



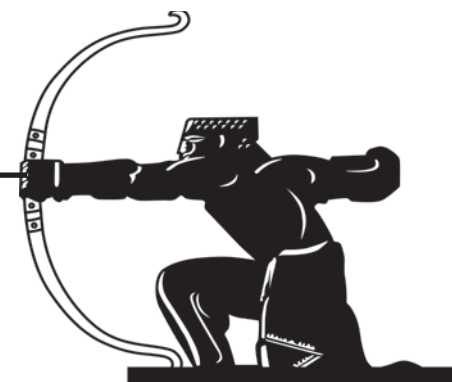
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# The Archer

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## Have you gone potty?



An eclectic evening of new works, performed by undergraduate dance students from London's Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, is one of the exciting performances at the East Finchley Arts Festival, which runs from the end of this month. Turn to page 6 to see the full line-up.

## Phoenix takes first steps to second screen

By John Lawrence

The Phoenix Cinema is starting work on a project to create a second screen that could transform the fortunes of the much-loved but financially struggling picturehouse. The board of trustees at the cinema has put out an appeal for architects, planners or anyone else with relevant skills to join the project team as planning gets under way.

There is room to install a smaller second screen on land to the rear of the cinema, off Fairlawn Avenue, that is currently used as a car park and as the site for a temporary office.

Building costs are likely to be high and would have to be

met by a major fundraising drive because the Phoenix uses all its income from ticket sales just to meet day-to-day running costs. But, once built, a second screen could secure the cinema's long-term future by bringing extra revenue

asked to email management@phoenixcinema.co.uk.

**Autumn attractions**

The Phoenix has come through the traditionally quiet summer period thanks to audience hits like the music documentary *Pavarotti* and



Second screen: The Phoenix is starting to plan

and giving greater flexibility in its film programming.

### Turning point

Alison Gold, chair of the trustees, told *The Archer* that ultimately a second screen would bring the Phoenix to a break-even position and allow it to provide a greater range of activities.

"It is very early days in our thinking but we know that a second screen would give us much greater flexibility with films we show," she said. "We could show more niche films alongside those with wider appeal. We could also do more in line with our charitable remit to offer education and community activities if we had a second space to use as we have to use our current screen for the main weekly feature films."

Anyone with skills to offer the second screen project is

some sell-out streamed live theatre, including a three-hour performance of *The Lehman Trilogy* on the hottest day of the year.

Movies coming this month include the film adaptations of TV favourite *Downton Abbey* and Donna Tartt's best-selling book *The Goldfinch*. There is also a Margaret Atwood event and encores of *One Man, Two Guv'nors*, starring James Corden, at the end of September.

Alison added: "The cinema needs your support so do choose it to see these great films and performances."

The Phoenix ran children's films in daytime through the summer holidays and aims to continue that in October half term. With new charitable funding, Toddler Time will also restart soon.

## Have your pet blessed

A pet blessing service is to be held at Holy Trinity C of E Church, Church Lane, N2, at 3pm on Saturday 5 October. This is a new venture for the RSPCA in East Finchley and for the vicar Reverend Father Marius Mirt.

Details of the service are still under discussion but any animals attending will need to be under control, with dogs on leashes and cats and other small creatures in pet carriers. Everyone is welcome.

For more information nearer the time contact Father Mirt on 020 3565 4430 or marius.mirt@htef.org.uk or visit www.holytrinityeastfinchley.org.uk

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