

# What's On

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

# March 2021

## The Arts Richmond newsletter

## The Roger Mc Gough and the Young Writers' Competitions

Arts Richmond was delighted by the great response to our two literature competitions we launched towards the end of 2020. A record number of 274 entries was received for our Roger McGough Poetry Competition and around 50% of the entries came from far afield, including Scotland, Devon, Ireland and Wales and even from New Zealand. Just under 400 entries to our Young Writers writing competition were sent in, giving our judges for both competitions a difficult job ahead. By the time this Newsletter is published the finalists for both competitions should be published on our website

[www.artsrichmond.org.uk](http://www.artsrichmond.org.uk).

Our poetry hub team plan to publish an anthology of the final 40 poems from which Roger will choose the winner. We hope to hold a presentation later this year. The Young Writers Award



celebration is planned for 28th March at The Exchange, Twickenham, but this date may be postponed depending on the restrictions, so please keep checking our website for details.

Despite the lockdowns, Arts Richmond is working hard to bring you all the art related news in the borough. You would be amazed how versatile our affiliated societies have become during this pandemic, still virtually putting on shows, concerts and exhibitions to keep us all going.

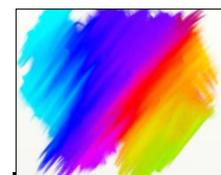
A message from our chairman Nicholas George:

*It is wonderful to see so many entries to our Roger McGough Poetry and Young Writers competitions! Best of luck to everyone who has entered and, if previous years are to go by, we look forward to reviewing some fantastic entries. It's a real inspiration to be a part of so much artistic activity over lockdown and we also very much look forward to hearing about and publicizing*

*the virtual shows, concerts and exhibitions from our other affiliates.*

Nicholas George  
Chairman

### Visual Arts



#### The Surrey Sculpture Society

**Showcase** The Society were scheduled to have an exhibition at the Landmark at the end of February but this has obviously been cancelled. An ambitious 'walk round' virtual exhibition is being designed.

[surreysculpture.org.uk](http://surreysculpture.org.uk)

#### Saturday Watercolour

#### Workshops

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

### PLEASE NOTE

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

**Friends of Whitton Library.**

For more details contact:  
friendswhitton@gmail.com

**Fountain Gallery**

fountaingallery.co.uk

**Landmark Arts Centre**

landmarkartscentre.org

**Orleans House Gallery**

orleanshousegallery.org

**The Bowman Gallery**

bowmangallery.co.uk

**One Paved Court Gallery:**

onepavedcourt.co.uk

**Drama****Wild Duck Theatre**

*Short Plays for Short Journeys* is a new podcast of original short plays fully produced by Wild Duck Theatre with first class acting, sound effects and music. This pick and mix selection of fifteen-minute plays ranges from the exotic to the family drama, each finding a very different style, atmosphere and humour. "A brilliant gem" says Mark Aspen. Season Two is coming in April with six more originals to choose from, including American, Irish and British episodes. Listen now while you cook or exercise. On all major podcast platforms +. wildducktheatre.com

**Dramacube**

dramacube.co.uk

**Optik Theatre**

optiktheatre.tumblr.com

**Teddington Theatre Club**

teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk

**Blue Fire Theatre Company**

Email address:  
info@bluefiretheatre.co.uk  
bluefiretheatre.co.uk

**Hampton Hill Theatre**

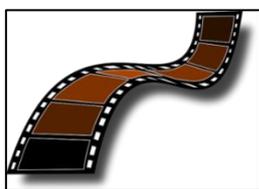
hamptonhilltheatre.org.uk

**OSO Arts Centre**

osoarts.org.uk

**Richmond Shakespeare Society**

richmondshakespeare.org.uk

**Film****Richmond Film Society**

richmondfilmsoc.org.uk

**Dance**

No dance events listed for March.

**Music****Richmond Orchestra** Sat 27

March at 7.30pm. Autumn Concert. Programme under revision - to include: Bartok: Piano Concerto no.3. Ticket

prices: £15.00 Adults, £12.00 Concession. All Saints Church 63 East Sheen Ave, London SW14 8AX. richmondorchestra.org.uk

**Helen Astrid Singing Academy**

Tue 30 March at 7.30pm  
*Opera Arias – a Virtual Concert* with mezzo-soprano Joanna Harries accompanied by Ashley Beauchamp. Programme includes Mozart - Voi che sapete (Le Nozze di Figaro), Bellini - Se Romeo (I Capuleti e I Montecchi), Strauss Jnr - Chacun a son goût (Die Fledermaus), Massenet - Va! Laissez couler mes larmes (Werther), Walton - I was a constant, faithful wife (The Bear), Handel - As With Rosy Steps (Theodora). For tickets search eventbrite.co.uk for Joanna Harries March concert or contact [helen@thehelenastridsingingacademy.com](mailto:helen@thehelenastridsingingacademy.com) for more information. thehelenastridsingingacademy.com

**Richmond Opera** In light of recent Covid developments Richmond Opera have unfortunately had to postpone their April production of Lampe's delightful baroque opera, *The Dragon of Wantley*, to 12th-14th November. Rehearsals will therefore begin in August. Expressions of interest in taking part are still very welcome at [info@richmondopera.org.uk](mailto:info@richmondopera.org.uk) richmondopera.org.uk

**Barnes Music Festival** The festival will take place between 15th and 30th May this year, by which time the organisers expect the restrictions will have eased and audiences and performers will be able to come together safely for the usual fortnight of excellent music-making. The programme is already on the

website and the printed brochure will be available in March/April. Tickets will go on sale later this month.  
barnesmusicfestival.com

### Twickenham Chamber Choir

The Helen Astrid Singing Academy provides singing tuition, music workshops, choirs and performing opportunities with established music professionals and directors from theatre and opera. Twickenham Chamber Choir, rehearsals online via Zoom. Thursday evenings from 4 Feb onwards. Repertoire sacred, secular and popular classics. Enquiries [helen@thehelenastridsingacademy.com](mailto:helen@thehelenastridsingacademy.com)  
[thehelenastridsingacademy.com](http://thehelenastridsingacademy.com)

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##### What's On

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Room 21,  
13 Rosslyn Road  
Twickenham, TW1 2AR  
020 8892 9446  
[info@artsrichmond.org.uk](mailto:info@artsrichmond.org.uk)

**In Flagrante choir** A message from the choir. "Nothing was going to stop us singing out, and the choir has kept going -

*either meeting face to face, or on-line, under the direction of our excellent musical director, Eamonn O'Dwyer. We start every rehearsal with a warm-up. Eamonn works with a mixture of repertoire - short and sweet, old and new, revising each singing part and leading to a performance from the whole choir. The plus point of virtual rehearsals is that no one else can hear any duff notes. This is currently as close as we can get to normality, and - fingers crossed - we will return to sing again together soon at our usual venue - St. Anne's Church Hall, Kew Green. Music is sent to us by email each week. Newcomers - all ages, all voices - are most welcome. We meet online (and together) on a Tuesday night 7.30pm. If you are interested in having a go at singing please contact Cathy at [catherine@cjhenergy.co.uk](mailto:catherine@cjhenergy.co.uk). or have a look at our website. We would love to hear from you."*

[inflagrantchoir.com](http://inflagrantchoir.com)

### West London Chamber Choir

During the pandemic the Choir continues to rehearse regularly on Thursday evenings from 8pm on Zoom with Hilary Campbell. Come and join them online and hopefully in person sometime soon at St Michael & All Angels, Barnes, for this term's colourful repertoire 'Over the Rainbow', featuring music from the renaissance to the present. Visit them at [@WLChamberChoir](https://www.instagram.com/WLChamberChoir) and [@londonchamberchoir](https://www.instagram.com/londonchamberchoir)  
[westlondonchamberchoir.com](http://westlondonchamberchoir.com)

### Instant Opera

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

### West London Chamber Choir

[musicmakersoflondon.org.uk](http://musicmakersoflondon.org.uk)

**Concordia Voices** For further information contact [secretary@concordiavoices.org](mailto:secretary@concordiavoices.org) or visit their website [concordiavoices.org](http://concordiavoices.org)

### singersandsongs.com

[singersandsongs.com](http://singersandsongs.com)

### Rogue Opera

[vip.rogueopera.co.uk/welcome](http://vip.rogueopera.co.uk/welcome)

### Opéra Prélude

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

### OSO Arts Centre

[osoarts.org.uk](http://osoarts.org.uk)

### Landmark Arts Centre

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

### Langdon Down Museum of Learning Disability

[langdondownmuseum.org.uk](http://langdondownmuseum.org.uk)

### Whitton Choral Society

[whittonchoralsociety.net](http://whittonchoralsociety.net)

### Richmond Concerts

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

### Richmond upon Thames Festival of the Performing Arts

[www.richmondfestival.org.uk](http://www.richmondfestival.org.uk)

## Rock, Jazz & Folk



### Mood Indigo Events St,

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

### Mark's Jazz Sessions

phone 07799 582337 for information

### Eel Pie Club

[eelpieclub.com](http://eelpieclub.com)

### Landmark Arts Centre

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

**OSO Arts Centre**

osoarts.org.uk

**JKL-Jazz See**

Facebook.com/JKL-Jazz for dates of appearances in the area. The band is also always available for Weddings, Private Parties and Corporate events.

**Museums****Musical Museum**

musicalmuseum.co.uk

**The Museum of Richmond**

museumofrichmond.com

**Historic Houses****Strawberry Hill House**

strawberryhillhouse.org.uk

**Turner's House**

turnershous.org

**Walks, talks and courses**

**Marble Hill House** Mon 1 March 1pm - 2pm St David's Day Daffodil Walk.

"I wandered lonely as a cloud,  
That floats on high o'er vales  
and hills, When all at once I  
saw a crowd, A host of golden

daffodils." Marble Hill has an abundance of daffodils in the spring. Learn about the humble daffodil, explore its resonance in history, its symbolism and find the daffodils across the 66 acres of Marble Hill Park. Meet at the car park to start the tour. The event is free but must be booked in advance. This event has been made possible by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/whats-on/marble-hill-st-davids-day-daffodil-walk/>

[english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/marble-hill-house](https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/marble-hill-house)

**The Arts Society Richmond**

The Arts Society Richmond is continuing with a full programme of events, albeit online via Zoom and YouTube. Zoom Lecture – Tue 2 March at 8pm - Caroline Levisse lectures on *"The Colour Blue in Western Art"* - free for members £5 for non-members; Zoom Study afternoon – Fri 5 March at 4pm - Jo Walton will give two 45-minute lectures on *"Donatello and the Sculpture of the Italian Renaissance"*. There will be a short break between the two lectures - £10 contribution; Virtual Visit – Thu 16 March at 10.30am - London Blue Badge Guides Charlie de Wet and Tim Kidd will guide us round *"The Huguenots in London"* - £5 contribution. If you wish to join us for any of the events, please email

[Richmond@theartssociety.org](mailto:Richmond@theartssociety.org) for further details and to arrange payment, and you will be sent the Zoom link 24 hours in advance. Events are also available for a few days after the date to watch on catchup. Their website also includes

details of their live walk in Tokyo.

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

**Kew Society** jointly with the **Richmond Local History Society** Mon 8 March from 8 to 9pm. *'Five Acres, One Road & Four Perches' Lawn Crescent, Kew A History*. This talk will be available via live stream on their website. In this talk Kew Society member and resident, Stephen Bartlett, tells the story of Lawn Crescent, an enclave of Kew, remarkable for its distinctive appearance. Its history sets it apart from other streets around Kew. Who were its first residents and what was the lawn in the centre of the street intended for?

[www.kewsociety.org](http://www.kewsociety.org)  
[richmondhistory.org.uk](http://richmondhistory.org.uk)

**Barnes Literary Society** Tue 23 Mar at 8pm *"You People"*

Nikita Lalwani in conversation with Harriett Gilbert, presenter of A Good Read on BBC Radio 4. 'The Pizzeria Vesuvio looks like any other Italian restaurant in London - with a few small differences. The chefs who make the pizza fiorentinas are Sri Lankan, and half the kitchen staff are illegal immigrants.' Followed by the AGM. At St Mary's, Barnes SW13 9HL. To join the BLS please email [join@barnesliterarysociety.org.uk](mailto:join@barnesliterarysociety.org.uk) [barnesliterarysociety.org.uk](http://barnesliterarysociety.org.uk)

**Richmond Scientific Society**

Wed 24 March at 8pm Zoom meeting: *Comparing Pathways to Domestication, Agriculture, and Civilisation across Asia and Africa*, Professor Dorian Fuller, University College London. Members will automatically receive a link to this, but others can email [richmond.science.society@gmail.com](mailto:richmond.science.society@gmail.com) for a free link. Lectures

are about 1 hour long, with opportunities for questions.  
rss.btck.co.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:

**Thursday 25 February**  
**For events in April**

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

**Wednesday**  
**10 March**  
**For events in April**

**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

**Kingston and District Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild** Fri 26 March at 7.30pm. A talk: *The Worshipful Guild of Broderers 600 years young* by Christopher Bellamy QC; Sat 27 March. A Workshop led by Kate Cross: 'Autumn Gold' Silk Shading with a goldwork technique: Silk shaded leaf in autumn colours of reds, browns and yellows enhanced

with a small amount of goldwork. At present they do not know if the talk or the workshop will be live or on Zoom. Please contact [Kbegmembers@gmail.com](mailto:Kbegmembers@gmail.com) for more information.  
kingstonanddistrictbranch.co.uk

#### **The WEA (Workers Educational Association Richmond)**

[wea.org.uk/london/branches/richmond-branch](http://wea.org.uk/london/branches/richmond-branch)

#### **Popes Grotto Preservation Trust**

[popesgrotto.org.uk/luminaries/](http://popesgrotto.org.uk/luminaries/)

**Richmond Society** Email [secretary@richmondsociety.org.uk](mailto:secretary@richmondsociety.org.uk) for details.  
[richmondsociety.org.uk](http://richmondsociety.org.uk)

#### **Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society**

[rtps.org.uk](http://rtps.org.uk)

#### **Richmond and Twickenham Historical Association**

[history.org.uk](http://history.org.uk)

**Richmond Association for the National Trust** For information contact the Programme Manager on tel: 020 8979 3834, email: [wendyasim@btinternet.com](mailto:wendyasim@btinternet.com)  
[nationaltrust.org.uk/features/richmond-association](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/features/richmond-association)

#### **Richmond Art Society**

[richmondartsociety.com](http://richmondartsociety.com)

#### **Poetry Performance**

For information email: [warringa@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:warringa@blueyonder.co.uk)

#### **RHACC (Richmond and Hillcroft Adult and Community College)**

[rhacc.ac.uk](http://rhacc.ac.uk)

### SHOWCOACH

As we are still unable to meet in person or visit any art galleries, we would like to arrange an online virtual talk about a current exhibition at the Tate Gallery. The talk about the latest Turner exhibition would be of the most interest. It is called *Turner's Modern World*. It begins in the 1790's when Turner first observed the effects of modern life and follows his fascination with the impact of industrialisation. The exhibition brings together major works by Turner from the Tate and other collections. The talk would be over Zoom arranged by the Tate. The date and time is flexible. There would be a cost and would depend on numbers interested (for example the overall cost would be £240 for the talk so if 20 people are interested it would cost £12). In order to take this forward please contact Linda at Arts Richmond and leave your name and email address/ phone number if you would be interested in taking part.

### NORTHUMBERLAND TRIP

At present we are in discussion with Heritage Travel regarding our proposed trip to Northumberland. We are hoping that this trip will take place in September. The itinerary and Hotel will remain the same. Obviously with all groups trying to do the same thing dates are at a premium but we are looking at the beginning of September. Once the Hotel and dates are finalised Heritage Travel will be writing to all members booked on this trip to explain the situation.

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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.

**Heritage and Museums:** We promote the events and exhibitions taking place at the large number of historic places in the local area. [www.artsrichmond.org.uk](http://www.artsrichmond.org.uk)



**MARK ASPEN REVIEWS**

Mark Aspen Reviews is the go-to performing arts review source for Richmond upon Thames, covering drama, musicals, opera, dance, music, and also poetry and literature in performance. Set up by a group of ex-regional newspaper critics to fill the need for a local reviewing source, following the cessation of theatre coverage by local papers in 2008, it is free to producers and readers.

The ethos of Mark Aspen Reviews is to provide high quality and well written reviews by critics who know their subject and can write about it in an entertaining and informed way.

The catchment area of Mark Aspen Reviews is concentrated on the borough of Richmond, stretching towards the West End for theatre reviews, whereas its opera and ballet reviews cover London and the South East. Productions presented by the full range of professional, fringe, club and amateur companies are covered, in recognition of the wealth of performing arts that abound in this area.

Mark Aspen Reviews publishes on line at [www.markaspen.com](http://www.markaspen.com) and precis of its items are syndicated to a number of internet sources, including a weekly column in The Twickenham and Richmond Tribune, an online newspaper.

Invitations to review are welcome from Arts Richmond affiliates. If you would like your

production reviewed, please contact Mark Aspen Reviews by e-mail at [keith@markaspen.com](mailto:keith@markaspen.com).

**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 Presidents and Patrons.

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