



Sacred music amid serene beauty of Highgate church

Voxcetera Chamber Choir returns to Highgate this month for a concert featuring Dvořák's popular, moving, grief-inspired Stabat Mater, accompanied by chamber orchestra. His most often performed sacred work, it is a setting of the medieval Latin prayer to the bereaved mother of Christ and was likely inspired by the deaths of three of his own children.



Magnificent: Voxcetera will perform at St Michael's Church in Highgate

The concert will open with Vigil Mass, a playful short setting of the mass by young composer William Petter, who died aged just 34 in 2016.

It takes place at St Michael's Church, South Grove, N6, on Saturday 21 March from 7.30pm. A bar will be open from 7pm. Tickets are available from www.voxcetera.co.uk/performances.

There is wheelchair access to the ground floor of the church where most of the concert seating is situated. Essential companions may attend for free. To arrange this or if you have any special requirements email: enquiry@voxcetera.co.uk

Charity comedy night at Ally Pally

An East Finchley family is running a fundraising campaign in support of the dedicated gastroenterology ward, Squirrel Ward, at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, where a loved one is being treated.



Laugh out loud: Comedians Al Murray and Jen Brister are on the line-up for the charity event

Their latest event is a charity comedy night called North London Laughs, being hosted by Avalon at Alexandra Palace Theatre on Thursday 14 May. The line-up features UK comedy stars Al Murray, Jen Brister, Phil Ellis, Hayley Ellis, Huge Davies, Bilal Zafar and Eytan Bayme.

Money raised will help to transform the playrooms on the ward for children and teenagers with serious digestive and gastrointestinal conditions. Children can spend many months and sometimes years

on this ward and unfortunately the play spaces have become increasingly dated.

Dr Ed Gaynor, consultant gastroenterologist at Great Ormond Street Hospital, said: "Our families tell us that when children are feeling unwell, having a dedicated space to play really can make a big difference."

Find out more about the comedy night and book tickets by going to www.alexandrapalace.com and searching 'North London Laughs'

Antonín Dvořák's masterpiece live

North London Chorus, the Meridian Sinfonia and four soloists are performing Antonín Dvořák's Stabat Mater in a concert at St James Church, Muswell Hill, this month.

The Czech composer, perhaps best known for his Symphony

from the New World and his beloved Cello Concerto, completed the epic choral work in 1877 and it is generally considered to be one of the works that led to his international breakthrough.

The concert takes place on Saturday 21 March at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at www.northlondonchorus.org/tickets

Music and literature at the Proms

Booking opens soon for the Proms at St Jude's Music & Literary Festival, which is returning for its 34th year, offering another week of arts and culture events in Hampstead Garden Suburb.

The festival opens with LitFest weekend on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 June at The Henrietta Barnett School, where leading authors will discuss their latest books. This year's line-up includes Sir Anthony Seldon, Gyles Brandreth, Tracy Borman, Diana Henry and Booker Prize winner Sir Alan Hollinghurst.

The music programme at neighbouring St-Jude-on-the-Hill features Wolf Hall in Concert with composer Debbie Wiseman and actor Anton Lesser, The Purcell School Orchestra, Fidelio Trio, The Van Morrison Alumni Band, superstar violist Timothy Ridout, the Choir of The Queen's College Oxford, and a special jazz evening celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence.

Proms at St Jude's continues to raise vital funds for its long-standing charities, Toynbee Hall and North London Hospice, donating £65,000 last year alone. Public booking opens on Monday 6 April at www.promsatstjudes.org.uk.



TV music: Wolf Hall in Concert

What's on at the Phoenix in March

By Zalan Pall, general manager

An historical crime movie, Oscar films, marriage drama, live ballet, opera, theatre and much more await you at the Phoenix in March

Birmingham, 1940. Amidst the chaos of WWII, Tommy Shelby is driven back from a self-imposed exile to face his most destructive reckoning yet. With the future of the family and the country at stake, Tommy must face his own demons, and choose whether to confront his legacy, or burn it to the ground. By order of the Peaky Blinders (Sunday 1 March).

Oscar season is back!!! Our favourite time of year, naturally, and not only because it picks us up from the weather here and drops us in Los Angeles. We're scheduling screenings of the nominated pictures, leading up to the big day (Monday 16 March - set your watches) when we're screening the Best Picture winner.

In Midwinter Break (Friday 20 March), finely calibrated performances from Lesley Manville and Ciarán Hinds anchor this adaptation of Glasgow-based Bernard MacLaverty's novel of the same name, which follows retirees Stella and Gerry on a trip to



Amsterdam at a crunch point in their marriage. Their city break has the potential to become something much more life-changing as the pair reflect on the past, their problems in the present, and consider their future together.

For the lovers of screen arts, we will have RBO Live: Giselle (Tuesday 3 March), Othello (Wednesday 4 and Sunday 8 March), Exhibition on Screen: Turner & Constable (Tuesday 10 March) and Met Opera: Tristan and Isolde (Saturday 21 March).

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