaining, and informative.A warm welcome is guaranteed as well as full bar service. Here is the programme for the rest of the term: 4 June: Gabriel Garrick Trumpet. 11 June: *Alex Hitchcock* Saxophone. 18 June: Bob Sinfield - Broadcaster and Writer. 25 June: mini-gig Mick Foster (Saxophone), Dominic Ashworth (Guitar) and Tom Farmer (Bass). richmondrhythmclub.weebly.com

The Exchange 7 and 8 June, 7.30 pm. Wall to Wall Bowie. Janette Mason presents a fresh look at Bowie's songs, with new arrangements and jazz twists. 13 June at 7.30 pm. Hejira -Celebrating Joni Mitchell. Experience the magic of Hejira, a 7-piece band celebrating Joni Mitchell's masterpiece works, primarily from the late 70's. Wed 22 June 2-8 pm. Early Doors Midsummer Disco. Each season they will be hosting a community dance event and jumping on the current craze for daytime discos, they are hosting their very first early doors disco, tailored for the 30+. exchangetwickenham.co.uk

Twickenham Jazz Club Wed 12 June at 8pm. 'Trombonism' Nick Mill's fabulous 5-piece trombone ensemble. The trombone is credited with being the instrument that closely resembles the human voice; to listen to 5 trombones in an almost acoustic setting is a sheer delight. Wed 26 June at 8pm. 'Women's Words and Sister's Stories' vocalist Ineza is an agile, swinging Belgian/Rwandan vocalist who joins us with pianist and composer Alex Webb on an intuitive journey through the timeless repertoire of the classic jazz vocalists. At Patchworks Theatre and Bar at the Cabbage Patch Pub, 67 London Road, Twickenham TW1 3SZ. twickenhamjazzclub.com

Eel Pie Club Thursday 13 June. Connor Selby Band. One of the brightest talents on the UK blues scene, Connor has been voted "Young Artist of the Year" at the UK Blues Awards for three consecutive years. £15 (£13 Members). Thu 27 June. *Todd Sharpville Band*. Todd is one of the most soulful blues guitarists in the world today. £16 (£14 Members). Taste Of Twickenham Event. Bands in the Cabbage Garden from 12:30 to 5:30pm. Featuring: Marky Dawson, Steve and Tat Whalley, Soul Blues The Band, The Deputies. FREE! At The Patch, 67 London Road, Twickenham TW1 3SZ. Music 8.30pm (unless otherwise advertised). Tickets via website. Enquiries: 07732 322610 or

eelpieclubuk@gmail.com eelpieclub.com

Twickfolk

twickfolk.co.uk

landmarkartscentre.org

Mark's Jazz Sessions phone 07799 582337 for information

JKL-Jazz For dates of appearances in the area see Facebook.com/JKL-Jazz. The band is also always available for Weddings, Private Parties and Corporate Events.

Crawdaddy Club

crawdaddyclubrichmond.com

Museums



The Twickenham Museum Even

their location at 25 The Embankment is a part of local history. It is a charming Grade 2 listed waterman's cottage dating back to circa 1720. It stands adjacent to the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin. Open: Fri 11-3pm, Sat 11-3pm and Sun 2-4pm. The Museum is currently looking for volunteers to work in the afternoons on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. If you are interested in working with the public please email the House Manager for further details on

housemanager@twickenham-museum.org.uk

twickenham-museum.org.uk

The Museum of Richmond

museumofrichmond.com

Musical Museum

musicalmuseum.co.uk

Historic Houses



Strawberry Hill House Sun 9 June 4pm to 7.30pm. Summer Sounds: The Polka Dots. Whether it's 1940s Swing or 1950s Rockabilly, The Polka Dots are guaranteed to be a crowd-pleaser, bringing glamour, fun and energy to every performance. Tue 2 July at 7.15pm. Strawberry Hill House Summer Concert. As Sir Karl Jenkins celebrates his 80th birthday with a major UK tour, Strawberry Hill House are offering as a tribute this performance of his masterpiece, 'The Armed Man'. Enjoy a concert in the impressive Waldegrave Drawing Room after a summer evening drink in the Garden. strawberryhillhouse.org.uk

Turner's House Different dates. Wine Tasting at Turner's House with St Margarets Wines. The House is hosting evenings of wine tasting. Tickets £50 include five wines to taste plus food, entry, and tour of the house. 11 and 25 June 10.30am to 12.30pm - In Turner's Studio: Talk and Paint. Join Turner's House Museum Director, Matthew Morgan, and Learning and Volunteers Officer, Rita Piglionica, in the beautiful and inspiring setting of Turner's House, to engage with works by Turner and discover how these can be a starting point to create new works that connect to contemporary themes and

new creativity. All levels are welcome. Tickets £15. Lecture, materials, and light refreshments are included in the ticket price. turnershouse.org

Marble Hill House

Englishheritage.org.uk/visit/places/mar ble-hill-house/

Walks, talks and courses



The Kew Society Sat 1 June 1pm to 3,15pm. A debate on 'The Coercive Acts'- The Response to the Boston Tea Party. Fri 28 June at 7pm. 'From Kew to the Amazon' - a talk by Nick Ovenden - focused on a seed collecting trip to the ancestral home of the Siekopai community in the Amazon rainforest. Both events will take place at the National Archives, Kew. Please also do come along to the Kew Society stand at the Kew Summer Fete, Kew Green, on Saturday 22nd June-learn more about the work and events of The Kew Society – they would love to see you therel kewsociety.org

The Exchange Sat 1 June at 7.30 pm. Jude Kelly: Shakespeare's Women. Jude explores the great women in The Bard's works, their real-life inspirations, what they teach us about gender politics in 16th Century society. Sun 2 June at 2 pm Comedy Club 4 Kids. The best stand-ups and sketch acts from the international circuit do their thing for an audience of

children (aged 6+) and their families. Fri 14 June at 7 pm *An Evening with Only Fools & Horses*. Get ready for a night of laughter with four original cast members from one of TV's most iconic shows. Fri 28 June at 8 pm. *The Noise Next Door – Freewheeling*. The quickest improvisational wits are coming to town.

exchangetwickenham.co.uk

Richmond Heritage Guides Sun

2 June at 2pm. Trace Hanoverian Royal Family connections on historical Kew Green and the riverside. Meet outside St Anne's Church, Kew Green TW9 3AA. Sun 9 June at 2pm. A tour of Richmond. Meet at Richmond Station by the Visitor Information Booth. Richmond TW9 2NA. Sat 15 June at 11am. Gently meander up Richmond Hill with historical revelations on the way. Meet at Richmond Station by the Visitor Information Booth Richmond TW9 2NA. Sun 23 June at 11.00am. Join a Twickenham historical riverside promenade from York House to Marble Hill. Meet outside St Mary's Church, Church Street, Twickenham TW1 3NJ. Sat 29 June at 11am. Ham Common and its surrounding streets reveals striking examples of the areas ancient and modern past. Meet outside 'The New Inn' 345 Petersham Road, Ham TW10 7DB. No need to book walks, just turn up and pay the guide (£5). Richmond Heritage Guides 020 8894 3678 or 020 8948 2612 richmondwalks.co.uk

The Arts Society Richmond

Their lecture programme continues on Tue 4 June at 7.30pm with the monthly live/Zoom hybrid lecture. The title is "The Triumph of Lutyens's

New Delhi" and the speaker is Anthony Peers. They start the evening with drinks from 6.45pm in Duke Street Church, Duke Street Richmond, TW9 1DH. Always free to members and non-members pay £5 on the door - no booking required. Non-members can also watch on Zoom for £7 by emailing them as below. Fri 21 June an all day visit to Waddesdon Manor.

theartssocietyrichmond.org.uk

Hampton Hill Photographic

Society Wed 19 June at 8pm upstairs at The Bell Inn, Hampton. Andrew Wilson's presentation "Wild London: Discovering London's Hidden Parks, Gardens and Wild Nature". Andrew is a publisher and nature photographer, a resident of Putney. Our glorious open spaces are a constant feature throughout his work. Non-members welcome: please sign up and pay £5 fee on Eventbrite. See club and location details on our website. hamptonhillps.org.uk

Garrick's Temple to

Shakespeare reopened on Sun 7 April to begin the 2024 season. The Temple will open between 2pm and 5pm every Sunday through to and including Sun 27 October. Entrance is free. Address: Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare, Hampton Court Road, Hampton, TW12 2EN. Email:

garrickstempletoshakespeare@gmail.com. garrickstemple.org.uk

Richmond Association for the National Trust

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GLORIOUS GLASGOW

A SHOWCOACH RESIDENTIAL TRIP



Truly, Glasgow is an amazing city and as we discovered in the middle of April is full of surprises and lo! sometimes the sun shines on its visitors.

Arts Richmond holidays are always meticulously organised. They start with members being picked up by coach at a stop near where they live and dropped there at the end of the jaunt.

On arrival in Glasgow, the first afternoon of this great holiday offered a panoramic tour of the city finishing up at the splendid Clayton Hotel situated right by the whopping River Clyde. A modern conversion which was once the Court House, the hotel offered the mod cons you would expect. Our rooms were huge and very well designed. We all gloried in the fastest lift service we had ever experienced! Because the hotel has a fine bar we met there before a splendid but somewhat tardy dinner. Excellent breakfast was enjoyed every morning and then the adventures started.

Our affable driver Stuart first took us Bellahouston Park for a tour of the simply fabulous House for an Art Lover - our first introduction to Charles Rennie Mackintosh.



This extraordinary building was designed for an international competition in 1900 but was only completed in 1996. It has the most amazingly elegant designed rooms including the famous Music Room with its carved piano looking slightly like a four-poster bed.



The use of lighting and the sheer drama of the designs are breathtaking. You wonder at the sheer craftsmanship of the stone carving, stained glass, gesso panels and embroidery. James, our outstanding guide, is a stone carver himself and graciously invited us to look at his work in a free-standing hut in the grounds nearby. Then it was off to have lunch at the famed Willow Tearooms before exploring the magnificent Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.



You could spend hours here there are over 8,000 exhibits including paintings, room settings, all manner of stuffed wildlife and goodness knows what else. Unfortunately Dali's famous Crucifixion was away on tour.

Everyone will know of Dumfries House which was the first stop on our next day's outing.



The King when he was Prince of Wales was the instigator of the saving of the house and grounds. The house is gorgeous in every corner and because HM wanted it to look like someone's real home, there are no strings guarding the chairs or indeed the rooms. The policy of the place is that local people can go there to learn skills like woodworking or glasswork thus preserving jobs in the local area.



The afternoon visit to Culzean Castle was graced with glorious sunny weather so the view over the sea to Arran delighted us all. Friendly knowledgeable guides related some of the intriguing history of this fine building but it is the setting which raises the spirits.

The next day was damp to say the least however our welcome from the owner of Ardgowan House, Sir Ludivic Shaw Stewart (the 12th Baronet of Greenock and Blackhall) "but call me Ludo" was warm and cheerful.



He showed us the rooms and along the way described the

fascinating history of the House. One thing which delighted me was the number of mammoth, handsome, ceiling-high bookshelves packed with fine old volumes. That day was topped off with an informal visit to the Burrell Collection. This newly redesigned property holds an astonishing array of treasures collected by a wealthy ship owner. From stained glass to suits of armour, paintings, furniture, lots of oriental china and so on and on this is another venue it's hard to do justice.



I just loved a set of very old apostle spoons - all twelve of them!



You might like to know that beyond the building itself there is a field containing several craggy but majestic Highland cattle which much excited the photographers in the group. Our final day we went to Helensburgh to explore The Hill House, Mackintosh's domestic masterpiece built for the Blackie family. Every room contains details of design to please the eye but it also looks very comfortable and liveable. Unfortunately, the years have revealed that due to poor materials used originally, the exterior of the property has suffered serious damage.



Renovation has involved building a huge, all-encompassing cage around it, with sheets of finely woven steel designed to stop rain reaching the walls. It seems this drying off will take many years. This doesn't put people off rather, walking round the cage enhances the experience. The finale of our holiday was joyous.

We were treated to a delicious farewell lunch in The Lodge on Loch Lomond Hotel right on the banks of the Loch. The sun shone, the water gleamed, the blue sky enveloped the whole and we gloried in the gorgeousness of it all. A very fitting end to a spectacular holiday.

By Helen Taylor Member of the Showcoach committee

SHOWCOACH NEWS

We have many more enjoyable and sociable Showcoach trips planned for the future so do join us on some if not all of them. We arrange theatre tickets, visits to galleries or places of interest and trips to music or opera events.

We are in discussions about next year's residential trip and are considering Vienna and Northern Ireland. Make sure you are a member of Arts Richmond to take advantage of these fabulous experiences.

Keep up to date with our plans which we will announce in the Arts Richmond newsletter or else check on the website for further news and to book.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are always happy to welcome those who may feel they would like to volunteer their time and energy to help out at our charity.

There are so many ways to help. You could join a committee which arranges cultural events such as concerts, exhibitions, outings etc. You could join our monthly group of "Stuffers", the friendly group who meet once a month to mail out the newsletter. Or you could help in the office with social media feeds or general admin. We volunteers find we gain much more than we give so do come and have a chat about the opportunities to help.

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Please join us for a visit to CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE ON THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST at 2.30pm

To see a new production of OLIVER!, Lionel Bart's iconic musical revised by Matthew Bourne and Cameron Mackintosh. It promises to be one of the most unforgettable shows ever at the Festival Theatre. With a sensational score, including Food Glorious Food, Consider Yourself, You've Got to Pick-a-Pocket or Two, I'd Do Anything, Oom Pah Pah, As Long As He Needs Me and many more, this masterpiece brings vividly to life Dickens' ever popular story of the boy who asked for more. The cast includes Simon Lipton as Fagin, Shanay Holmes as Nancy, Aaron Sidwell as Bill Sikes, Billy Jenkins as the Artful Dodger and Philip Franks as Mr Brownlow.

We only have 29 tickets so please book as soon as possible COST INCLUDING COACH TRANSPORT AND STALLS TICKET: £85

BookOnline: https://artsrichmond.org.uk/showcoach Pick ups at Hampton, Twickenham and Richmond.





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Showcoach: Excursions to plays, musicals, operas, concerts, exhibitions and places of interest – some with coaches from pick-up points across the borough. We know how important safe transport and companionship is for our members and we make every effort to ensure ease of access for all. **Literature:** We run literary events throughout the year such as the *Young Writers' Festival*, as well as Literature Talks.

Drama: We promote the performances of local professional and amateur theatre companies and run the Swan Drama Awards — our local version of the Oscars — rewarding amateur talent in the borough. We also encourage new playwriting.

Music: We promote the extensive programme of concerts organised by concert societies, choral and other music groups throughout the borough.

Visual Arts and Photography: We promote the work of local artists and run exhibitions and competitions offering the opportunity to buy paintings, prints and photographs at affordable prices.

Heritage and Museums: We promote the events and exhibitions taking place at the large number of historic places in the local area.

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Arts Richmond is blessed to have some wonderful people who work very hard to put on many cultural events, encourage self-expression and creativity in Richmond borough and beyond. Foremost of these are the Trustees, sub-committees and the Patrons, amongst others. We thank them for such valued support. We are very grateful for the efforts of the energetic volunteers (known as The Stuffers!) who come each month to stuff the envelopes with the newsletter and fliers. Thank you for your dedication.

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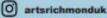
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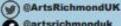
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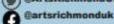
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