

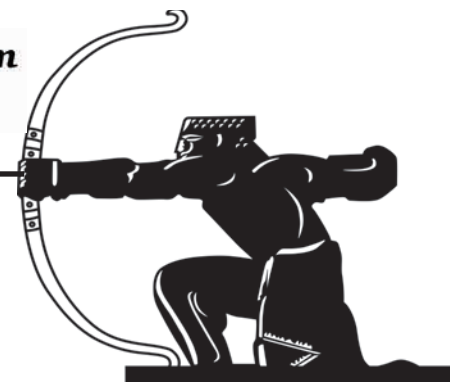


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# The Archer



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## Now that's what I call a festival... 49!

By Alys Wainwright

East Finchley Festival is returning for its 49<sup>th</sup> year, with an exciting line-up of activities and entertainment for all ages, plus local food, artisan crafts and live music. It all takes place in Cherry Tree Wood, N2, opposite East Finchley station, on Sunday 18 June from 12noon to 6pm. Entry is free and festival goers are encouraged to bring a picnic blanket and pitch up for the day to enjoy all that's on offer.

MOBO-award winning DJ Pat 'Have Mercy' Leacock, and singer Kate Galston will once again host the Main Stage. The Community Stage, hosted by Nick Allan, will be home to choirs, dance troops, singers and performing arts groups.

### Family friendly

Meanwhile, the storytelling tent will feature a programme of stories for little ones, read by local authors, and East Finchley Open Artists will be running their popular eco-arts tent for everyone to get creative.

The children's area, run by LBL After School Clubs, will be packed with activities to entertain the little ones, including hook a duck, spin a prize and arts and crafts, and the ever-popular Beat the Goalie game, this year with appearances from the East Finchley Neighbourhood Support FC football team taking on



Host with the most: Pat Leacock entertains on the main stage at last year's festival. Photo by Tetiana Shedko

the young local talent.

Laser Tag is also back by popular demand. Spaces are limited so get in there early to get your shot at it. Details of how to book are on the festival

website: [www.eastfinchleyfestival.org/lasertag](http://www.eastfinchleyfestival.org/lasertag).

There'll also be free tennis coaching for all ages in the courts throughout the afternoon with coach Paul Salter.

### Makers' market

East Finchley Festival boasts one of north London's biggest makers markets, featuring over 80 local artisan makers, in addition to local business, community organisations and charity stalls.

### Foodie paradise

You'll be spoilt for choice for food, with a wide range of cuisines including Pad Thai, hog roast, pizza, Vietnamese, Romanian and Indian street food, pasta, grills and salads, and lots of vegan options.

Pulling the pints are the gang from Muswell Hillbilly Brewers, who will be serving

a selection of locally brewed beers, including a festival ale, brewed specially for the event. Bottles'n'Jars will also be on hand with a selection of wines, and there'll be a gin bar and cocktails, plus the on-site Cherry Tree Wood Café will be serving coffee, Aperol spritz and beer.

### Volunteers needed

The team needs dozens of volunteers on the day. If you can spare an hour to steward or sell raffle tickets, please email [volunteers@eastfinchleyfestival.org](mailto:volunteers@eastfinchleyfestival.org) or sign up at [www.eastfinchleyfestival.org/volunteer](http://www.eastfinchleyfestival.org/volunteer)



Packed park: The 2022 festival crowd with craft and food stalls in Cherry Tree Wood. Photo Mike Coles

### East Finchley Festival, Cherry Tree Wood, Sunday 18 June

#### Main Stage

Hosts: **Kate Galston & Pat "Have Mercy" Leacock**

12:00 Festival opened by Michelle Collins  
12:10 David Lasserson  
12:35 The Autistix  
13:15 Belly Ache  
13:55 John Newman  
14:30 Life of Riley  
14:55 Pat "Have Mercy" DJ Set  
15:10 Natsuma  
15:40 JP Rose & The Garden  
16:20 Neon Lights  
17:00 Raffle drawn by Carolyn Pickles  
17:15 Dex & Soulmates  
18:00 close

#### Community Stage

Host: **Nick Allan**

12.05 Fortitude Dance Company  
12.25 Yulia  
12.50 Fixation Academy  
13.20 The Archer Academy School Choir  
13.45 The Archer Community Choir  
14.10 Fortitude Dance Company  
14.35 Brookland School Choir  
15.00 Madhuriya, Classical Indian Dance  
15.25 Gozde  
15.50 Counterpoint Dance Company  
16.10 Ethan Chin  
16.25 Ned Ashcroft  
16.55 North London Stars  
17.15 Rock Choir  
17.40 Patrick's Jazz Class  
18:00 close

#### Storytelling Tent

Stories and shows for under 8s

12:00 Children's entertainer Ilana Banana  
12:30 Sonia Beldom reads 'Granny Franny's Big Red Bus'  
13.15 Jason Korsner reads a selection of his children's stories  
14:00 Puppeteer Jake Eiseman-Reynard and friends  
14:45 Keilly Swift reads a selection of her stories  
15:30 Wendy Gallagher reads 'Pink Patsy and the Rainbow'  
16.15 Sonia Beldom reads 'Granny Franny's Big Red Bus'  
17:00 Puppeteer Jake Eiseman-Reynard and friends

See [www.eastfinchleyfestival.org](http://www.eastfinchleyfestival.org) for details of activities and vendors on the field, or get updates by following the festival socials: Facebook/Instagram: @eastfinchleyfestival, Twitter: @eastfinchfest

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