



Regular Events

SPORT & FITNESS

- ❖ **Finchley & Hornsey Ramblers Group** Call Vivien 8883 8190
- ❖ **Glebelands Indoor Bowls Club**, Summers Lane N12. New and experienced bowlers welcome.
- ❖ **Keep fit for the Retired** on Wednesdays, Christ Church N12. Call Bridie 8883 5269
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Bowling Club**, Kings Ave, N10. New & experienced bowlers welcome. Tel: 8883 1178.
- ❖ **Pilates** in East Finchley, qualified teacher. Contact Dee on 8883 7029
- ❖ **Pilates class** Wednesdays, 2.15-3.15pm at Youth Theatre, N2. Ring Penny Hill 8444 2882.
- ❖ **Tae Kwon Do** at The Green Man Thursdays 7-9pm 07949 612 706
- ❖ **WoodWalk**, meet 10am at Cherry Tree Wood cafe on 1st & 2nd Mon of month for 1 hr walk, Call 8883 8750.
- ❖ **Yoga, breathing & relaxation.** Weekly drop-in classes - N2, N6, N10. Phone Judy on 8444 7783.
- ❖ **Yoga**, pregnancy yoga, meditation classes. Call Sunnah 07941 321 772 or see www.stretchingpeople.co.uk.

MUSIC, DANCE & CREATIVE ARTS

- ❖ **Art Classes.** For info call Henry on 8888 5133.
- ❖ **Ballroom Dance Classes**, Wednesday eves for beginners & improvers. St Mary's Church Hall, N3. 8444 0280.
- ❖ **Ballroom & Latin American Dance Classes** - beginners and Improvers. Wed & Fri eve, Bishop Douglass Sch. 8207 2323.
- ❖ **Club Dramatika** drama club for kids. Call 8883 7110.
- ❖ **Creative writing classes** in informal, friendly atmosphere. Tel Sallie Rose 020 8444 7217.
- ❖ **Drama Classes** for 11-18 year olds. Mondays at 6.30pm. Contact Carolyn on 07905 481682
- ❖ **East Finchley Writers Group**, Weds at the Old White Lion. Contact Carola 8883 5808 or Lilian 8444 1793.
- ❖ **East Finchley Poetry Writing Workshops.** Monthly on Saturdays. Contact Dennis Evans 8346 9528.
- ❖ **Finchley Jazz Club: Live jazz on Mon 11 & 25 May** at 8.15pm, Wilf Slack Cricket Pavilion, East End Rd, N3.
- ❖ **Line dancing** Tuesdays from 8.30pm at The Constitutional Club. Call Maureen 8440 8530.
- ❖ **Memory Lane Singing Club** - friendly singing club meets every Friday in Finchley. Call Valerie 8458 4508.
- ❖ **Over 50s Tea Dance** at Christ Church, North Finchley. Every Weds, 1pm. 020 8444 0280.
- ❖ **Learn to sing** at Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards La. Call 8888 4412.
- ❖ **Salsa lessons** Mondays, EF Methodist Church. Call Ronnie Raul 07958 605 773 [e:ronnieraul@rocketmail.com](mailto:ronnieraul@rocketmail.com)
- ❖ **Street Dance** every Tuesday at Old Barn for children of various ages Contact Lorna 07976 203669.
- ❖ **SwampRock** Louisiana Dance Club. Live music. Contact Carole 8810 7454 or www.swamprock.org.uk.
- ❖ **Symphonic Wind Orchestra** Contact Caroline Egan 8340 2706
- ❖ **Tap Dance** for children at Old Barn on Mondays, Call Sharon 8349 4613
- ❖ **Traditional music** at EF Constitutional Club on 2nd Monday each month from 8.30 pm. Free to join in or just listen.

CLUBS & SOCIAL

- ❖ **Bingo Club** Mondays 7-9pm, Green Man Centre, Contact: Jan 8815 5459
- ❖ **Contact Lunch Club** Tuesdays at the Green Man. Call 8444 1162 to book.
- ❖ **EF National Childbirth Trust** contact Joanna 8883 0941 or joanna-brunt@cybergal.com
- ❖ **Finchley & District Philatelic Society**, Contact Brian 8444 3251
- ❖ **Friendly Rubber Bridge** at The Old Barn. Contact 8349 4613
- ❖ **Friends of Cherry Tree Wood** www.cherrytreewood.co.uk or 8883 7544.
- ❖ **Highgate Film Society**, call 8340 3343 or email: admin@hlsi.net.
- ❖ **North London Bridge Club**, Muswell Hill. Contact 8348 3495
- ❖ **Jewish Friendship Club** for over 60s, Tuesdays 1-3pm at Muswell Hill Synagogue, Tetherdown. Call Anita Shaw 8886 6140.
- ❖ **Muswell Hill Tetherdown Bridge**, contact 8883 4390
- ❖ **Old Barn pre-school club**, contact 8349 4613/1961
- ❖ **Parent & Toddler Group**, Green Man Centre, Julia 8444 2276
- ❖ **Probus Lunch Club** for retired professionals. Call John 8883 8114.
- ❖ **Stepping Stones**, interactive play session for under 3's. Karen 07957 278860.



You can help make music with Feedback.

Give your mind to musical magic

A man discovers a space. Not just an ordinary space, for in every corner music unexpectedly pops up. There are trumpeting bicycles and musical sandpits and many other surprises.

This is the weird and wonderful world of Muziektheater Transparant, a Belgian theatre company coming to artsdepot in North Finchley this half term that promises to give children and their families a chance to let their imaginations run wild.

The Feedback show invites its audience to take part and explore with the performers. Sometimes music comes from the stage, sometimes from elec-

tronic installations controlled by the audience. One discovery comes after another and soon the air is filled with an interactive, visual concert.

Feedback is suitable for all ages over six. You can catch it at artsdepot on Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 May at 12pm and 3pm. Tickets are £12 with £10 concessions, or £40 for a family of four. To book, contact the box office on 020 8369 5454 or www.artsdepot.co.uk

Review: Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra

By Ken Carter

On a cold Saturday in March, a concert at St Michael's Church in Highgate brought warmth to all those privileged to attend. The Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra (CGCO) comprises trained musicians, full of life, yet not full-time professionals. They put on three concerts a year, with rewarding enthusiasm.

Beethoven's 8th Symphony catches him in unbuttoned mood but tearing with energy, nevertheless. There are four fast, active movements and each one is riotous. The CGCO, duly vigorous, didn't quite catch on until the last movement, where they hit the right tempo for Beethoven's exuberant joke-making.

Then, together with Nicola Eimer, a local musician deservedly gaining high repute, we switched to the hectic atmosphere and high jinks of Shostakovich's 2nd Piano Concerto, a party piece

for pianist and friends, very urban, sophisticated and a bit mad. Its fiendish writing requires and received razor-sharp precision to make its point. The slow movement's fleeting sadness recalled Ravel, exquisitely.

In Ibert's Divertissement, crowds throng the theatre for a farce, and burst out onto the streets and squares in delightful music that is very public and outrageously difficult. All credit to Robert Max, a regular conductor for the CGCO, in arousing such splendid, hair-raising exhilaration.

All Saints' Church, Durham Road, East Finchley Church of England

Sunday masses at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.

Weekday masses at 10.00 a.m.

Prayer requests are gladly accepted.

The Parish has a flourishing social life.
Contact the Vicar, Fr Christopher Hardy,
on 020 8883 9315.

All Saints' also has a strong musical tradition and an enthusiastic choir of both adults and children.

Experienced singers are always welcome.
Contact Geoffrey Hanson on 020 8444 9214.

<http://www.allsaints-eastfinchley.org.uk>

May at the Phoenix

By the Phoenix Cinema's Paul Homer

It's another packed month at the Phoenix with special events, great Sunday shows and the best in contemporary world cinema on your doorstep.

The month opens with *Cheri*, the new film from Stephen Frears. Re-uniting Christopher Hampton and Michelle Pfeiffer for the first time since *Dangerous Liaisons*, the film is a semi-sequel.

We have the final Met Opera on Saturday 9 May. Our first full season of live opera by satellite from New York has proved fantastically popular and we're sure that *La Cenerentola* will delight audiences as well. We also hope to announce details of the 2009/10 season on the night.

However, the Phoenix is not all about glitz and glamour. On Sunday 10 May we're delighted to have a double bill of films which celebrate the Fair Trade movement and examine the impact of globalisation on third world countries. *Bamako* takes the position of putting the World Bank and IMF on trial in Mali, an issue that is very topical. *Life and Debt* examines Jamai-

ca's economy since it opened itself to free trade. It will be a fascinating afternoon.

On Sunday 17 May we are playing one of the best films of 2008, *Hunger*. Making it more than just a screening, a guest at the event is Brendan 'Bik' McFarlane, a Sinn Fein worker who was imprisoned in H-Block of Long Kesh prison during the hunger strikes. You'll be able to hear a first hand account of his experience during this time.

We also have our regular Silent Film event on 31 May with Fritz Lang's classic *Metropolis*. With live piano by Stephen Horne, this is a wonderful afternoon of cinema.

There's so much going on I don't have space to tell you about *Synecdoche New York*, *In Search of Beethoven* or *Sleep Furiously*, but I assure you they are all great films worth catching. Our box office is on 020 8444 6789 or visit www.phoenixcinema.co.uk

What's On...

E-mail your listings to:
the-archer@lineone.net

Sunday 3 May

• **Guided walk from High Barnet to Cockfosters.** This one will keep you fit. Meet at High Barnet tube at 2pm. For details, phone Paul Baker on 020 8440 6805.

Sunday 10 May

• **Free live music concert** at East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, N2, at 7.30pm. Jill Anderson (clarinet) and Anna Lightbown (piano) play Aaron Copland, Weber and Victor Babin. Free admission with collection in aid of North London Hospice. Venue fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Monday 18 May

• **Can we talk about Israel?** Join the Jewish Community Centre and eminent people to explore what attitude diaspora Jews should take toward Israel. Can we speak about it freely? 8pm, Hampstead Town Hall, 213 Haverstock Hill. Price £10 in advance, £12 on the door. Tickets and information: 020 7431 9866.

Thursday 21 May

• **Awakening Through Oneness Blessing**, an opportunity to deepen awareness of the higher mind; 7-9pm at the Soul Therapy Centre, 28 Fortismere Avenue, N10. For further information, contact Christine at cibachmann@gmail.com.

Tuesday 26 May

• A unique opportunity to hear **Rutu Modan**, winner of the Eisner award for Best Graphic novel for *Exit Wounds*, in conversation with Ariel Kahn. Upstairs at The Magdala, 2a South Hill Park, London NW3 2SB, 8pm. Price £6. Tickets and

information: 020 7431 9866.

Thursday 28 May

• The Finchley Society hosts **Not Just a Pretty Place**, a talk by Mike Watts on the National Trust and how it works; 8pm at Avenue House, East End Road, N3 (020 8346 7812). Non-members very welcome, with admission charge of £2.

Saturday 30 May.

• **Barnet Ghosts:** a ghoulish guided walk through High Barnet and Monken Hadley. Meet at High Barnet tube 7.30pm. For more details, phone Paul Baker on 020 8440 6805.

• **Coldfall Wood:** help the Friends clean it up. Litter picking tools provided but gloves and wellies advised. Meet 11.0 am where wood adjoins field.

What's on at artsdepot:

Kolsimcha, Thursday 7 May, 8pm.
Craft Council: Collecting a Kaleidoscope, Friday 8 May to Sunday 21 June. **The Mozart Question**, Saturday 9 May, 3pm and 7.30pm. **Kidz Take Control**, Saturday 9 May, 7.45pm. **Sculpture by Painters**, Wednesday 13 May, 7pm. **Jan Ravens**, Thursday 14 May, 8pm. **The Songs and Life of Nick Drake**, Thursday 14 May, 8pm. **City of London Sinfonia**, Thursday 21 May, 7.30pm. **I Was Spiderman's Editor**, Saturday 23 May, 8pm. **Sunday Buzz, Zig Duo**, Sunday 24 May, 1pm. **Flok in the Foyer**, Friday 29 May, 8.30pm. **Half Term Show, Feedback**, Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 May, 12pm and 3pm. **Sunday Buzz, My Dad is a DJ**, Sunday 31 May, 1pm. **The Crafts Council Collection Uncorked**, Thursday 4 June, 7pm.

A friendly welcome awaits you

EAST FINCHLEY METHODIST CHURCH

197 High Road, London N2 (opp. Creighton Ave.)

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Sunday service at 10.30 a.m.
With Creche and Junior Church

Worship Music Social events Youth Club Wheelchair friendly

e-mail: info@eastfinchleymethodist.org.uk

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