



# What's On

Arts & Culture in and around  
Richmond upon Thames

## May 2017

### Richmond upon Thames Performing Arts Festival 2017



Richmond upon Thames Performing Arts Festival offers performance opportunities to people of all ages in the arts of Music, Dance and Speech. Founded in 1929, it is affiliated to the British and International Federation of Festivals and is a registered charity.



Musicians at a previous festival.

This year's Festival will be held on Sunday 21 May at Normansfield Theatre, Langdon Down Centre, 2a Langdon Park Teddington, Middlesex TW11 9PS. It is divided into five categories which are 1) the Piano Section, 2) Speech & Drama, 3) Dance, 4) Vocal and 5) Instrumental. It promises to be a very vibrant

day, full of talent, and gives the borough's gifted residents a chance to shine.

Are you interested in getting involved with the vibrant, enthusiastic festival team who are passionate about supporting the arts in the Richmond area? If you would like to help in any way please contact Pam Frazer (tel: 020 8893 8656) or Margaret Warden (tel: 020 8288 9517) who will be delighted to hear from you, or email [info@richmondfestival.org.uk](mailto:info@richmondfestival.org.uk)

### Visual Arts



**Stables Gallery,** Riverside Twickenham TW1 3DY: 23 March - 7 May Eric Jiani; 11 May - 4 June Equine Idyll: Bethe Bronson & Laura Marker.  
[richmond.gov.uk/arts](http://richmond.gov.uk/arts)

**Riverside Gallery,** Old Town Hall Whittaker Avenue Richmond TW9 1TP 8 April - 13

May A Personal Portrait: Photography open exhibition work submitted by a range of photographers; 20 May - 24 June Susan Gibbons: Endangered and Disenchanted Animals.

[richmond.gov.uk/arts](http://richmond.gov.uk/arts)

**Fountain Gallery,** East Molesey, open Tuesday to Sunday 11.30am to 5.30pm: Tuesday 2 to Sunday 14 May *Texture, Shape and Colour*; paintings on canvas by Suzy Abrahams and ceramic tableware and ornamental stoneware by Julie Barham; Tuesday 16 to Sunday 28 May Nataliya Zozulya, Julia Hawkins & Bridget Macklin *Light, Clay, Colour* a joint exhibition of sensitive portraits, evocative landscapes and subtle ceramics.

[fountaingallery.co.uk](http://fountaingallery.co.uk)

**Debraggio Dining Gallery:** Duke Street, Richmond from 3 April to 31 May Opening hours 8.30am to 6pm Mondays to Wednesdays and 8.30am to 7.30pm Thursdays to Saturdays (closed Sunday). *The Watering Hole* exhibition Fine Art Acrylic Paintings by local artists Lucinda Watt and Jan Stevens, is inspired by life near water and safari animals.  
[facebook.com/debraggio](https://www.facebook.com/debraggio)

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Room 16, 13 Rosslyn Road,  
Twickenham, TW1 2AR  
020 8892 9446

## Copy/Flyer Deadlines

**NB: Deadline** for information for Newsletter for events in June 2017

**Monday 1 May**  
**Deadline** for delivery of flyers for events in June

**Tuesday 9 May**  
Contact the office for current rates

**Disclaimer:** Whilst every care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of the information in this newsletter, we urge you to check details with venues before attending an event.

If you need help with contact details, please contact our office  
info@artsrichmond.org.uk

**Twickenham Art Circle:** Full programme of Saturday painting and drawing sessions held at the ETNA Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road, Twickenham TW1 2AR. Visits: Saturday 6 May Victoria and Albert Museum, SW7 2RL; Saturday 20 May Strand on the Green, W4 3PQ.

twickenhamartcircle.org.uk

## Calling all Artists

If you are an artist and are a member of Arts Richmond or are a member of an affiliated Society, you are entitled to exhibit reasonably priced works of art for sale to the public. You can download details and the Entry Forms directly by going to the Arts Richmond website.

artsrichmond.org.uk/ar-event-detail.php?id=122

Click on **AR Events** then click on **Affordable Art Tent** then on the **More>** button.

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**Redlees Open Gallery and Studios:** Redlees Park, Worton Road, Isleworth TW7 6DW Friday 12 May, 6pm-9pm, Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 May 11am-6pm. Open weekend showing new work by the resident artists. Paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography and ceramics of over 30 artists and designer-makers, including the very popular jewellery and textile studio.

www.redlees.org

**Landmark Arts Centre:** Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 May 10am to 5pm Landmark Spring Art Fair.

landmarkartscentre.org

**Kew Studio** Fancy trying your hand at something new and creative? Kew Studio runs classes in watercolours, drawing, etching, screen printing and tapestry. For details contact Ali by email at enquiries@kewstudio.org  
kewstudio.org

**The Bowman Gallery,** 9 Worples Way, Richmond, TW10 6DG: open Tuesday to Friday, from 12noon until 6pm, Saturday 1pm to 5pm. Specialises in period views of Richmond Upon Thames,  
bowmangallery.co.uk

## Drama



**Richmond Theatre:** Monday 8 to Saturday 13 May *Fracked!*; Sunday 14th May at 7:30pm *An Evening With Boycott And Aggers*; Monday 15 to Saturday 20 May *Footloose - The Musical*; Wednesday 23 to Sat 27 May *The Mikado*; Tuesday 30 May Russell Brand.  
atgtickets.com/richmond

**Orange Tree Theatre:** Thursday 30 March to Saturday 13 May *The Lottery of Love* a comedy by Marivaux translated by John Fowles; 18 May to 24 June *An Octoroon* by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins; Sunday 7 May Kieran Hodgson *Maestro* an Edinburgh Comedy Award nominated smash-hit

character comedy; Saturday 13 May and Saturday 10 June *King Lear* - Primary Shakespeare. Shakespeare's greatest tragedy abridged for a younger audience.  
[orangetreetheatre.co.uk](http://orangetreetheatre.co.uk)

**RoseTheatre, Kingston:**  
 Tuesday 2 to Wednesday 3 May *Gulliver's Travels* Adapted by Josh Mathieson; Friday 5 to Saturday 6 May *Stewart Lee: Content Provider*; Saturday 6 May at 10am, 11am Under 6's: *Little Goats* by CAPTCHA Theatre; Thursday 11 to Saturday 13 May *All or Nothing: The Ultimate MOD Musical* Written by Carol Harrison and directed by Tony McHale; Wednesday 17 to Sunday 21 May; *We're Going On A Bear Hunt* Thursday 25 to Sunday 28 May *Bring on the Bollywood*; Wednesday 31 to Sunday 4 June *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.  
[rosetheatrekingston.org](http://rosetheatrekingston.org)

**NB:** Many productions also have matinee performances and some also have audio-described performances. Check websites for full details or contact Arts Richmond for help.

**Teddington Theatre Club** at Hampton Hill Theatre: Open morning 13 May at 10am Sun 30 Apr to Sat 6 May *The Pillowman* by Martin McDonagh. A dark fable where not all fairy tales have a happy ending; Sun 14 May to Sat 20 May *Jerusalem* by Jez Butterworth "Unarguably one of the best dramas of the 21st century." The Guardian  
[ttc-boxoffice.org.uk](http://ttc-boxoffice.org.uk)

**Hammond Theatre,** Hampton School, Hanworth Road, Hampton TW12 3HD Thursday

11 May NT Live: Jude Law in *Obsession*; Thursday 18 May NT Live: *Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf?*  
[thehammondtheatre.co.uk](http://thehammondtheatre.co.uk)

## The AGM

### Arts Richmond

The Arts Richmond AGM will be held on 27 July at 7.30pm. It has been moved forward from December, as it was thought that December is a busy month and is too close to Christmas. We hope you can attend so do put it in your diary!

At Hampton Hill Theatre  
 90 High Street  
 Hampton Hill  
 TW12 1NZ

## Films



**Richmond Film Society** Their 2016-2017 season has finished and the new season will resume in September 2017 See website for details.  
[facebook.com/RichmondFilmSociety](https://www.facebook.com/RichmondFilmSociety)  
[www.richmondfilmsoc.org.uk](http://www.richmondfilmsoc.org.uk)

## Volunteers wanted

Please join our team of "Stuffers" as we prepare the monthly distribution of the What's On newsletter. You only need to give up an hour or two once a month – and often there are delicious cakes to go with the coffee and tea! Get in touch with Juliet Peacock at the Arts Richmond Office for details.

## Dance



**Boundless Dance:** *Boundless 'Bounders' Dance Class* runs every Wednesday during term time and is aimed at children aged 8-13 at the Methodist Church, Teddington.  
[info@boundlessdance.co.uk](mailto:info@boundlessdance.co.uk)

## Music



**St. Anne's Church, Kew Green: In Flagrante Choir** after the Easter break, an Open Evening at 7.30pm, Tuesday 2nd May (first session of the summer term), St. Anne's Church Hall, Kew Green. All that is needed is a love of music - no auditions, any voices welcome! contact [Catherine@cjhenergy.co.uk](mailto:Catherine@cjhenergy.co.uk) or [barbarabrown5@virginmedia.com](mailto:barbarabrown5@virginmedia.com).

**Landmark Arts Centre:** The Thursday 11 May at 8pm. Remains of Tom Lehrer – Performed by Adam Kay.  
[landmarkartscentre.org](http://landmarkartscentre.org)

**Kew Sinfonia** Charity Concert in aid of REACT Saturday 20 May at 7.30 pm at St. Anne's Church, Kew Green, TW9 3AA Guest Conductor: Julian Jacobson, Guest Leader: Yuka Masumoto, Piano: Domonkos Csabay (Prize winner Beethoven Piano Society of

Europe competition 2016).  
Debussy - Nocturne, Mozart -  
Piano Concerto K453 in G  
Major, Bizet - Symphony in C.  
[kewsinfonia.org.uk](http://kewsinfonia.org.uk)

#### **Teddington Choral Society:**

Monday evening rehearsals at  
St Catherine's School, Cross  
Deep, Twickenham, TW1 4QJ.  
[www.teddingtonchoral.co.uk](http://www.teddingtonchoral.co.uk)

**Putney Choral Society:** On  
Saturday 13 May at 7 pm at St.  
Michael's Church, 71  
Wimbledon Park Road,  
Southfields, SW18 5TT. Putney  
Choral Society, with Conductor  
Christopher Braime, will be  
performing Handel's  
Coronation Anthems, including  
'Zadoc the Priest' and Haydn's  
Mass in the Time of War with  
full orchestra and professional  
soloists Tickets £15 to include  
refreshments & programme.  
Contact Shirley on  
07968209245, or buy at the  
door.  
[putneychoralsoc.org.uk](http://putneychoralsoc.org.uk)

### The Art Tent at Richmond May Fair

Once again Arts Richmond will  
be featuring local artists and  
their original art work at the  
May Fair. Please come along  
and say "Hello" and browse  
the marvellous art work.

Richmond May Fair  
on Saturday 13 May  
on Richmond Green

**The Middlesex Yeomanry**  
(Duke of Cambridge's Hussars)  
Concert Band will be playing

on Sunday 14 May for  
*Chestnut Sunday* in Bushy Park  
[www.mycb.org.uk](http://www.mycb.org.uk)

**Vocal Tonix Community  
Singing Group:** Sing Along,  
socialise with this new weekly  
singing group hosted by  
Twickenham vocalist Shelle  
Luscombe. No singing ability  
needed whatsoever. All  
welcome! Every Thursday  
1.30-3.30pm ETNA Community  
Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road TW1  
2AR  
[vocaltonix.co.uk](http://vocaltonix.co.uk)

#### **Thameside Harmony Chorus:**

*Love That Song* an anniversary  
supper concert by ladies' four  
part harmony a capella singing  
group on Saturday 3rd June at  
7.45pm at The White House,  
45 The Avenue, Hampton  
TW12 3RN, and will also  
feature special guests, men's  
chorus Magna Carta. A light  
supper will be served at the  
interval and drinks available at  
the bar. Tickets cost £12  
(included is a light supper)  
available from the White  
House.  
[www.thamesideharmony.co.uk](http://www.thamesideharmony.co.uk)

Wednesdays at 7.45pm to  
10pm, at the White House  
Community Centre, Hampton,  
TW12 3RN We are a friendly  
and fun-loving women's a  
cappella group who enjoy  
singing together in harmony.  
[thamesideharmony.co.uk](http://thamesideharmony.co.uk)

**Richmond Concert Society:** 16  
May at 7.45pm at St Mary the  
Virgin Church, Twickenham  
Riverside, TW1 3NJ Britten  
Oboe Quartet Featuring  
Nicholas Daniel. *The W T  
Bryant Concert* Moeran:  
*Phantasy Quartet*, Schubert:  
*String Trio in B flat*, D471,  
Lennox Berkeley: *Oboe  
Quartet*, Mozart: *Adagio*,  
K580a, R R Bennett: *Arethusa*,  
Lutosławski: *Bucolics*,

Mozart: *Oboe Quartet in F*,  
KV370.  
[richmondconcerts.co.uk](http://richmondconcerts.co.uk)

**The Choral Foundation:** Every  
Sunday at 3.30pm, *Choral  
Evensong* at Chapel Royal,  
Hampton Court Palace.  
[choral.foundation@hrp.org.uk](mailto:choral.foundation@hrp.org.uk)

### Rock, Jazz & Folk



**Twickfolk** at The Cabbage  
Patch Twickenham, Sundays at  
7.45pm: Sunday 7 May Steve  
Tilston: Great British  
songwriter; Sunday 14 May  
Corinne West (USA):  
Californian Americana; Sun 21  
May 2017 and Sun 28 May  
Closed due to Rugby.  
[twickfolk.co.uk](http://twickfolk.co.uk)

**Eel Pie Club at the Cabbage  
Patch**, Twickenham: Doors  
open 8:30pm. Music starts  
9:15-ish Thursday 4 May Dona  
Oxford - "Goddess of Soul -  
Queen of Boogie Woogie";  
Thursday 18 May Stephen Dale  
Petit Band.  
[eelpieclub.com](http://eelpieclub.com)

**Twickenham Jazz Club:**  
Patchworks Bar The Cabbage  
Patch, London Road  
Twickenham TW1 3SZ 8.00pm-  
11pm admission £12  
concessions £10. Tuesday 2nd:  
Kelvin Christiane 'Allstars' Big  
Band; Tuesday 9th: NO JAZZ;  
Tuesday 16th: Alan Barnes  
with Frank Harrison, Oli  
Hayhurst and Matt Skelton;  
Tues 23rd: NO JAZZ; Tues:  
30th: 'Tumultuous Tenors'  
featuring Sam Walker, Kelvin  
Christiane with the Jim  
Tweek Trio.  
[twickenhamjazzclub.co.uk](http://twickenhamjazzclub.co.uk)

**Crawdaddy Club:** Richmond Athletic Ground, Richmond: 26 May - Tony O'Malley. Gigs from 8pm till midnight. [rawdaddyclubrichmond.com](http://rawdaddyclubrichmond.com)

**Mood Indigo:** Riverside Arts Jazz at The Studio, 57-59 Thames Street, Sunbury on Thames, TW16 5QF on 14 May John Etheridge is playing. [moodindigoevents.co.uk](http://moodindigoevents.co.uk)

## Museums



**The Twickenham Museum** hosts The East Twickenham Centennial Group exhibition, opening on Saturday 8 April, commemorating the six thousand First World War Belgian Refugees who created in East Twickenham and neighbouring communities the 'Belgian Village on the Thames', as workers at the renowned Pelabon Munitions Works. Open Tuesdays & Saturdays 11.00–3.00 and Sundays 2.00–4.00. Admission free.

[twickenham-museum.org.uk](http://twickenham-museum.org.uk)

**The Museum of Richmond:** 6th May to 16th September "Old Palace Lane" many different developments have occurred on the lane in terms of its industry, infrastructure and social changes. Opening times 11am – 5pm Tuesday – Friday, 11am – 4pm Saturday. [museumofrichmond.com](http://museumofrichmond.com)

**The Musical Museum:** 399 High Street, Brentford, TW8 ODU Saturday 6th May Tea

Dance Time: 2.30pm (2pm lesson) All tickets are £8.50 Ticket price includes free glass of Prosecco or tea and coffee. [musicalmuseum.co.uk](http://musicalmuseum.co.uk)

## Historic Houses



**Strawberry Hill House:** The 2017 Decor Cafe Home and Garden Festival on Friday 5th May Talks by Nicky Haslam and others, demos and tastings, home and garden products, etc. Tickets are £15 - inclusive of all talks, demos and tastings.

[thedecorcafe.com/decorfest](http://thedecorcafe.com/decorfest)

**Hampton Court Palace:** Wednesday 10 May at 6.50pm *Sacred music and the Reformation* a talk by Jeremy Summerly, Director of Music at St Peter's College, University of Oxford,; Evensong every Sunday at 3.30pm.

[hrp.org.uk/hamptoncourtpalace](http://hrp.org.uk/hamptoncourtpalace)

**Pope's Grotto Preservation Trust** presents: *Alexander Pope: A Search for Perfection:* Written and performed by Giles Abbott. At Strawberry Hill House on Wednesday 17 May at 7.00 pm, the National Portrait Gallery - 25th May at 7.00 pm, the Alexander Pope Hotel, Twickenham, 26 May at 7.00 pm, in Pope's Grotto - 10th and 24th June 2017 (rolling performances). For information on Giles Abbott visit: [www.gilesabbott.com](http://www.gilesabbott.com) [popesgrotto.org.uk/news](http://popesgrotto.org.uk/news)

**The Poppy Factory :** .Ever wanted to find out how many

poppies are handmade each year? Curious about the history of The Poppy Factory? There are about 8 tours of the factory each week for groups of up to 35.

[poppyfactory.org](http://poppyfactory.org)

**Turner's House,** Sandycombe Lodge, was built in 1813 to the designs of England's great landscape painter, J.M.W. Turner as a quiet retreat and studio. Opening to the public this summer, Turner's House Trust is currently seeking enthusiastic and engaging volunteers who would like to be stewards or tour guides, a unique opportunity to be part of the opening of a heritage site and share a love of art. For more information please contact Michelle Graabek, Activities and Interpretation Officer, [mgraabektht@gmail.com](mailto:mgraabektht@gmail.com).

## Walks, Talks & Courses



**Richmond Libraries:** Wednesday 3 May 7.00pm to 9.30pm at Twickenham Library Quizabethan: A fun, themed quiz night. Ticket price includes a fish and chip supper. Soft drinks are provided. Tickets £10.00 per person, booking essential. Book online; Thursday 4 May 7.00pm to 8.00pm at Ham Library Elizabethan stories for adults with Giles Abbott An evening of adult tales with our professional storyteller.

Tickets £3.00 per person, booking essential. Book online. [richmond.gov.uk/libraries](http://richmond.gov.uk/libraries)

**Richmond Local History Society:** Monthly meetings 8pm at Duke Street Church, Duke Street, Richmond, TW9 1DH. Non-members £4.00. Sat 13 May 10:00 am to 5:00 pm *May Fair*; On Monday 15 May AGM followed by Derek Robinson on the *Museum of Richmond's Exhibition The History of Old Palace Lane*. [richmondhistory.org.uk](http://richmondhistory.org.uk)

**Barnes Literary Society:** The April visit is sold out. Talk on Wednesday 17 May at 8.00pm John Simenon *Curating the Legacy of a Famous Father-Georges Simenon*. The venue is the Old Sorting Office, Barnes Green. [barnesliterarysociety.org.uk](http://barnesliterarysociety.org.uk)

**Twickenham Museum:** Annual Lecture on Monday 22 May at 8pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street, Twickenham, TW1 3DY. *Houses of Power: The places that shaped the Tudor World*. Dr Simon Thurley speaks about his history of Tudor royal residences across 30 years of archaeological excavation and documentary research, which reveals how architecture tells us much about the Tudor dynasty. [twickenham-museum.org.uk](http://twickenham-museum.org.uk)

**The Richmond Society:** Thursday 4th May in The Theatre, Richmond Adult Community College, Parkshot, Richmond TW9 2RE Forum Meeting; Wednesday 10th May Heritage Guided Walk

along the Riverside at Richmond [richmondsociety.org.uk](http://richmondsociety.org.uk)

**Twickenham Society** Thursday 11 May at 7.30pm *My First Year in Parliament*, a talk by Dr Tania Mathias MP Venue: Twickenham Club, 7 Church Street, Twickenham; Monday, 30 May - HANDS Fair on Twickenham Green. [twicksoc.org.uk/index.htm](http://twicksoc.org.uk/index.htm)

**Borough of Twickenham Local History Society.** Monday 8 May at 8.00pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Twickenham. A.G.M. followed by a short talk by Paul Leonard *An Interesting Postbag* Non-members and guests £2.50. [botlhs.co.uk](http://botlhs.co.uk)

**Richmond and District Decorative & Fine Arts Society:** Tuesday 2 May *The Prince Regent and the excesses of Regency Period Style* Speaker Stephen Richardson. [richmondffas.com](http://richmondffas.com)

**Barnes Children's Literature Festival** on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 May has an impressive line-up of well-known authors and illustrators including the former Children's Laureates Michael Rosen and Anthony Browne, star author-artist Nick Sharratt and *Horrid Henry* creator Francesca Simon, the comedian David Baddiel, Clare Balding and Lucy Worsley, Sophie Thompson and Christian O'Connell Judith Kerr, Axel Scheffler and illustrator, Adrian Edmondson and Tony Ross among many others. See the website for the festival details.

[www.barneskidslitfest.org](http://www.barneskidslitfest.org)

**Langdon Down Centre, 2a** Langdon Park Teddington, TW11 9PS Saturday 20 May from 10am to 4.30pm a Conference *Normansfield – Protecting a Theatrical Past*; Saturday 20 May at 11am A talk by James Henry Pullen: *The Genius of Earlswood Asylum*; Richmond Performing Arts Festival Showcase on Sunday 21st May at 2.30 pm Admission £8.00 at the door. Enquiries to [info@richmondfestival.org.uk](mailto:info@richmondfestival.org.uk) Visit [richmondfestival.org.uk](http://richmondfestival.org.uk) [langdondowncentre.org.uk](http://langdondowncentre.org.uk)

**Richmond Association for the National Trust:** Wednesday 10 May City of London Garden walk. Meet at 11am. Contact Betty Weisblatt by phone on 020 8979 3089 or email [b.weisblatt@btinternet.com](mailto:b.weisblatt@btinternet.com) [nationaltrust.org.uk/features/richmond-association](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/features/richmond-association)

**Richmond Scientific Society:** at Vestry Hall, Paradise Road, Richmond. Thursday 18 May at 8.15 pm *The Medical Implications of Space Flight* a talk by Steven Cutts FRCS (James Paget University Hospital). [hampsteadscience.ac.uk](http://hampsteadscience.ac.uk)

**Richmond WEA:** Wide range of courses and evening classes on offer each term [wealondon.org/Richmond](http://wealondon.org/Richmond)

**Richmond Adult and Community College (RACC), Parkshot:** Wide range of courses and evening classes on offer each term. [racc.ac.uk](http://racc.ac.uk)



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**Regular Information** about *What's On* and *How to Get involved* in the thriving local arts & cultural scene through our *website*, and monthly *What's On Newsletter*. Your subscription allows us to provide free copies via the Public Library Network.

**Show Coach:** Excursions to plays, musicals, operas, concerts and places of interest – some with coaches from pick-up points across the borough. We know how important safe transport and companionship is for our members and we make every effort to ensure ease of access for all.

**Literature:** We run literary events throughout the year including our annual *Book Picnic* on Richmond Green, and *Young Writers' Festival*, as well as events in the Richmond upon Thames Literature Festival.

**Drama:** We promote the performances of local professional and amateur theatre companies and run the *Swan Drama Awards* – our local version of the Oscars – rewarding amateur talent in the borough – as well as a *New Plays Festival*.

**Music:** We promote the extensive programme of concerts organised by concert societies, choral and other music groups throughout the borough and run an annual *Choral Workshop* with eminent local conductors.

**Visual Arts and Photography:** We promote the work of local artists and run exhibitions and competitions offering the opportunity to buy paintings, prints and photographs at affordable prices.

**Heritage and Museums:** We promote the events and exhibitions taking place at the large number of historic places in the local area

