



Striking contrast: A scene from *Kyiv Unbroken*, showing at the Phoenix Cinema for one night only.

Film and music for Ukraine

By Lynn Winton

A unique night of Ukrainian culture, music and discussion is being hosted by the Phoenix Cinema on Thursday 20 July to support East Finchley based organisation Driving Aid to Ukraine, and one of its main partners, British Ukrainian Aid.

All proceeds will go towards their vital work transporting aid to the people of Ukraine, and thus reduce human suffering whilst Russia continues to attack civilian sites. The evening's programme will start with a drinks reception accompanied by live music from Ukrainian

musicians, followed by the award winning documentary *Kyiv Unbroken* and a Q&A with its director Phil Strongman, who has won a string of international awards for his documentaries.

"An ongoing youth quake"
Kyiv Unbroken tells the

incredible stories of the artists, sculptors, photographers, musicians and filmmakers who have created artistic shockwaves all in the midst of a country at war, fighting for its freedom. Tickets are £15 and available now on the Phoenix website www.phoenixcinema.co.uk, listed under Special Events.

Brighter future for book shop as it celebrates 16 years

By Ruth Anders

Anyone who treasures our High Road's gem of a book shop, Black Gull, knows that it holds occasional events ranging from signings and an exhibition of rugs to an evening last year which promised that "Refreshments and live music will be provided in lieu of heating."



Spineless: Books positioned pages outwards at the Black Gull

The purpose of the most recent After Hours exhibition held on Thursday 1 June was to celebrate the 16 years of the shop and to produce pieces representing each of those years. The recent past has been overshadowed by uncertainty about the shop's lease renewal, but happily Black Gull is now looking forward with more optimism.

In amongst the second-hand books, artists Kasper Pincis and East Finchley resident Nick Scammell displayed new works responding to and derived from Black Gull's stock. Kasper's

works were often driven by a literary impulse, while Nick's pieces were all created from the books he's acquired from Black Gull over many years. That evening the books returned, one for each year of the shop's life.

The original intention had been to reverse all the books on the shelves with their spine facing inwards, thus providing a neutral backdrop. With a mere hour's set up, there was only time for one section of the shop to receive this treatment. For those who could not attend, a commemorative soft book jacket is being designed

using images of the shop and the exhibition pieces. The size of a standard Penguin paperback, some will be available at Black Gull.

Treasure-hunting

Turnover at this Aladdin's cave is quite rapid and readers looking for a treasure know they must visit frequently. And what a joy when one does; every purchase is accompanied by an informative and lively chat with General Manager Brian Schwartz or his colleague Chris Overfield, often providing relevant intelligence about an art gallery, library, exhibition, or area of the world one knew nothing about.

Sale date

The next Muswell Hill Indoor Car Boot Sale takes place on Saturday 29 July from 10am to 1pm at its usual venue in Hornsey Parish Church Hall, on the corner of Cranley Gardens and Park Road, N10 3AH. Buses W7, W3 and 144 stop nearby. Admission is 50p and refreshments are available. More information from 020 8368 8180.

What's On at the Phoenix in July

By Zalan Pall, general manager

Adventurer Indiana Jones, an epic biopic, a refreshing rom-com and a fundraiser all await audiences at the Phoenix Cinema in July. Indy is back! From Friday 30 June, daredevil archaeologist Indiana Jones in the still-limber shape of Harrison Ford races against time to retrieve a legendary dial that can change the course of history. Accompanied by his goddaughter, played by Phoebe Waller-Bridge, he soon finds himself squaring off against Jürgen Voller, a former Nazi who works for NASA. *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny* is sure to offer plenty of summer fun.

Then from Friday 21 July we will be screening Christopher Nolan's much-anticipated account of the father of the atomic bomb, *Oppenheimer*. Seen as a hero to many, within a few years Oppenheimer would be vilified as a turncoat and a threat to his country. Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning biography *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of Robert Oppenheimer*, Nolan's film stars Cillian Murphy, in his sixth collaboration and first



leading role with the filmmaker. On Thursday 20 July, we are hosting a Ukrainian fundraiser event. In the award-winning *Kyiv Unbroken* you will discover the artists that mushroomed in Ukraine since the Maidan's Revolution of Dignity 2014 and its continuing influence on painters, photographers, sculptors, musicians and film-makers in both Ukraine and the whole of Europe. You'll learn about the artistic shockwaves that have followed to this day, all in the midst of a country at war, fighting for its freedom. In Greta Gerwig's *Barbie*, showing from Friday 4 August, Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colourful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans. To book and to find out more about our full programme for the month, visit www.phoenixcinema.co.uk, or drop into our foyer.

Monumental symphony

The Finchley Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Choir say the symphonies of Brahms are some of their audience's best-loved pieces and their next concert will feature his monumental *Fourth Symphony*.

When they performed the piece in Hampstead years ago most of the church lights failed during the final passage, leading some of the audience to congratulate them on the dramatic effect. They are not hoping for a repeat this time.

In addition they will be performing *In Windsor Forest*, a five-section cantata adapted by Vaughan Williams from music originally composed for his opera *Sir*

John in Love. This is often performed with piano accompaniment but in this concert it will be the full orchestral version.

The concert, conducted by David Lardi, takes place on Saturday 8 July at 7.30pm at Trinity Church, Nether Street, North Finchley. Tickets cost £18, concessions £15, under-18s £7 and you can save £2 per ticket by advance booking online at www.finchleysymphony.org

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