



## Arts festival anniversaries

By Geoffrey Hanson, festival director

The 12<sup>th</sup> East Finchley Arts Festival promises to be an autumn treat with its mix of events and music - and it's a year for celebration. The Endellion String Quartet mark their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Youth Music Centre their 40<sup>th</sup> and the Finchley Children's Music Group their 50<sup>th</sup>.

Highlights include a rare performance of Mozart's Concerto for Flute and Harp by The London Mozart Players and a chance to hear the internationally famous Christophe Coin and his Lupo Consort in their first appearance in this country.

Young performers giving lunch hour recitals include prizewinning organist Tom Bell and flute and piano duo Sarah Desbruslais and Cristina Buga. Cello music lovers should not miss welcome returns by Gemma Rosefield and Michael Dussek.

Jazz comes from Viper's

Dream, there's an evening with East Finchley Writers and a choral and orchestral concert with Jennifer Bate playing the delightful Handel Organ Concerto.

Hatstand Opera present Golden Moments from Opera: hilarious scenes and heart-rending arias that have delighted audiences across the UK and beyond.

Geoff Felix presents his traditional Punch and Judy show, and throughout the festival there will be an Art exhibition in aid of the North London Hospice.

### East Finchley Arts Festival All Saints' Church, Durham Road, 3-19 October

**Friday 3 October**, 6.30pm-8.30pm, *Art Exhibition Private View*. The exhibition by London and international artists will be open on concert evenings and from 12 noon at weekends throughout the festival.

**Saturday 4 October**, 12.30pm, Lunch Hour Recital by *Duo Dorado*; Hazel Brooks, baroque violin, and David Pollock, harpsichord; tickets, £5, under 18s, £1.

7.30pm *Hatstand Opera* present Golden Moments from Opera; tickets band A (see below).

**Sunday 5 October**, 7.30pm, *Endellion String Quartet*, Haydn, Janacek, Beethoven; tickets band A.

**Tuesday 7 October**, 7.30pm, *East Finchley Writers*, admission free with bucket collection.

**Wednesday 8 October**, 7.30pm, *Jazz Evening with Viper's Dream*, tickets band C.

**Thursday 9 October**, 7.30pm, *Christophe Coin & The Lupo Consort*, music for viols and organ; tickets band A.

**Friday 10 October**, 7.30pm, *London Ripieno Orchestra & Singers, All Saints' Choir & Jennifer Bate, organ, Fauré Requiem, Handel Organ Concerto* and Vaughan Williams; tickets band B.

**Saturday 11 October**, 11.30am, 2pm and 3.30pm, Geoff Felix presents his traditional *Punch and Judy Show* in the church garden. Free, with bucket collection. 12.30pm, *Young Artists' Recital*, Sarah Desbruslais, flute, and Cristina Buga, piano, Prokofiev, Schubert and Jolivet; tickets £5, under 18s, £1. 7.30pm Gemma Rosefield, cello, and Michael Dussek, piano, Beethoven, Bruch and Strauss; tickets band A.

**Sunday 12 October**, 7.30pm *Youth Music Centre*, tickets band C.

**Saturday 18 October**, 12.30pm, Lunch Hour recital by prize-winning young organist Tom Bell, Alain, Bach, Dupre, Maxwell Davies, Morton Gould, Mozart, Mulet and Thalben-Ball; tickets, £5, under 18s, £1. 7.30pm, *London Mozart Players*, Mozart's *Concerto for Flute and Harp*, new work by festival director Geoffrey Hanson, Haydn; tickets band A.

**Sunday 19 October**, 7.30pm, *Finchley Children's Music Group*, tickets band C.

Ticket prices: band A nave £15, concs £12, side aisles £10, concs £8; band B nave and side aisles £12, concs £10; band C nave and side aisles £10, concs £8. All concerts are £1 for under-18s. A season ticket priced £40 entitles holder to one ticket for each event.

Box offices are Les Aldrich, 98 Fortis Green Road, N10 (020 8883 5631), Black Gull Books, 121 High Road, N2 (020 8889 5631), online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/efinchleyartsfestival](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/efinchleyartsfestival). There will be a 10% surcharge on each ticket booked online.

Refreshments will be available at Lunch Hour concerts and a wine bar at evening events. All events take place at All Saints' Church, Durham Road, N2, which has access and facilities for the disabled. For more information visit [www.eastfinchleyartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.eastfinchleyartsfestival.org.uk).

## Cyclists get in gear

By Nick Bloom

Sunday morning, 27 July, and the Big Chef café on the High Road was surrounded with colour. From 8am cyclists gathered for the annual Central London Audaxes, a 200-kilometre ride out to Brill near Oxford (which overlooks another Muswell Hill), and a 100 kilometre ride to Cottedred in Hertfordshire.

Twenty-five cyclists rode the long route, 75 the shorter, some in Lycra, others more honest in baggy shorts and jerseys. Male and female, the youngest was 11 years old, the oldest ... one wouldn't ask.

This year the furthest travelled were from France and Scotland, but the majority were local, including the entire staff of Bike and Run. For those who enjoy cycling as sport or leisure, to keep fit or to get some fresh air, a group ride is invigorating, finding new lanes while spurred on by the company.

If you would like to try a social ride, Central London CTC organise rides for all abilities every Sunday of the

year. Contact Nick Bloom (secretary@centrallondonctc.org.uk / 07768 354010) or see [www.centrallondonctc.org.uk](http://www.centrallondonctc.org.uk)



Photo by Marcella Hampson

## Sponsors urgently needed for Muswell Hill Festival

Although many local businesses have already signed up as sponsors for the Muswell Hill Festival and Donkey Derby in Cherry Tree Wood, East Finchley, on 14 September, organisers are still looking for more support.

Eight thousand visitors came to the event last year and profits from the day are given to the Hornsey Trust for children with cerebral palsy. Potential sponsors can contact Julia or Anna on 020 8444 7242 or at [info@hornseytrust.org.uk](mailto:info@hornseytrust.org.uk) Among the activities to be covered are hire of the PA system, a generator, a large covered stage, paying a crew for the day and barriers. Live music is very much a part of the festival and several local bands have already booked to give performances.

### Dogs and donkeys

Donkey races, a feature of the festival for some years, can be sponsored for £120 for jockey and donkey. Sponsors can name their donkey and must supply an adult jockey. Then £600 will secure sponsorship of the dog agility competition and dog show, paying for barriers for the arena, prizes and certificates for the winners, plus a roving microphone. If any local residents are children's entertainers such as clowns, magicians, stilt walkers or Punch and Judy operators and would like to

participate in the festival or wander around performing for free, they should contact Julia or Anna at the Trust. Several local authors will be at the festival, including Alison Joseph, Robert Ryan and Dick Sharples. Dick has donated signed copies of two of his books to be auctioned on stage during the afternoon.

Food on offer will reflect the ethnic mix of our community and will include Caribbean delicacies, French crepes, Indian food provided by Majjo's, Thai food and an Italian coffee stall.

## Showtime for writers

By Daphne Chamberlain

There will be a new act at next month's East Finchley Arts Festival. On Wednesday 8 October, the East Finchley Writers' Group will entertain us. Admission will be free, with a complimentary glass of wine and an opportunity to hear interesting people reading a selection of their own work in an anthology called *Showtime*.

East Finchley Writers' Group meets at 6.30pm every Wednesday at The Old White Lion pub. As one member told *THE ARCHER*, sharing your work might be petrifying at first, but you will be assured of a warm and constructive welcome. For more information, contact Carola on 020 8883 5808 or Lilian on 020 8444 1793.



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