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## Pavement proposal like a scene from a movie

By David Melsome

Shirlei and Aloisio Tavares met many years back in Brazil and have been together ever since. They have three lovely children, now aged 21, 18 and eight but, in Aloisio's case particularly, had never felt the need to get married.

That changed recently when their youngest son was miraculously cured from a long-term illness without any obvious medical intervention. Aloisio felt there was a higher power out there somewhere and wanted to bless the whole family by marrying in church.

So he planned a movie scene by enlisting the help of staff at the Phoenix Cinema to plaster his proposal to Shirlei across the front of the cinema while a guitarist friend from the Lagoinha Church in Tufnell Park sang one of her favourite songs from the musical *Godspell*.

Passers-by witnessed the romantic scene as Aloisio went down on one knee on the pavement to ask Shirlei to be his bride. East Finchley is the place they have lived in and loved since they moved to the UK so he couldn't have picked a better spot, nor a better day as it was Shirlei's birthday.

And whether Shirlei knew he was going to pop the question or not, we're not sure, but either way her answer was yes. We're pleased to say the couple, who live in East End Road, are now happily engaged and planning their wedding.



Will you marry me? Above and left, Aloisio goes down on one knee in front of Shirlei at the Phoenix Cinema for his surprise proposal, and there are flowers for Shirlei after she said yes. Photos Sam Sherard.



## N2 makers' market

The pop-up ILoveN2 artisan market, which proved so popular before Christmas, is set to return to East Finchley next month.

It will run from 12pm - 5pm, on Sunday 23 April outside Hexagon Classics, 82-92 Great North Road, N2 0NL, near East Finchley tube station.

It features a selection of creatives and producers, all

from the local area, selling everything from honey to homewares. There'll also be street food, beer and wine and live music in the covered courtyard.

For more information, or to apply to be a vendor on one of the few remaining available pitches, visit [www.iloven2.co.uk/spring-market](http://www.iloven2.co.uk/spring-market) or email [stalls@iloven2.co.uk](mailto:stalls@iloven2.co.uk).

## Music group honours forgotten works of women composers

By David Melsome

The Youth Music Centre, based in Hampstead Garden Suburb, is inviting all entrants for its annual Concerto prize to perform works by neglected women composers.

This year's Silent Scores and Concert Prize Festival on Sunday 14 May will see young musicians play in front of a panel of distinguished judges before all prize winners perform

with a professional orchestra at HGS Free Church on Sunday 4 June.

Some of the pieces they will play have only recently been discovered because of

the immense difficulty these women faced getting their works published during their lifetime. Composers include Amy Beach, Pauline Viardot and Florence Prize. Some led difficult, often tragic lives and most of their amazing music has been forgotten or lost.

Artistic director Marina Solarek has put together a substantial list of works for the programme. She said: "It has been an interesting journey for students and teachers to discover this vast new repertoire together. The festival and concert will give these composers their deserved platform."

The concert is on 4th June. Find out more at [www.youthmusiccentre.uk](http://www.youthmusiccentre.uk)



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