



An arts festival for everyone

By Daphne Chamberlain

It's Arts Festival time again. Saturday 28 September to Sunday 6 October. For the 17th year, musicians, writers and artists of all ages are performing at All Saints Church, Durham Road, and The Phoenix is in on the act too.

One of the cinema screenings is *Fantasia*, through which Disney intended to bring classical music to people who had "walked out on this stuff". Now, 73 years on, it's still being shown.

So come on, East Finchley! You have a choice of old favourites, brand-new and rediscovered work, international performers, veterans and rising stars. And they're all on your doorstep. Come and enjoy yourselves, and benefit The Harington Scheme and Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. (We'll tell you next month about The Harington Scheme, which supports and trains young people with learning disabilities for employment.)

The full programme below is also being delivered through letterboxes and is available in shops and online.

Saturday 28 September, 7.30pm

RENATUS, a young orchestra promoting new and underperformed music. *Janacek, Vaughan Williams, Reger, Dvorak*, and accordionist Milos Milivojevic with the first performance of Festival Director Geoffrey Hanson's new work, *Accord*.

Sunday 29 September, 1.30pm.

Doors open 1.15pm

AMADEUS at the Phoenix

Eight-Oscar-winning 1984 film, directed by Milos Forman. The story of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, as told by rival fellow composer Antonio Salieri, who is languishing in an asylum.

Sunday 29 September, 7.30pm

POPULAR ORGAN AND CHORAL MUSIC

International organist Jennifer Bate and Choir of All Saints; Bach, Mozart, Boellman. Ave Verum, Panis Angelicus, "I was glad", Jesu, joy, Greater love, Hear my prayer, Ave Maria.

Monday 30 September, 7.30pm
EAST FINCHLEY WRITERS' GROUP

A selection across many styles and genres to move, amuse and surprise you. Admission free with bucket collection for festival charities.

Tuesday 1 October, 7.30pm

PAPRIKA

Last year's show-stoppers. Traditional Eastern European, Balkan, Gypsy and Classical music. Violin, accordions, guitar, bass and percussion.

Wednesday 2 October, 7.30pm

4 YOUNG ARTISTS, North London Music Festival winners; Steven East – Bass/Baritone, Marisol Lee – Violin, Miriam Nerval – Recorder, Rebecca Leung – Piano.

Thursday 3 October, 7.30pm

POP UP OPERA

Another hit from last year. Pop in and enjoy Arias, Duets and Ensembles from Opera.

Friday 4 October, 7.30pm

TRIO GOYA

Kati Debretzni – violin, Maggie Cole – fortepiano, Sebastian Combetti – cello; Haydn, Mozart, Storace, Beethoven, Schubert.

Saturday 5 October, 12.30pm

LUNCH HOUR ORGAN MUSIC

Robert Munns, 80 this year, with a programme of *Bach, Mendelssohn*, and *Geoffrey Hanson's* Soliloquy, written for him. Snack lunch available.

Saturday 5 October, 7.30pm

HAYDN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Conductor: *Thomas Blunt*, Mozart, Stravinsky, Beethoven. HCO was formed to bring classical music to North London.

Sunday 6 October, 10.30 am.

Doors open 10am.

FANTASIA at the Phoenix.

Award-winning 1940 Disney film. Animated episodes set to classical music played by the Philadelphia Orchestra, conducted by Leopold Stokowski. New York Times review of premiere: 'Motion picture history was made last night'.

Sunday 6 October, 7.30pm
FINCHLEY CHILDREN'S MUSIC GROUP

Musical Director: Grace Rositer. Nationally famous group and Festival favourite. Choral and solo items.

Booking opens Monday 2 September. Concert tickets £10 to £20 reserved, £8 to £10 unreserved. £1.00 for 18s and under. £50 season ticket entitles holder to one ticket for each event.

Book online at www.eastfinchleyarts.ticketsource.co.uk, in person at Black Gull Books, 121 High Road, tel. 020 8444 4717, by post using form in programme. Tickets at the door, according to availability. Credit cards not accepted at Ticket Desk on night of event.

Phoenix tickets (£9.50, concessions £7, under-15s £6) direct from the cinema. Tel. 020 8444 6789.

Festival Art Exhibition

Local and national artists. Open on event evenings and from 12 noon at Festival weekends. Paintings, ceramics, jewellery, sculpture and prints on sale. £50 - £500 with 40% donated to the two charities being supported. Further information from Pauline Treen 020 8340 5643.



Paprika, who were a huge hit last year. Photo by Marian Harris.

Photographer found dead in Hampstead pond

By Janet Maitland

Police are appealing for witnesses following the death of Sussie Ahlburg, a 50-year-old photographer from Holborn whose body was found in the Ladies' Pond on Hampstead Heath on 5 August.

Sussie was a regular at the pond and had gone there for a swim the day before. She was reported missing by her family when she hadn't returned by 9.30 in the evening. Police searched the area and her body was recovered by officers from the Marine Policing Unit.

At the time of going to press, Sussie's death was unexplained. An inquest was opened at St Pancras Coroner's Court on 9 August after an inconclusive post mortem examination.

"We are keen to speak to anyone who may have seen her around the Ladies' Pond during Sunday 4 August," said Detective Sergeant Trevor Plumb. "Sussie was 5'10" tall,

slim, with greying hair. She was wearing a navy and black two piece swimsuit, a white Speedo swimming hat and blue prescription swimming goggles. She would have travelled to the pond using her folding black Brompton bicycle. Anyone who has any information or who was in the area at the time is asked to call police on 101."



Found dead - Sussie Ahlburg

Free Wi-Fi service on the streets

Barnet Council has announced that it will sign a contract with Arqiva Limited to provide public Wi-Fi across the borough offering 30 minutes free internet access a day.

Arqiva will set up Wi-Fi boxes and 4G cells on Barnet Council's street lighting and CCTV columns for a period of 10 years and make these new networks available for mobile phone operators to lease. A Wi-Fi network will be rolled out over the coming year at various locations across Barnet, with particular focus on the borough's town centres. It is not yet known when the service might come to East Finchley.

**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.

(Refreshments are served after mass on Sunday and Thursday)

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>

**10% OFF
INSTORE
WITH THIS
ADVERT**



**VINTAGE CLOTHING
RETRO HOMEWARE
HAND PRODUCED GIFTS
GREETINGS CARDS**

**OPEN EVERY
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
10am-4pm**



King Street Mews / East Finchley N2 8DY

aroominmyhouse.co.uk