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## What's On

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

# May 2022

## The Arts Richmond newsletter

## Richmond Artist of the Year



Following on from last year's very successful Richmond Artist of the Year, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding a second Artist of the Year event at the Barnes Wetland Centre. It is a very inspiring place as it is an extensive area dedicated to attracting a wide range of wildlife, whilst still being close to a large and hectic city. We are inviting all artists to come to

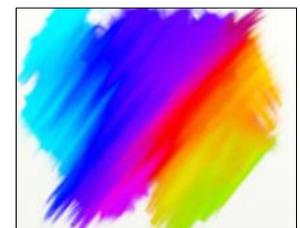
paint there on Sunday 12 June. There is a wide range of landscapes and habitats that could be used to create an artwork. Many waterbirds come to feed and nest here so these too could be a subject for painters to capture – although birds have a habit of moving so the artist would have to be quick off the mark. There are some bird hides where artists could set up if the weather is

not very kind. There are large expanses of water and scenic views so there are many possibilities for portraying this beautiful haven. The website of the Wetland Centre is: [www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london](http://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london)

If you would be interested in taking part, please contact the Arts Richmond office and we can then send you details of the day. It will be a wonderful opportunity to engage with the natural world and try and capture its essence.

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### Visual Arts



**Fountain Gallery** Tue 26 April to Sun 8 May *Paintings by Ann Marie Whaley and Nigel Moores and ceramics by Simon Taylor.* Out of the Blue: a celebration of the hand-

made, the slow evolution of images and objects. Tue 10 to Sun 22 May *Anouschka Hutton*. Colourful flora merged with vibrant patterns, as well as a vintage silver-plate, fantasy fish and boats. Exhibiting with Wick Hutton. Tue 24 May to Sun 5 June *Tessa Pearson More than Dahlias*: Contemporary paintings and monoprints in gorgeous colour inspired by glorious gardens, with fabulous abstract sculpture by Greg Pearson. Tuesdays to Sundays from 11am to 5pm. At 26 Bridge Road, East Molesey, KT8 9HA. [fountaingallery.co.uk](http://fountaingallery.co.uk)

**Willow Bank Studio** ETNA Watercolour painting classes on Tuesday afternoons 1-4pm Dates- 3, 10, 24 May, 7, 14 June. Ground floor room ETNA Community Centre 13 Rosslyn Road. Twickenham TW1 2AR We have a few spaces left for May. £75 Relaxed and informal, with professional tuition from tutor Jan Lee Johnson. Enquiries: [janleejohnson@me.com](mailto:janleejohnson@me.com) [janleejohnson.co.uk/](http://janleejohnson.co.uk/)

**Redlees Artists** Fri 6 May 6-9 pm and a welcome drink, Sat 7 and Sun 8 11 am-6 pm. *Open Studios*. Free admission, free parking, wheelchair access; well-behaved dogs and their owners are welcome. Redlees Studios, Redlees Park, Worton Rd Isleworth TW7 6DW [redlees.org](http://redlees.org)

**Saturday Watercolour Workshop**: Sat 21 May 10am-4pm *May Flowers* 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 or more). Email [patkayharvey@talktalk.net](mailto:patkayharvey@talktalk.net) or call 020 3643 6227 for details. [www.patharvey.co.uk](http://www.patharvey.co.uk)

**One Paved Court Gallery**  
[onepavedcourt.co.uk](http://onepavedcourt.co.uk)

## What's On

in the thriving local arts scene.

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[artsrichmond\\_uk](https://twitter.com/artsrichmond_uk)

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**London Potters**  
[londonpotters.com](http://londonpotters.com)

**Molesey Art Society**  
[moleseyartsociety.co.uk](http://moleseyartsociety.co.uk)

**Twickenham Art Circle**  
[twickenhamartcircle.org.uk](http://twickenhamartcircle.org.uk)

**Bobcat Gallery**  
[bobcatgallery.co.uk](http://bobcatgallery.co.uk)

**Handmade Workshops**  
[handmadeworkshops.co.uk](http://handmadeworkshops.co.uk)

**Richmond Art Society**  
[richmondartsociety.com](http://richmondartsociety.com)

**Kew**  
[kewstudio.org](http://kewstudio.org)

**Teddington Artists**  
[teddingtonartists.co.uk](http://teddingtonartists.co.uk)

**Molesey Art Society**  
[moleseyartsociety.co.uk](http://moleseyartsociety.co.uk)

**Art And Soul**  
[artandsoul.org.uk](http://artandsoul.org.uk)

**Kate Howe Studios Ltd**  
[katehowe.com](http://katehowe.com)

**Orleans House Gallery**  
[orleanshousegallery.org](http://orleanshousegallery.org)

**The Bowman Gallery**  
[bowmangallery.co.uk](http://bowmangallery.co.uk)

**The Art of Nature**  
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or Rachel Labovitch:  
07944911598 Email:  
[rachel.labovitch@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.labovitch@gmail.com)

## Literature



**Poetry Performance** the first Sunday of the month at the Adelaide Pub in Park Road, Teddington. For details email [warringa@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:warringa@blueyonder.co.uk).

## Drama



**OSO Arts Centre** Their summer season - Nicola Keen is back with another show and this time she's bringing her husband for a show all about love! Also returning is Stephan O'Goodson. This season he presents '*Stephan's Speakeasy*' - think prohibition themed cocktails, jazzy lounge numbers and tonnes of glamour! Yanete (their resident spice queen) will present an *Ethiopian Dining Experience*, featuring a traditional Coffee Ceremony. They are also welcoming Issy Van Randwyck, Rosemary Ashe, Sofia Kirwan-Baez, Mark Glentworth, Roger McGough and many more! [osoarts.org.uk](http://osoarts.org.uk)

**Richmond Shakespeare Society**  
Sat 9 to Sat 23 April at 7.45pm and 3pm (except Sundays 10 and 17 April at 3.00pm. No performance on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April). '*Henry IV*' by William Shakespeare. His captivating tale surveys the entire panorama of English life, and offers some of his most dramatic moments, iconic characters, and rich, exuberant humour. Sat 28 May to Sat 4 June at 7.45pm (except Sun 29 May at 3.00pm. No performance on Wed 1 June. '*God of Carnage*' by Yasmina Reza. In this multi-award-winning comedy, first produced in 2006, two couples meet to decide what should be done about the fact that their children have been fighting. At

the Mary Wallace Theatre, The Embankment, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 3DU. Book online on the website. [richmondshakespeare.org.uk](http://richmondshakespeare.org.uk)

**Teddington Theatre Club** Tue 17 to Sat 21 May at 7.45pm. *When We Are Married* by J B Priestley. Three couples, highly respected pillars of their community, meet to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversaries. They were all married on the same day in the same church, but they are about to learn that the vicar who married them wasn't licensed and that they've been living in sin for the last 25 years. Tue 24 to Sat 28 May *Abigail's Party* by Mike Leigh. Beverly is hosting drinks, husband Laurence is late home from work as usual. Angela and her ex-footballer husband Tony are newlyweds and new to the neighbourhood, while divorcee Sue has beaten a hasty retreat from her teenage daughter's raucous party. What could possibly go wrong? [teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk](http://teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk)

**Scriptworks London** Mon 13 June at 6 pm *A Writers' Production Showcase* at 6pm at the RACC Theatre, Richmond Adult Community College, Parkshot, Richmond, TW9 2RE. The group is a Writers' Collective based in Richmond which has been running for several years.

**Wild Duck Theatre** podcasts. Their Season Two of brilliant short plays continues to be available as a Podcast: *Short Plays for Short Journeys* on all major podcast servers or via their website. [wildducktheatre.com](http://wildducktheatre.com)

**Orange Tree Theatre**  
[orangetreetheatre.co.uk](http://orangetreetheatre.co.uk)

**Optik Theatre**  
[thescriptroom.com](http://thescriptroom.com)

**YAT**  
[yat.org.uk](http://yat.org.uk)

**Hampton Hill Theatre**  
[hamptonhilltheatre.org.uk](http://hamptonhilltheatre.org.uk)

**BROS**  
[brostheatrecompany.org](http://brostheatrecompany.org)

**Bluefire Theatre Co**  
[bluefiretheatre.co.uk](http://bluefiretheatre.co.uk)

**Edmundian Players**  
[facebook.com/TheEdmundianPlayers](https://facebook.com/TheEdmundianPlayers)

**Dramacube**  
[dramacube.co.uk](http://dramacube.co.uk)

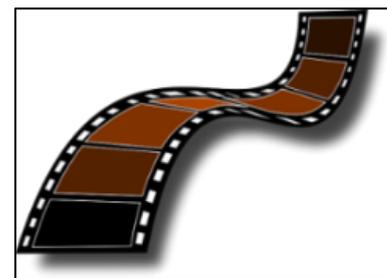
**Barnes Community Players**  
[barnescommunityplayers.co.uk](http://barnescommunityplayers.co.uk)

**OHADS** Follow OHADS on Facebook for information.

**Ignite Me Workshop Theatre C.I.C**  
[ignitemewt.com](http://ignitemewt.com)

**The Exchange**  
[exchangetwickenham.co.uk](http://exchangetwickenham.co.uk)

## Film



**Richmond Film Society**  
Richmond Film Society's season continues with '*Thunder Road*' (USA) on Tue 10 May and '*Another Round*' (Denmark) on Tue 24 May. Films are screened at 8.00pm on alternate Tuesdays at The Exchange, 75 London Road, Twickenham, TW1 1BE. See website for further

information on the programme of films or tel: 020 8893 3503; or email

[admin@richmondfilmsoc.org.uk](mailto:admin@richmondfilmsoc.org.uk)  
richmondfilmsoc.org.uk

## Dance



**Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance**  
rambertschool.org.uk

**DanceWest**  
dancewest.co.uk

## Music



**Hampton Choral Society** Sat 14 May at 7.30 pm. They will be performing *Handel's Coronation Anthems, Mozart's Coronation Mass, and Parry's I Was Glad* conducted by Musical Director Richard Harker and with organist Doug Tang. There will also be a performance of Elgar's Imperial March on the organ. The concert will be at the All Saints Church, Market Place, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 1JP. Tickets are £15 (£7 for under 16s). Box office 0208 941 5394. *Choral Conducting Workshop*. This is a one day course between 10.30 and 17.30 on Sat 28 May at St Mary's University Chapel. It is for choral conductors over 18 with some experience and is hosted by the West London Chorus and the

Hampton Choral Society under guidance of their Musical Directors and leading conductors Hilary Campbell and Richard Harker. Fees are £110 (£79 for students). Book through Ticketsource (<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk>) or email [enquiries@chiswickchoir.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@chiswickchoir.org.uk). [hamptonchoral.org.uk](http://hamptonchoral.org.uk)

### **Saint Anne's Church, Kew.**

*Summer Music Concerts* They are delighted to invite you to their season of Sunday afternoon concerts which begins on Sun 1 May and plays until Sun 11 Sept (performances start at 3.30pm). There is no charge for admission and they welcome all visitors who may also enjoy the delights of home-made cakes and cream teas in the parish hall and glorious grounds. [https://saintanne-kew.org.uk/kew-green/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Summer\\_2022\\_concert\\_series\\_Saint\\_Annes\\_Kew\\_live.pdf](https://saintanne-kew.org.uk/kew-green/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Summer_2022_concert_series_Saint_Annes_Kew_live.pdf)

**HLO Musical Company** Wed 4 to Sat 7 May at 7:45 pm (2.30 Saturday matinee). At Hampton Hill Theatre, Hampton Hill TW12 1NY. *'Trial by Music'* a fully-staged Gilbert & Sullivan revue created by Bob Salter and Terry Sullivan, and directed by Wesley Henderson Roe with musical direction by Lee Dewsnap. Tickets: £16. Credit/debit card bookings (with booking fee) [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hlo](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hlo) or call the box office: 07942 365157. Email: [info@hlo.org.uk](mailto:info@hlo.org.uk) [hlo.org.uk](http://hlo.org.uk)

**Thames Philharmonic Choir** Sat 14 May. A Come and Sing, featuring *Mozart's Requiem*, at All Saints Church, East Sheen. It will be led by the Choir's Music Director, Harry Bradford, a

prize-winning conductor who was a 2021 finalist in a prestigious international competition: the Eric Ericson Award for choral conductors. Registration will commence at 9.30 am, with the *Come and Sing* starting at 10.30 am. There will be a public performance at 4.15 pm. For full details and to register, go to [www.thamesphilharmonicchoir.co.uk/event-details/come-and-sing-mozarts-requiem-in-a-day-2](http://www.thamesphilharmonicchoir.co.uk/event-details/come-and-sing-mozarts-requiem-in-a-day-2). [thamesphilharmonicchoir.co.uk](http://thamesphilharmonicchoir.co.uk)

**Richmond Opera** To celebrate their 20th anniversary, Richmond Opera are offering two concerts in May featuring the best of baroque music. On Sat 14 May Bach's joyful *Magnificat in D* will be paired with a semi-staged production of Purcell's *Dido & Aeneas*, including the timeless 'Dido's Lament', at the lovely Normansfield Theatre. On Sun 15 May the *Dido and Aeneas* will be shown again in the intimate setting of the OSO Arts Centre in Barnes, taking you on a journey with the famed Trojan hero Aeneas and his lover Dido, the Queen of Carthage. Details and booking links are on their website. [richmondopera.org.uk](http://richmondopera.org.uk)

**Richmond Concerts** Tue 17 May at 7.45pm. The award-winning Lipatti Piano Quartet is one of the UK's leading chamber ensembles. They will be giving a concert for the Richmond Concert Society at 7.45pm on Tue 17 May at St Margaret's Church, Twickenham. Their programme includes piano quartets by Dvorak and Huw Watkins, and they will be joined by violinist Amy Truss to perform the Brahms piano

quintet op.34. Please see website for further details.  
richmondconcerts.co.uk

### **Whitton Adult Community**

**Singing**-Learn the essential skills, and make progress in Group Singing for adults of all ages, genders, and cultures. They are currently preparing for an Informal Performance on Sat 28 May 11.30 am – 12.30 pm at the Whitton Community Centre, in Celebration of The Platinum Jubilee of HRH Queen Elizabeth. Be prepared to join in on one of her favourite songs, as well as to hear their performance, and to enjoy some light refreshments! Whether you have never sung before, or you would like to improve existing skills, or you just love to sing for fun with others come and join them on any Saturday for a free trial session! At the Whitton Community Centre, Percy Road, TW2 6JL Every Saturday 11.15-12.15: from 23rd April to 16th July (Half term break on Saturday 4th June). Please contact Loulla Gorman for further details: Email: [loulla82gorman@gmail.com](mailto:loulla82gorman@gmail.com) Phone: 07788664957

### **Twickenham Chamber Choir**

Twickenham (Ladies) Chamber Choir rehearses Thursdays, 7.00-8.30pm Waldegrave School, Fifth Cross Road. TW2. Vacancies soprano 1 and 2 and alto. Term April 29th-28th July 2022. To enrol contact [helen@thehelenastridsingingacademy.com](mailto:helen@thehelenastridsingingacademy.com)

**Whitton Choral Society** meets up on a weekly basis at Whitton Baptist Church for rehearsals on a Wednesday evening from 7.45pm. They would love to hear from anyone who would like to come and sing with them: they are a small friendly group with a wide range of age

and abilities and everyone is welcome. No auditions! If your New Year's resolution is to join a local choir, then they want to hear from you! They are very happy for you to come and watch them rehearsing if you think you might be interested in joining. Check website or contact Director of Music, Neil Hawes, on 020 8568 2606 (evenings and weekends) for more information.

[whittonchoralsociety.net](http://whittonchoralsociety.net)

### **Thameside Harmony Chorus**

is a ladies singing group which meets every Wednesday evening at Hampton Methodist Church in Percy Road Hampton from 7.30-9.15pm. They sing a capella, four-part harmony songs, many of which are in the barbershop style and perform occasionally in the local area. They welcome any ladies who would like to try them out, just email

[admin@thamesideharmony.org.uk](mailto:admin@thamesideharmony.org.uk) or call 020 8894 3516.  
[thamesideharmony.org.uk](http://thamesideharmony.org.uk)

**In Flagrate choir** The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings, 7.30 - 9.30 pm at The Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club in Richmond whilst still offering the option of joining in through Zoom. Our Musical Director, Eamonn O'Dwyer, will continue working with old and new repertoire. We would be really delighted to hear from you. All voices, ages, singers most welcome - no audition - just a love of music, good fun and the ability to hold a tune. We are currently working towards a second 2022 concert - Thursday 14th July. For more information check the In Flagrate website (<https://www.inflagratechoir.com>) or contact Cathy Jago at [catherine@cjhenergy.co.uk](mailto:catherine@cjhenergy.co.uk) [inflagratechoir.com](http://inflagratechoir.com)

### **The Middlesex Yeomanry Concert Band**

[mycb.org.uk](http://mycb.org.uk)

### **Richmond upon Thames Festival of the Performing Arts**

[richmondfestival.org.uk](http://richmondfestival.org.uk)

### **Landmark Arts Centre**

[landmarkartscentre.org](http://landmarkartscentre.org)

### **Twickenham Choral**

[twickenhamchoral.org.uk](http://twickenhamchoral.org.uk)

### **West London Chamber Choir**

[westlondonchamberchoir.com](http://westlondonchamberchoir.com)

### **Cantanti Camerati**

<https://e-voice.org.uk/cantanticamerati>

### **Kingston Choral Society**

[kingstonchoralsociety.org.uk](http://kingstonchoralsociety.org.uk)

### **Teddington Choral Society (TCS)**

[teddingtonchoral.co.uk](http://teddingtonchoral.co.uk)

### **Concordia Voices**

[concordiavoices.org](http://concordiavoices.org)

### **Barnes Music Society**

[barnesmusicsociety.org](http://barnesmusicsociety.org)

### **Richmond Orchestra**

[richmondorchestra.org.uk](http://richmondorchestra.org.uk)

### **Instant Opera**

[instantopera.co.uk](http://instantopera.co.uk)

### **Langdon Down Centre**

[langdondowncentre.org.uk/events/](http://langdondowncentre.org.uk/events/)

### **Kingston Madrigal Society**

[neilhawes.com/kms](http://neilhawes.com/kms)

**Landmark Sound.** An established community choir.  
[landmarkartscentre.org](http://landmarkartscentre.org)

### **Stoneleigh Orchestra**

[stoneleighyouthorchestra.org.uk](http://stoneleighyouthorchestra.org.uk)

### **OSO Arts Centre**

[osoarts.org.uk](http://osoarts.org.uk)

### **Langdon Down Museum of Learning Disability**

[langdondownmuseum.org.uk](http://langdondownmuseum.org.uk)

**Queen Victoria's Consort**

queenvictoriasconsort.co.uk

**Rock, Jazz & Folk**

**Eel Pie Club** Thu 5 May *Gary Fletcher Band* A founder member of The Blues Band with Paul Jones, Gary has appeared with and/or recorded with many well-known artistes. £12. Thu 19 May *The Rollin' Stoned* They have been revered by both Stones fans for their authenticity and the real Stones who booked them for the band's birthday! £14. Wed 1 June *Ian Siegal (solo)*. He is considered by many to be the most compelling British blues artiste since the great names of the sixties. £15. Music starts at 8pm. Eel Pie Club at The Cabbage Patch, 67 London Road, Twickenham TW1 3SZ. Tickets via website or cash on the door (if still available). Enquiries: 07732 322610. eelpieclub.com

**Off the Rails Jazz Club** Sun 8 May at 8pm *The Jonny Mansfield Quintet*. He is an exciting young vibraphonist who trained at the Royal Academy of Music with Jim Hart and Joe Locke and has toured throughout the UK and Europe, and recently composed, recorded, mixed and mastered a whole album in a day, in order to capture the strange limbo-like atmosphere of lockdown. Alex Hitchcock on tenor saxophone, Will Barry on piano, Conor Chaplin on bass and Dave Hamblett on drums. Early Bird tickets £10 - available

until 17 April.  
<https://www.wegotickets.com/event/531254>  
 offtherailsclub.com

**The Jazz Sanctuary**

thejazzsanctuary.co.uk

**Landmark Arts Centre**

landmarkartscentre.org

**The Exchange Twickenham**

exchangetwickenham.co.uk

**Twickfolk**

twickfolk.co.uk

**Powerjam Band Project**

powerjambands.com

**Mark's Jazz Sessions** phone  
 07799 582337 for information

**OSO Arts Centre**

osoarts.org.uk

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

**Museums****The Museum of Richmond**

Current Exhibition on until 31 August: OT50: Fifty Years of the Orange Tree Theatre. From a room above the pub to an award-winning independent theatre, discover the extraordinary history of the Orange Tree Theatre as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. Free entry. Curator's tours of the exhibition, Saturdays at 11am in June. Free and no need to book. Tue to Fri 11am to 5pm

Sat 11am to 4pm closed  
 Mondays and Bank Holidays  
 museumofrichmond.com

**Twickenham Museum** The Twickenham Museum is the history centre for Twickenham, Whitton, Teddington and the Hamptons. Even their location at 25 The Embankment is a part of local history. They are a charming Grade 2 listed Watermans cottage dating back to circa 1720. It stands adjacent to the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, on the local history trail which runs from Richmond Bridge to Twickenham. Open: Saturdays 1-3pm Sundays 2-4pm

**Musical Museum**

musicalmuseum.co.uk

**Historic Houses****Marble Hill House**

english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/marble-hill-house/

**Turner's House**

turnershouse.org

**Strawberry Hill House** Thu 12 May at 7.30pm. Join Strawberry Hill House for a series of talks as part of their *In Focus* display dedicated to the Italian Grand Tour, which runs until the end of July. "A perfect character for the stage". *Sir Horace Mann, British Envoy and Cavaliere in Florence* by Dr Giulia Coco, Art historian and curator at the Italian Ministry of Culture. Thu 26 May at 7.30pm *Cultural diplomacy in the Grand Tour between Rome, Florence and*

*London: the role of Cardinal Alessandro Albani.* By Clare Hornsby PhD, FSA, Research Fellow in Art History, The British School at Rome and member of the Centro di Studi sulla Cultura e l'Immagine di Roma. To book and for more information please visit the website. [strawberryhillhouse.org.uk](http://strawberryhillhouse.org.uk)

## Walks, talks and courses



**WEA Richmond (Adult Learning within Reach)** 26 April to 31 May *Political Classics that changed the World - Part 2.* Code: C24233136; 5 May to 14 July *Rediscovering Impressionism 1850 – 1886* – online including 2 gallery visits. Code: C2423188; Sat 7 May *Blues - the Roots of Popular Music.* Code: C2423545; Sat 11 June *Life and Death of the boy-king Tutankhamun.* Code: 2423546. [wea.org.uk/london/branches/richmond-branch](http://wea.org.uk/london/branches/richmond-branch)

**The Arts Society Richmond** continues with live/Zoom hybrid lectures and real visits. Tue 3 May at 8pm "*First catch a squirrel: Historical Materials & Techniques of Painting in the 15th to 18th Centuries*" and the speaker is Arts Society accredited lecturer, Chantal Brotherton-Ratcliffe. She will give us details of the effect that unusual painting materials had on finished works of art. At Duke Street Church Fellowship Hall (entrance from Quadrant Road during the church building

works). Free to members; £5 on the door for guests. Wed 18 May an all-day coach trip (departing from the Old Deer Park car park) to *the home, studio & gardens of Henry Moore in Hertfordshire.* Tue 31 May. A study morning Two lectures on *The Golden Age of Dutch Art* and the speaker is Arts Society Accredited lecturer Lucrezia Walker. The cost is £20 for both members and guests and you must apply in advance. If you wish to join them for any events, email [richmond@theartsociety.org](mailto:richmond@theartsociety.org) for further details and to arrange payment, and when appropriate you will be sent the Zoom link 24 hours in advance. [theartsocietyrichmond.org](http://theartsocietyrichmond.org)

**Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society** Thu 5 May '*All the Gear and No Idea*' with Roger Hance. Leading photographer Roger Hance will explain how to avoid the pitfalls so many photographers fall into. Thu 12 May '*Print 2 Perfection*' with Colin Hulley from Permajet. Attendees are invited to bring along some images which will be followed by a discussion on the best type of paper to use. Colin will then print the images, giving tips on how to reduce wasted paper, ink and time. Thu 19 May '*Stories from Other Worlds*' with Stuart Freedman. Expect a very special evening from a world class photographer and writer who has exhibited all over the world. At St Luke's Community Hall in Kew at 8pm. In May their Nature Group will be meeting on 3 May, the Infrared Group on 4 May, Post Processing 10 May, Creative Eyes 16 May, Awards & Distinctions 17 May, Monochrome 24 May and the Monthly Digital Image competition 26 May. To find out

more about the club or to join them visit: <https://www.rtps.org.uk/> New members always welcome. [rtps.org.uk](http://rtps.org.uk).

**Richmond Heritage Guides** Sun 8 May at 2pm. A tour of Richmond including the ancient Green, the remains of the Tudor Palace and the riverside. Meet at Richmond Station by the Visitor Information Booth on the upper concourse, Richmond TW9 2NA. Suitable for wheelchairs. Join a Twickenham historical riverside promenade from York House to Marble Hill. Meet outside St Mary's Church, Church Street, Twickenham TW1 3NJ. Sunday 22 May at 2.00pm. No need to book. Richmond Heritage Guides 020 8894 3678 or 020 8948 2612. See website for details. [richmondwalks.co.uk](http://richmondwalks.co.uk)

**Borough of Twickenham Local History Society** Mon 9 May at 8pm. The Society ends its 2021/2022 season with its annual general meeting and a short talk on "*Boats between Hampton Court Bridge and Platts Eyot, Hampton in Old Images*" by John Sheaf (BOTLHS). At St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street Twickenham. 8.00pm. Non-members and guests £2.50. [botlhs.co.uk/membership/](http://botlhs.co.uk/membership/)

**Richmond Scientific Society** Wed 11 May on Zoom. The final lecture this season is *A Printed Steel Bridge*, by Dr Craig Buchanan, Imperial College. Non-members please [richmond.science.society@gmail.com](mailto:richmond.science.society@gmail.com) to request a link. The next season of talks starts in September and will be in a new venue if Covid allows. [rss.chessck.co.uk](http://rss.chessck.co.uk)

**Richmond Local History Society**

Mon 16 May at 8pm. The Society's Annual General Meeting will be followed by a talk by Simon Fowler on *Tribune Tales: some history stories from our local online newspaper, Twickenham & Richmond Tribune*. He is the Society's Vice-Chair and a resident of Kew. Simon is a professional writer, researcher and teacher specialising in the two world wars and the 20th century. Simon used to work at The National Archives in Kew. At the Fellowship Hall, Duke Street Church Richmond, TW9 1DH (enter via the Quadrant) or by zoom.

[richmondhistory.org.uk](http://richmondhistory.org.uk)

**Richmond U3A** Wed 25 May at

2.30pm. Speaker Colin Wiggins '*Raphael at the National Gallery*'. This year the National Gallery is hosting a unique exhibition. With loans from the Hermitage in St Petersburg, the Prado in Madrid, the Louvre and the Vatican Museums, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see many of his most celebrated and beautiful masterpieces brought together in one place. Described in his own lifetime as 'more like a prince than a painter' he played a major part in elevating the status of the artist from that of humble craftsman to visionary genius. At St Mary's Church Hall Church Street, Twickenham TW1 3NJ.

[u3asites.org.uk/richmond-on-thames](http://u3asites.org.uk/richmond-on-thames)

**Richmond and Twickenham Historical Association** Thu 26

May at 8pm. A Zoom meeting *The Armies and Soldiers of the Wars of the Roses* – a talk by Professor Emeritus Anne Curry, Southampton University. Booking is unnecessary for Branch Members. For other HA members and visitors, please

contact Richard Turk on 07958 729526 or [richardgturk@yahoo.com](mailto:richardgturk@yahoo.com)  
[history.org.uk](http://history.org.uk)

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[landmarkartscentre.org](http://landmarkartscentre.org)

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[richmondartsociety.com](http://richmondartsociety.com)

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[richmondsociety.org.uk](http://richmondsociety.org.uk)

**Kew Society**

[kewsociety.org](http://kewsociety.org)

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[www.org.uk/london](http://www.org.uk/london)

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[popesgrotto.org.uk](http://popesgrotto.org.uk)

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**The Richmond Local History Society**

[richmondhistory.org.uk](http://richmondhistory.org.uk)

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[theportcullistrust.org.uk](http://theportcullistrust.org.uk)

**RHACC (Richmond and Hillcroft Adult and Community College)**

[rhacc.ac.uk](http://rhacc.ac.uk)

**The Friends of Marble Hill**

[friendsofmarblehill.org.uk](http://friendsofmarblehill.org.uk)

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Monday 27 June to

Friday 1 July 2022

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The wealth of history and cultural heritage to explore in Liverpool is astonishing. From the industry of the Albert Dock to the dramatic modern architecture of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King to the works of Rubens, Rembrandt and Poussin housed in the Walker Art Gallery, it is a city brimming with impressive art and architecture. In addition to the cultural highlights of Liverpool our tour also includes visits in North Wales, to some fascinating houses and their collections, and Bodnant Gardens, arguably one of the finest gardens in Britain.

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**Regular Information** about *What's On* and *How to Get involved* in the thriving local arts & cultural scene through our *website*, and monthly *What's On Newsletter*.

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**Literature:** We run literary events throughout the year such as our annual *Book Picnic* on Richmond Green, and *Young Writers' Festival*, as well as events in the Richmond upon Thames Literature Festival.

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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 Committee and the Patrons, amongst others. We thank them for such valued support. Here is the current list of the Presidents and Patrons and Executive Committee.

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## **COPY / FLYER DEADLINES**

The deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is:

**Monday 25 April  
For Events in June**

The deadline for flyers to go out with the mailing is:

**Wednesday 18 May  
For events in June**

**Disclaimer:** Whilst every care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of the information in this newsletter, we urge you to check details with the venues before attending an event.

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## The Young Writers Festival 2022

At the Exchange Theatre, Twickenham, Sunday 27 March



I was eager to be present at this celebration of young writers' poetry and prose, having witnessed outstanding talent in previous years. Reading through the full content of work listed, I knew I wouldn't be disappointed. The set consisted of a row of colour-coordinated chairs on which eight actors came and sat. The atmosphere became ripe with anticipation. '

With great gusto against a backdrop of visual titles, the first piece *How to Send a Hug* by Joshua Stewart was an excellent start to the afternoon's session of young peoples' writings. From Key Stage 1 upwards, these talented pieces got the merit they deserved. In past productions, the youthful actors had been more physical in their presentation of the selected pieces, and although some poems were accompanied by mime, the formal seating and oppressive lighting gave it the air of a school assembly. I must admit to hankering for more vibrancy, however the high standard of writing compensated for this.

A number of contemporary issues were tackled from these clever young writers including *The Covid Test* by Layla Farr and *Climate Change* by Joseph Castagne, along with tender and visual pieces such as *The Rainbow* by Grace Aljewicz. It's always invigorating to see such young talent emerging, making this a worthy occasion. The highest point of this production was naturally the announcement of the overall winners and the collecting of award certificates from The Mayor Cllr Geoff Acton and his wife. These were Joseph Castagne, Alessandro Paul Faccio, Jess Gunn, Olivia Nugent and Isabella Crawley. These were well deserved but, in truth, every poem there had already won.

This production of new writing was directed and cast by Marc Batten and introduced by Hilary Dodman. The group of talented readers and performers consisted of Naomi Pink, Arthur Holmes, Savannah Swyer, Meaghan Baxter, Loz Keal, Loresa Leka, Bianca Alves, Dos Santos and Alex Lynch. There should also be a big nod to the judges Imogen Bond, Elizabeth Ryan and Anne Beach for their excellent selection of winners. They really had the toughest task of all.

Get writing, young poets, I want to be back there next year.

Heather Moulson, March 2022

## Launch of the Teddington Art Trail Friday 1 to Saturday 30 April

On the first of April 2022, the innovative Teddington Art Trail was officially launched in the Landmark Arts Centre, in the presence of The Mayor Councillor Geoff Acton, Sir Vince and Lady Cable and MP Munira Wilson as well as local councillors, the artists and invited guests. The work of many artists was displayed for the first time to their friends, other artists and art lovers. Hilary Dodman, the Chair of the Arts Richmond Committee, gave a short speech and the art trail officially commenced.

The art trail that was launched at this event lasts for the whole month of April and consists of the work of 19 artists being exhibited in 21 independent shops of various types. The trail starts at the Landmark Arts Centre where you can pick up an information booklet that contains a map free of charge, which credits the artists' work and where they can be found (local libraries also have booklets). Any of the art can be purchased; just ask in the shop where it is displayed. Prices range from £75 - £2500.

Linda White, who is part of the Arts Richmond Committee, proposed the idea. She explained the importance of the trail and how she came up with the idea when she told me, "Due to COVID, local shopkeepers have had a hard time in trying to attract customers, and artists have not been able to display their work. I hope that this trail can give local shops and artists a helping hand." She then went on to state, "I also hope that people will see the paintings in the shops and recognise Teddington as the vibrant community that it is."

The Mayor for Richmond, Cllr Geoff Acton, played a role in making the trail and the launch a success. He told me, "I am an art collector myself, so I was very interested in this event when I heard about it. I think it is a good time to try a new idea like this and I hope that it can get people in the Borough to go round the shops in the trail, thereby helping trade and artists and promoting the artistic talent within our borough."

Another person who helped put the wheels in motion was Linda Hansell. She works at the Landmarks Art Centre while also being the Administrative Officer for Arts Richmond and was in charge of organising the launch of this event. She stated, "We were brainstorming ideas at a regular arts meeting when this idea arose. We had taken inspiration from a similar art trail that had been successful in Barnes and hoped that we could replicate its success. I believe that the good response we received from artists and shops has helped us expand this idea into what will hopefully be a very successful trail. In the future, if more artists and shops are involved we could see this in every high street in the Borough." Catherine Sweet is an energetic volunteer at Arts

Richmond who also played a very large part throughout the planning and execution of this initiative and who designed the very attractive Trail Brochure.



This event provides a wonderful opportunity to enjoy taking part in a public trail, support local shops and discover the artistic talent in the local area. We at Arts Richmond are grateful to the staff at the Landmark Arts Centre who made a big contribution to this project.

A report by Joe Murphy, Hampton School, who is pictured with the Mayor Cllr Geoff Acton.