

What's On

Arts & Culture in and around
the borough of
Richmond upon Thames

December 2020

The Arts Richmond newsletter

Looking Forward to Arts Richmond Events in 2021

STOP PRESS

Due to changing guidelines many events in the future may be affected. Please contact individual societies for up to date information.



All at Arts Richmond wish you a very Merry Christmas and happy and peaceful New Year. It has been a very difficult year for us all so let's hope that 2021 brings us a year that is much healthier, with fewer restrictions and an opening up of society. Let us also hope that those many groups involved in arts and culture will have weathered the storm. Arts Richmond continues to be positive and we are planning a range of exciting events for the coming year. Here are some details.



YOUNG WRITERS 2020



We launched this popular annual writing competition back in September. This is for all children who live in or go to school in the Borough. Judging of all entries will be completed in January with a planned presentation of the winning pieces by actors at the Exchange, Twickenham in March.

ARTIST OF THE YEAR



This event sadly was cancelled in 2020 but we plan for this one day event to be held at Kempton Steam Museum in May 2021.

ROGER MCGOUGH POETRY COMPETITION 'IDENTITY'



This is a nationwide poetry competition. The deadline is December 18th and the presentation of the winning entries and Anthology launch will be in May 2021.

THE AFFORDABLE ART TENT



We hope that life will be normal enough next May for Richmond to hold its May Fair. If that is the case we would like to have our usual Affordable Art Tent as part of this enjoyable event.

JAZZ FESTIVAL



Planned for June as part of the Twickenham Festival to be held at Riverside Gardens Twickenham.

THE DIANA ARMFIELD DRAWING FROM OBSERVATION



This will be our third annual popular drawing competition open to all ages 16+ this event will be launch in February with an exhibition to be held in July.

SKETCHING DAYS



Working alongside local artist Nicky Browne we plan a number of open air sketching days in the Spring and Summer this is a free event open to all abilities and ages.

ANNUAL SWAN AWARDS



We hope that some live and online drama productions will have been able to take place in the coming year. If so, judges will be able to choose productions for the Swan Awards which are presented in September every year.

RICHMOND LIT FEST

We also plan to contribute again to the Borough of Richmond's Literature Festival in November 2021

NEW PLAYS FESTIVAL

We hope to revive this competition in 2021 for Spring 2022.

Visual Arts



Fountain Gallery Thu 26 Nov to Tue 8 Dec The Fountain Gallery, home to a long-established artists' cooperative will open a 20th anniversary celebration "*The Fountain Gallery is 20 in 2020*" with an exhibition of its members' wide range of work.
fountaingallery.co.uk

Friends of Whitton Library. *Connectivity* is a programme set up by Art and Soul in response to the coronavirus lockdown, to provide positive opportunities for people to connect to others and to explore their creativity. From Tue 1 Dec to Sat 30 Jan 2021 there will be an opportunity to see some of the results from this ongoing project in Whitton Library, 141 Nelson Road TW2 7BB. There will also be the opportunity to find out more about this group. For more details contact :
friendswhitton@gmail.com or ask in Whitton Library.

Saturday Watercolour Workshops Sat 5 Dec 10am to 4pm *Learn From a Watercolour Master: Eric Ravilious.* Made-to-measure one-day workshop led by experienced tutor Pat Harvey at 21, Cranebrook, Manor Road TW2 5DJ, her Twickenham riverside home. All abilities. The aim: for you to end the day with a painting you can be proud of! Suggested donation £45 (£10 reduction per class for three or more). Email

patkayharvey@talktalk.net or call 020 3643 6227 See website for details.

patharvey.co.uk

ARTS RICHMOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Arts Richmond delayed EGM and AGM will take place on Wednesday 2nd December at 7.30pm via a Zoom meeting as it is not possible to hold a meeting in a public place at this time. All paid up members of Arts Richmond are welcome to attend. Individual members have one vote each; affiliated societies have one vote each. Please contact the Arts Richmond office to book a place if you wish to take part.

At this meeting Hilary Dodman will be standing down as Chair, as she has come to the end of her term of office. The election of the new Chairman will be by postal vote after this meeting to reach all eligible voting members.

Phone 020 8892 9446
info@artsrichmond.org.uk

Landmark Arts Centre Every weekend commencing Friday 13 November to Sunday 6 December, 10.30am to 4.30pm. A series of shopping weekends in which they will be celebrating and supporting talented artisans, local and

beyond. Entry £4. Booking essential to ensure a safe and socially distanced time slot. Also an exclusive series of shopping evenings every Thursday from 12 November to 3 December from 5pm. They will be welcoming guests to enjoy a festive drink and mince pie followed by an evening of socially distanced shopping, including special guests talks, and demos. Tickets £20 (includes a drink & goodie bag). For more information see the website or call 0208 8977 7558 landmarkartscentre.org

Orleans House Gallery
orleanshousegallery.org

The Bowman Gallery
bowmangallery.co.uk

One Paved Court Gallery:
onepavedcourt.co.uk

Drama



Teddington Theatre Club
Subject to Government restrictions being lifted, TTC will restage *Stones in His Pockets* from Tue 15 to Sat 19 Dec in Hampton Hill Theatre's auditorium in a Covid-secure environment. This two hander, written by Marie Jones, will be performed again by Ian Kinane and Brendan Leddy, who not only play the lead roles Jake and Charlie, but 13 more characters between them. Panto TTC will also be performing a radio adaptation of Dick Whittington, on its YouTube channel at 11.00 am

on Boxing Day. See events page on their website for more details.
teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk

SHOWCOACH INFORMATION

At the moment it is very difficult to offer Showcoach trips but we hope to suggest pleasurable outings in 2021. If you have any suggestions please contact the Arts Richmond Office.

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Email:
info@artsrichmond.org.uk

Blue Fire Theatre Company
Their new podcast "Famous People You've Never Heard Of", features interviews with academics, actors and writers about their favourite forgotten entertainer, discussions about people they want to bring back into the spotlight, and audio dramas. In Series One they talk to the author David Slattery Christy, actor Paterson Joseph and others about their forgotten heroes. In their Christmas Special drama *Shakespeare meet Cervantes* in Jonathan Holloway's "Big Time", previously heard as a Radio 4 play of the week. Find them in the usual podcast places or email at info@bluefiretheatre.co.uk for details.
bluefiretheatre.co.uk

Hampton Hill Theatre
hamptonhilltheatre.org.uk

OSO Arts Centre
osoarts.org.uk

Wild Duck Theatre
info@wildducktheatre.london

Richmond Shakespeare Society

richmondshakespeare.org.uk

Film



Richmond Film Society Here are 4 film recommendations from RFS. They may be available via streaming services and also for purchase as DVD/Blu-Ray discs from the online retailers.

1) *Bienvenue Chez Les Ch'tis* is a tale of a southern postal worker hoping for a transfer to the Côte d'Azur through the very effective reverse psychology up in the dreaded north instead. Directed by Danny Boon.

2) *The Patience Stone* In a country torn apart by war, a young woman watches over her older husband. A bullet in the neck has rendered him comatose. She begins to speak truth to her husband... Directed by Atiq Rahimi.

3) *Mystery Road* In an Australian outback town, an indigenous detective returns home to solve the murder of a teenage girl. He is alienated from both the white-dominated police force and the indigenous community. Directed by Ivan Sen.

4) *The Edge Of Heaven* A Turk travels to Istanbul to find the daughter of his father's former girlfriend. The lead actors are outstanding, their chemistry undeniably believable. Directed by Fatih Akin.
richmondfilmsoc.org.uk

Dance



No dance events listed for December.

Music



Rogue Opera is a London based professional opera company dedicated to bringing opera to new audience and spaces. We create intimate productions of famous operas (fully staged and costumed) for 6 - 8 singers, a piano and 2 to 3 instruments. With live events still increasingly difficult in this current climate, we've taken the opportunity to develop a fantastic online membership subscription site (which provides our professional artists with paid work) as well as a growing on-demand video archive of arias and ensembles, behind the scenes insights and interviews with professionals across the performing arts industry. You can explore your Rogue Opera VIP Pass with a 7 day free trial and tune in on Fridays at 1 pm BST for our weekly live show curated by Director Bronwen Stephens-Harding and Music Director Guy Murgatroyd.
vip.rogueopera.co.uk/welcome

The Middlesex Yeomanry Concert Band With their

proposed new home still concerned about Covid 19, the Middlesex Yeomanry Concert Band have been rescued by St.Mary's and St.James' Churches and are now in rehearsal. They hope to present a short *Christmas Programme* on Sun 6 Dec in St.James' Church, St James's Rd, Hampton Hill, Hampton TW12 1DQ at 2.30pm. The concert will include seasonal medleys and there will be no interval. Places must be reserved ahead with contact details given to the organisers. Tickets £10. Contact; judy.morrison1@btinternet.com. 07854 022 426 mycb.org.uk

West London Chamber Choir Previously known as Music Makers of London, they are a community chamber choir rehearsing live at St Michael & All Angels, Barnes on Thursday evenings at 8pm with Music Director, Hilary Campbell. For those currently unable to attend in person there is a live Zoom feed each week. All live performances have been cancelled until March 2021 but meanwhile they warmly welcome singers with reasonable sight reading ability, especially tenors. Please visit their website for further details musicmakersoflondon.org.uk

Concordia Voices This Hampton Hill based chamber choir conducted by Jack Apperley continues to rehearse weekly on Sunday evenings via Zoom. They would particularly welcome additional tenors with reasonable sight reading ability to join them. For further information contact secretary@concordiavoices.org or

visit their website
concordiavoices.org

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 Room 21,
 13 Rosslyn Road
 Twickenham, TW1 2AR
 020 8892 9446
info@artsrichmond.org.uk

Whitton Adult Community Singers They have started back SAFELY in the large, well ventilated Function Hall at the Whitton Community Centre, Percy Road, TW2 6JL. Every term time Saturday 11.15 – 12.15 (Risk Assessed/Covid Secure Singing Safely for Health & Wellbeing. They learn and sing songs from all genres – pop/jazz, gospel, classical, folk etc. Each Saturday through November to Sat 5 December (New Term to start on Sat 9 Jan 2021) Contact Loulla Gorman for full details: Email: loulla82gorman@gmail.com or phone: 07788664957

In Flagrate choir
 Missing singing? Always thought you would like to try it

but were too embarrassed to sing in front of other people? Virtual Choir may be just what you are looking for. Come and join our Virtual choir.

We "meet" every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. Music and the Zoom link is sent by email beforehand and then we rehearse till about 8.45pm. If you are interested please contact Cathy Jago on catherine@cjhenergy.co.uk or visit the website. inflagrantchoir.com

Barnes Music Society
barnesmusicsociety.org.uk

singersandsongs.com
singersandsongs.com

Opéra Prélude
www.operaprelude.org

Richmond Orchestra
richmondorchestra.org.uk

OSO Arts Centre
osoarts.org.uk

Landmark Arts Centre
landmarkartscentre.org

Langdon Down Museum of Learning Disability
langdondownmuseum.org.uk

Whitton Choral Society
whittonchoralsociety.net

Richmond Concert
richmondconcerts.co.uk

Richmond Opera
richmondopera.org.uk

Richmond upon Thames Festival of the Performing Arts
www.richmondfestival.org.uk

COPY / FLYER DEADLINES

We have now resumed posting out the printed newsletter, therefore we can now accept flyers that can accompany it. The deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is:

**Wednesday 25
November
For events in January**

The deadline for flyers to go out with the mailing is:

**Wednesday 9
December
For events in January**

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

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

Rock, Jazz & Folk



Mood Indigo Events Sun 20 Dec at 7.45pm - Christmas special - Guests to be announced. Mood Indigo are

now able to put on live jazz concerts at the Riverside Arts Centre as fortunately it is a large enough space for them to follow all the Covid-19 rules on distancing and government guidelines. At 57-59 Thames St, Sunbury-on-Thames TW16 5QF.
moodindigoevents.co.uk

Mark's Jazz Sessions phone 07799 582337 for information

Eel Pie Club
eelpieclub.com

Landmark Arts Centre
landmarkartscentre.org

OSO Arts Centre
osoarts.org.uk

Museums



Musical Museum
musicalmuseum.co.uk

The Museum of Richmond
museumofrichmond.com

Historic Houses



Strawberry Hill House We are delighted to announce that we have selected local artists Charmaine Stimson, Judith North and Kate Proudman to curate our 'Write to Horace' letters installation, which will open at the house on November 5. This exciting project will continue

throughout November and December, as part of our 10-year anniversary celebration of the restoration of Strawberry Hill House.

strawberryhillhouse.org.uk

Turner's House

turnershouse.org

Walks, talks and courses



The Arts Society Richmond

is continuing with a full programme of events, albeit mostly online via Zoom and YouTube for the time being. Lecture – Tue 1 Dec at 8pm - Ian Gledhill will talk on the *Magic of Pantomime* (£5 for non-members). They hope this lecture will be the first back in the Covid safe Duke Street Church, as well as being simultaneously Zoomed to those at home.

Virtual visit: Wed 9 Dec at 10am Pepe Martinez, London Blue Badge Guide, will guide us round *"Saucy Soho - 350 years of sex, drugs and communism"* (£5 for non-members); If you wish to join us for any of these events, please email Richmond@theartsociety.org for further details, to arrange payment and you will be sent the link 24 hours in advance.

theartsocietyrichmond.org

Richmond Scientific Society

Zoom meeting at 8pm on Wed 9 Dec. *'Bitcoin and the*

Blockchain', by Keith Bear, Fellow, Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance. Members will automatically receive a link to this, but others can email them for a free link at richmond.science.society@gmail.com. Their lectures are about 1 hour long, with opportunities for questions.
rss.btck.co.uk

Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society

rtps.org.uk

Richmond Local History Society

richmondhistory.org.uk

Kingston and District Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild

kingstonanddistrictbranch.co.uk

Richmond Art Society

richmondartsociety.com

Richmond and Twickenham Historical Association

history.org.uk

Richmond Society

richmondsociety.org.uk

Richmond Association for the National Trust

For information contact the Programme Manager on tel: 020 8979 3834, email: wendyasim@btinternet.com
nationaltrust.org.uk/features/richmond-association

Richmond Art Society

richmondartsociety.com

Poetry Performance

For information email: warringa@blueyonder.co.uk

RHACC (Richmond and Hillcroft Adult and Community College)

rhacc.ac.uk

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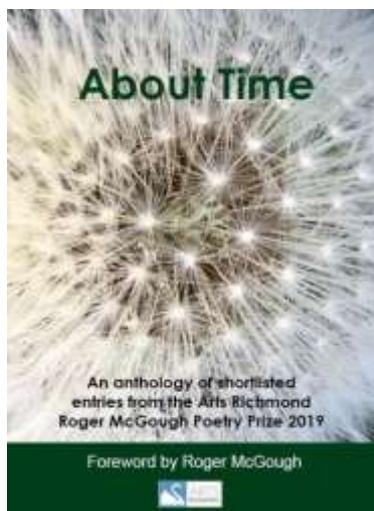
Very sadly Geoffrey Morgan died peacefully on 21 October 2020 aged 89 of Covid-related pneumonia. He was the former Director of the Public Appointments at the Cabinet Office.

He was a long-time supporter of Arts Richmond and married to Heather Morgan who has, for many years, been a very active member of Arts Richmond (having served on many committees) and who was a stalwart member of Teddington Theatre Club.



He was in good spirits to the end – full of dignity, warmth, humour and love - and surrounded by his wife of 60 years, Heather, and his two daughters, Sian and Emma. You may also know Sian, as she was the admin officer for Arts Richmond for some years.

He is mourned also by his grandchildren, Ellie, Rosie, Alex and Poppy and sons-in-law, Shaun and Paul. We send our heartfelt condolences to all the family at this sad time.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT**SUGGESTION**

Some of may remember the Roger McGough Poetry Competition which was held last year. Many of you submitted a wide range of poems, written in different styles and on different topics. Roger McGough selected many of these marvellous poems and they have been published in an anthology.

The anthology had a very enjoyable launch last year at the Mary Wallace Theatre, Twickenham. You can still buy this book of thought-provoking poems and it would make a lovely gift for someone who enjoys the written word.

It is a mere £5 and can be bought online, so it will save you risking a shopping trip to the shops.

Buy online at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing?eid=13310&>

MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR TREMENDOUS SUPPORTERS

Arts Richmond is blessed to have some wonderful people who work very hard to put on many cultural events, encourage self-expression and creativity in Richmond borough and beyond.

Foremost of these are the Committee and the Patrons, amongst others. We thank them for such valued support. Here is the current list of the Committee and the Patrons.

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In the future I would like to pay £20 by standing order for a yearly subscription

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Arts Richmond is an independent charity with 100+ affiliated societies based in and around the borough of Richmond upon Thames. As well as representing the voluntary arts sector on the Richmond upon Thames Borough Council's *Arts Advisory Forum*, we provide a wide variety of services and events aimed at promoting local arts and cultural activity including:

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*.

Showcoach: 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.

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