



East Finchley Arts Festival: the full line-up

The East Finchley Arts Festival returns this month for its 23rd year and once again it's an incomparable celebration of art, music, film and opera in the heart of N2.

Artistic director Geoffrey Hanson and his team have assembled a programme with something for everyone, running from Friday 27 September, and all in support of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice and The Harington Scheme, which helps young people with learning difficulties into education or employment.

All concerts and events take place at All Saints' Church, Durham Road, N2, with one special film screening at the Phoenix Cinema on the High Road.

Tickets are available now online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/efinchleyarts (10% surcharge on each ticket), from Black Gull Books, 121 High Road, N2, Tel: 020 8444 4717 and on the door according to availability. Under 18s half price. Disabled access at both venues.



Chelys Consort of Viols

• **From Friday 27 September Festival Art Exhibition:** Every evening from 6pm during the festival and at weekends from 12 noon until 10 pm, you can browse and buy original oils and watercolours, prints, digital art, photographic art, ceramics, sculpture and individually designed jewellery and hand-made wooden items. Twenty-five artists, local and national, are taking part and 40% of the selling price of anything sold will be donated to the two festival charities.

• **Saturday 28 September, 7.30pm**

The Merry Opera Company performs Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. Buckle your swash and enjoy an evening of sentimental pirates, blundering policemen, absurd adventures, improbable paradoxes – and realistic women. Tickets: £25 - £20 - £12.

• **Sunday 29 September, 7.30pm**

Harmoniemusik, a renowned wind instrument, harpsichord and piano ensemble, perform melodic works by Poulenc, Handel, Geoffrey Hanson, Ibert, Bizet and Caplet. Tickets: £15 - £10.

• **Monday 30 September, 3.30pm**

• **The Phoenix Cinema** screens *Bonnie & Clyde*, the classic 1967 film starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway. Tickets: £12.50 / concs £8.50. Direct from Phoenix Box Office on 020 8444 6789.



Violinist Simon Purdy

Tuesday 1 October, 7.30pm
Trinity Laban Dance brings an evening of eclectic new works to All Saints', performed by undergraduate dance students from this London conservatoire, on the cusp of their professional careers. Tickets: £10.

• **Wednesday 2 October, 7.30pm**
Finchley Children's Music



Finchley Children's Music Group

Group, with musical director Grace Rossiter, perform choral favourites. Founded in East Finchley in 1958 especially for the first amateur performance of Benjamin Britten's opera *Noye's Fludde*, this is a highly versatile group of mixed voice choirs for young people aged four to 18. Tickets: £10.

• **Thursday 3 October, 7.30pm**
Chelys Consort of Viols bring *A Pleasing Melancholy*, with soprano **Emma Kirkby** and lute player **Jamie Akers**, playing pavaues and dances from John Dowland's *Lachrimae*, songs by Dowland, Robert Johnson and John Danyel, with instrumental music by Anthony Holborne. This concert is given in appreciation of Jane Kessler, a founder member and sponsor of the Festival. Tickets: £25 - £20 - £12

• **Friday 4 October, 7.30pm**
Carolyn Pickles, Lucy Pickles and **Rea Moles** perform *Travels Around Cranford*. Working from Elizabeth Gaskell's novel *Cranford*, Carolyn has created a humorous look at day-to-day life in this small northern town in the 1830s, lingering on themes such as female friendship, family life and the impact of the railways. Tickets: £20 - £15 - £10.

• **Saturday 5 October, 2.45pm**
Young Artists: Violinist brothers **Simon and Toby Purdy**, cellist **Cameron Grimes** and pianist **Andrew Gallacher** in a programme of music by Albrechtsberger, Stamitz, Gliere and Beethoven. Tickets £10.

Saturday 5 October, 7.30pm
Paprika, the UK's leading Balkan band, fuses Eastern European, Balkan, Gypsy and Classical music in a whirlwind performance of frenzied virtuosity. Fiery melodies and foot tapping rhythms are interspersed with lilting laments in high energy sets from this exciting group. Tickets: £25 - £20 - £12.



Jamie Akers and Emma Kirkby, who will be performing with Chelys

New courses at Highgate Institution

Screen printing, Pilates and a new look at modern architecture are on an expanded menu of daytime courses being offered by the Highgate Literary and Scientific Institution (HLSI).

The Institution in Pond Square, N6, has published its full annual programme which begins in mid-September. Courses are open to all and special concessionary rates apply to those receiving state benefits.

Anne Jamieson, the Chair of the HLSI Education Committee said: "Our new programme builds on the success of our existing palette of courses. Arts, music, science, history and language courses are mixed with practical opportunities for artistic expression and improving fitness."

"We have retained our most popular courses but are always looking for ideas, and new tutors, to widen our range."



Student: Barbara Burman

Further information can be found at www.HLSI.net

Military wives in concert

The North London Military Wives Choir and the Royal Naval Volunteer Band will be in concert at the Free Church in North Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11, on Saturday 5 October at 7.30pm to raise money for armed forces charity Combat Stress.

Tickets cost £15 or £13 for concessions (over 65 and under 16). To book, call 07710 098667 or email hgscombatstress@gmail.com with your ticket requirements and contact details.

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