

NORMANSFIELD THEATRE, TEDDINGTON

EVENTS PROGRAMME JANUARY TO JUNE 2013

For the first half of 2013, we have a full programme of concerts which we hope you'll find interesting. Tickets for all events are now on sale. Please note that our phone number has changed and we're now on 0333 1212 300. Our hours for booking any tickets are 9am to 5pm – Monday to Friday. My email address for any queries or to reserve tickets is lesley.alabaf@downs-syndrome.org.uk. Our website address is www.langdowndowncentre.org.uk for updates on all events.

There is Sweet Music

St Margarets Singers
Saturday, 9th February
At 7.30pm

Tickets: £12 and £10 concessions



ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO THE DOWN'S SYNDROME ASSOCIATION

Established in 2012, the St Margarets Singers are a new chamber choir based in the borough of Richmond Upon Thames. They draw their members, all highly experienced choral singers, from a wide area of southwest London and beyond. With a broad repertoire ranging from Renaissance motets and Madrigals to the latest choral compositions, they hold two to three concerts a year.

The programme will include settings, old and new, of some of the great Victorian poets, for this charity performance.

La Boheme

Commedia Productions
Saturday, 2nd and
Sunday, 3rd March 2013
Performances: 7.30pm
Tickets: £20



Following the enthusiastic response to Commedia's Carmen earlier this year, the company returns to present an original, entertaining and full-staged production of Puccini's opera La Bohème, sung in English.

As Mimi and Rodolfo meet and fall hopelessly in love, Puccini's passionate and evocative music carries them from heart-stopping romance to heart-breaking loss.

The spirited contrasts of fun and pathos are dramatically revealed in a new English translation, performed by a cast of professional soloists with the Commedia "virtual reality" orchestra.

Just a Song at Twilight

Cantanti Camerati
Friday, 8th March 7.30pm
Saturday, 9th March at 2.30pm
and 7.30pm
Tickets: £10



In 2013, The Richmond chamber choir Cantanti Camerati transfers its highly successful 37th annual popular-music show from York House in Twickenham to Normansfield Theatre for three performances of "The Good Old Days", a concert that pays homage to Victoria music hall as well as songs from other eras.

Cantanti Camerati specializes in unaccompanied English music. They are also famous for their wide range of music - from band-accompanied Broadway shows to opera excerpts. They were formed in 1968 and are based in Richmond Upon Thames.

Singing Workshop

Sunday, 10th March – all day event

Lucy Lister will be organizing another singing workshop. Further details will be on our website www.langdowndowncentre.org.uk. Please contact llister@hotmail.co.uk

Kenfig Hill & District Male Voice Choir

Friday, 26th April 7.30pm
Tickets: £15

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We're delighted that the Kenfig Hill & District Male Voice Choir will be returning to Normansfield Theatre for this charity concert in April 2013.



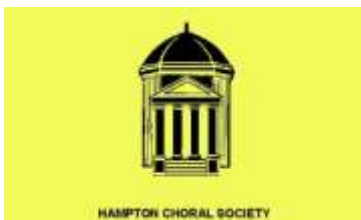
Choral singing in Kenfig Hill can be traced as far back as 1890 when the Kenfig Hill Male Voice Party won competitions from as far as the lovely Vale of Glamorgan to the distant coastal town of Swansea. Since those days, many choirs under the Kenfig Hill banner have come and gone. Prior to the formation of the present choir in December 1971, its predecessor was forced to disband through lack of public support in 1949.

The choir travels extensively across England and Wales, singing for good causes and charities at many prestigious venues also across the seas to Southern Ireland, France, Germany, Canada and Norway. The choir has very kindly agreed to take part in this charity concert.

Popular Light Choral Music Concert

Hampton Choral Society
Saturday, 18th May 7.30pm
Tickets: £12.50

Hampton Choral Society is an amateur choir which operates around the area of Hampton. There are about 90 members and the repertoire is largely oratorio and the like. They also do a lot of singing for charity and have raised over £30,000 in the last five years.



Their musical director, John Sutton, has just completed 28 years with the choir.

This evening performance will consist of popular light choral music.

Summer Nights in Vienna and Paris

Teddington Summer Music Festival.
Saturday, 8th June 7.30pm
Tickets: £12.50 and £10 concessions.

Summer Nights in Vienna and Paris is a musical concert which is part of a new festival called Teddington Summer Music. It will include Schubert's "The Shepherd on the Rock" songs by Debussy, Satie and Mozart, and works for clarinet and piano by Milhaud and Poulenc.

The performers will be Louise Alder (soprano), Tony Lamb (clarinet) and Garry Matthewman (piano).

The Teddington Summer Music Festival, will also include a concert of wind music by Mozart and Dvorak on 1st June at Teddington Baptist Church, and a performance by the Richmond Concert Band

of British Light Music (Noel Coward, Eric Coates etc) at the Landmark Centre on 9th June.

Transport of Delight: The Comical World of Flanders and Swann

Saturday, 15th June 3pm

Tickets: £12 and £10 concessions



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Michael Flanders and Donald Swann are legends of the British Theatre. Together they created an unforgettable collection of comic songs.

They originally wrote their songs for London Revues in the 1940s and 1950s. Members of the locally acclaimed BROS Theatre Company have restaged these songs as group numbers, taking them back to their roots giving them a new lease of life. Their show won Best Amateur Musical in the Richmond area and received ecstatic reviews.

“flawlessly stylish and musically precise” – Richmond Upon Thames Arts Council Best Musical Awards 2006

www.transportofdelight.co.uk

CLASSES AT THE LANGDON DOWN CENTRE

In addition to the events listed above, we have a few classes for adults and children which take place at the Langdon Down Centre and their details are below. If you are interested in holding any classes here, please contact Lesley.

A Taste of Opera

Now in its second term, the Taste of Opera classes take place on Wednesday evening from 7.15pm to 9.15pm. The course is for 10 weeks and costs £80. This course takes you through a lighthearted guided tour on the development of opera, illustrated with a variety of recent and historic audio and video recordings. You don't need to have an extensive knowledge of operas to enjoy this course, just an interest to learn more about them. Next term starts on 16th January 2013. Call Lesley on 0333 1212 300 to book onto this course or to reserve a place on the summer term.

The Seasons Art Class

Now in its second term, the Seasons Art Class is a 14 week course of 3 hour weekly classes either mornings or afternoons on Wednesdays. The next course starts on 23rd January 2013. Places are limited so book early by calling 0203 174 2028.

Dragon Drama

Specialists in improvisational theatre, storytelling, acting, movement, mime, magic and mayhem! Children at Dragon Drama will be able to create, experiment, make mistakes, and BE FREE! In a world full of identical franchises and digital entertainment Dragon Drama celebrates the importance of BEING INDIVIDUAL! Workshops for preschool - eighteen years old. For further information contact 07590 452 436 or email askus@dragondrama.co.uk.

<http://www.dragondrama.co.uk/>

Click Photography Class

Working with young photographers in Schools, After-School Clubs and Holiday workshops to share their love of Photography. Click hold workshops at the Langdon Down Centre. Visit their website for further details

www.clickphotography.org.uk

LANGDON DOWN MUSEUM IN 2012 AND 2013

2012 has been a busy year in the development of the museum. Since opening our doors on a twice-weekly basis in January 2012 the museum has received Heritage Lottery Funding for an exhibition of objects made by James Henry Pullen. This exhibition included placing two of the large ship models into cases, the production of a heritage film, a booklet and a series of public talks. We also worked on joint projects with the Octagon Art Group at Orleans House, Click Photography and Dragon Drama. To date, we've welcomed 850+ visitors to the museum for tours, talks and during our opening times.

MUSEUM OPENING TIMES – SATURDAY 9.30am to 1.30pm and MONDAYS 2-5pm (the theatre may not be open on a Monday afternoon if in use).

Planned Activities in 2013

Normansfield Hospital Oral History Project

The museum has begun a project to record the personal recollections of those who lived, worked or had a relative at Normansfield Hospital. If you had a connection with the hospital we would like to hear from you. Your involvement would make a valuable contribution to this project and the local history of Teddington and Hampton Wick. At the end of the project in 2014 we plan to publish a book, hold an exhibition and produce a short documentary film.

Donate your Normansfield memorabilia to the museum

If you would like to donate any items of Normansfield memorabilia to the museum please contact us - photographs, newspaper and magazine articles, documents, letters, objects or general items of daily life. We're happy to copy any photos etc if you wish to keep the originals.

Group Visits

The museum welcomes group visits. We regularly receive visits from colleges, local history groups and other groups interested in the social history of learning disability and Victorian theatres. Group visits can be arranged which include a talk, tour and refreshments.

Schools Programme

We are offering schools and their pupils a free visit in the Spring term of 2013. Museum staff will lead the session and all materials will be provided. If you have a particular focus you would like to explore, please let us know so that we can tailor sessions to your specific requirements. Please contact us for a copy of our Schools Programme which includes how a visit links to the Key Stages of the National Curriculum.

Research

The museum is currently researching the lives of people who lived in Normansfield in the early 20th Century. The exhibits should be completed by the Spring of 2013.

Contact Details

The museum contact is Ian Jones-Healey on 0333 1212 300. Email: ian.jones-healey@downs-syndrome.org.uk



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