

Proms at St Jude's 2019

If you're a long-standing Suburb resident, you'll know the fantastic reputation of the Proms at St Jude's summer festival and will be curious about what's coming up this year. For new readers, you have a great treat in store!

Proms is a music and literary festival – with Heritage Walks and late-night comedy too – taking place on Central Square every June. This season runs from 22-30 June. It's all run by volunteers to raise funds for two good causes – the North London Hospice and Toynbee Hall, the charity set up by HGS founder, Dame Henrietta Barnett, over a century ago.

"We've raised £900,000 for charity over our 26-year history," said Proms chairman, Richard Clegg, "and you can help us drive that even higher by attending this year."

EVENING CONCERTS

The evening concert programme this year opens with Mozart's *Così fan Tutte*, sung by Nevill Holt Opera with Royal Northern Sinfonia under the baton of Artistic Director Nicholas Chalmers. This will be the latest in a series of operas performed by Nevill Holt at Proms, and it's a privilege to have such an accomplished company performing here in the Suburb.

The following night is a feast for Gershwin lovers, as top clarinetist, Julian Bliss and his Septet take to the stage. Then, on Monday 24th, you can hear both an original Vivaldi piece and Max Richter's stunning 2012 reimagining of Vivaldi's most famous work, entitled 'The Four Seasons Recomposed'.

On Tuesday 25th, the talented Jack Liebeck and Katya Apekisheva perform favourites such as Fauré's Sonata No 1 and Debussy's Clair de Lune, as well as works by two female composers. This is likely to be broadcast live on BBC Radio Three.

Following last year's sell-out concert by the Kanneh-Mason Trio, Isata Kanneh-Mason is back with the Fantasia Orchestra, some of the country's most exciting young musicians, in a programme including Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 and 7th Symphony.

The renowned guitarist, Milos, who has achieved major global



Robert Max conducts

chart success, is likely to sell out his concert at Proms, with a programme stretching from Bach to the Beatles. Another famous ensemble, the King's Singers, are also promising to fill St Jude's as they present 'Royal Blood', inspired by the turbulence of life in Tudor England.

On Saturday 29th, Liza Pulman of Fascinating Aida and her six-piece band pay homage to the talent and music of Barbra Streisand. This production won a four-star review from The Times at The Lyric Theatre in April. "Pulman may look bright and beautiful and demure, but she knows how to wield a flick-knife", it said, explaining that "much as she adores Barb, she can't resist having fun at her expense."

The Last Night of the Proms is always highly popular. This year, Robert Max and the North London Symphony Orchestra add Bizet's Carmen Suite and Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No 1 to the usual Proms at St Jude's last night favourites.

LITFEST

Hampstead Garden Suburb's own literary festival takes place on the first weekend of the Festival – Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June. For political bite, you can come and hear columnist, journalist and presenter, Steve Richards; constitutional expert Vernon Bogdanor in conversation about Brexit with his former Oxford pupil, Simon Lewis; and former editor-in-chief of The Guardian,

Alan Rusbridger, interviewed by HGS councillor and former journalist, Gabriel Rozenberg.

Psychoanalyst and former cricketer Mike Brearley will be speaking to Proms patron, Sue MacGregor, about his book 'On Cricket'. And if you are a cookery lover, you'll enjoy Israeli husband and wife, Itamar Srulovich and Sarit Packer of Honey & Co. discussing their latest cookbook.

For those who prefer fiction, Proms is proud to have attracted overall winner of the 2018 Costa Prize, Bart van Es, to talk about 'The Cut-Out Girl', a Jewish girl kept hidden in Holland throughout the war. He is interviewed by Proms stalwart, Hannah Beckerman, who will separately be discussing her new novel, 'If Only I Could Tell You', with journalist and author Nicholas Clee.

As a special offer, if you buy tickets for three events or more on Saturday or Sunday, you'll get a free tea or coffee and cake in the lovely LitFest cafe.

HERITAGE WALKS

Eight guided walks are on offer. Most of these are around the Suburb and Hampstead, led by experts who will enable you to discover more about the history, architecture or wildlife of the area, while enjoying some pleasant exercise. One walk, led by the fascinating Lester Hillman, celebrates the 150th anniversary of Holborn Viaduct, taking you through Farringdon and the 'London Fen'.

There is also a self-guided 'treasure hunt' walk through the Suburb, lasting an hour or so, which you can take any time during the first weekend. Equipped with a clue sheet, you can win a prize of a meal for four at The Spaniards for the most correct answers.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

As well as the walks, there are plenty of events that are suitable for all ages, and some especially for children. For babies and toddlers, there are two Teeny

Prom concerts; for slightly older children, the Junk Orchestra will be running a series of three half-hour workshops, when participants will get the chance to make music out of recycled household objects.

A full lunchtime concert sees the BBC Elstree Band perform movie themes from E.T., Superman and Star Wars as well as Holst's Jupiter, in a programme dedicated to space on the 50th anniversary of the Moon landing.

On the afternoon of Sunday 30th June, the Magnard Ensemble will be putting on a lively family concert for children of all ages, interspersed with musical demonstrations and fun activities to fully engage the young audience.

There's also a Schools Concert, where children from local primary and secondary schools will be performing on the theme of Planets, Moons and Stars, following preparatory workshops organised by the Proms education team and the Da Capo Music Foundation.

COMEDY

Late-night comedy returns to Proms for the second year, with a show at 10.15pm following the Liza Pulman concert on Saturday, 30th June. Tickets are only £7.50, or £5 if combined with the earlier concert. Pizza will be available to eat from 6pm that night, so you can make a real evening of it.

FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

There are six free lunchtime concerts, thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association. Thanks also go to the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust, title sponsor Argent-Related, and a whole range of other commercial sponsors and kind donors.

BOOKING

For details and to book tickets, go to promsatsjude.org.uk. Also telephone booking opens from 28 May on 020 3322 8123.

Milos Karadaglic



Alan Rusbridger



Liz Pulman

The King's Singers



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WHAT'S ON PROMS AT ST JUDE'S 2019

SATURDAY 22 JUNE

11am-6pm Proms at St Jude's LitFest The Henrietta Barnett School.
11am-12noon Restaurant owners Itamar Srulovich and Sarit Packer talk about their third book 'Honey & Co: At Home: Middle Eastern recipes from our kitchen'. **2-3pm** Hannah Beckerman discusses her second novel 'If Only I could Tell You'. **3.30-4.30pm** Bart van Es talks to Hannah Beckerman about his book 'The Cut Out Girl'. **5-6pm** Steve Richards talks about his new book 'The Rise of the Outsiders'.
During LitFest Hours: How Well do you know The Suburb? Self-guided walk and treasure hunt. Route and entry form (£5) from LitFest Café (Henrietta Barnett School) and return on completion. Allow about 1 hour.
7pm Proms at St Jude's Opera Night with Nevill Holt Opera and Royal Northern Sinfonia: *Così fan Tutte*.

SUNDAY 23 JUNE

12.30-6pm Proms at St Jude's LitFest The Henrietta Barnett School.
12.30-1.30pm Mike Brearley talks to Sue MacGregor about 'On Cricket', published last Autumn. **2-3pm** Vernon Bogdanor's 'Beyond Brexit', is certain to be relevant for months to come. He is in conversation with Simon Lewis. **3.30-4.30pm** 'Prague Spring' will not disappoint Simon Mawer's many fans. **5-6pm** Alan Rusbridger talks to Gabriel Rozenberg about his book 'Breaking News'. **During LitFest Hours: How Well do you know The Suburb?** See June 22.
7.45pm Proms at St Jude's: Celebrating Gershwin with the Julian Bliss Septet. A transportation to George Gershwin's glorious Jazz Age.

MONDAY 24 JUNE

10.30am Proms at St Jude's: The Suburb's Early Residents Kate Webster, Proms Heritage Walks Coordinator, shares discoveries of the pre-First World War Suburb. Meet at Fellowship House, Willifield Green NW11 6YD.
12.45pm Proms at St Jude's: Violin and Piano Recital Sophie Rosa violin, Sholto Kynoch piano perform Spanish music.
7.45pm Proms at St Jude's: The Four Seasons Recomposed Ben Palmer conducts the Covent Garden Sinfonia. Featuring Vivaldi's Sinfonia al santo sepolcro and Max Richter's stunning 2012 reimagining of Vivaldi.

TUESDAY 25 JUNE

10.30am Proms at St Jude's: Golders Hill and its Gorgeous Trees Explore Golders Hill, with Richard Payne, Hampstead Heath's Conservation Supervisor. Meet at Golders Hill Park café NW3 7HD
10.30am Proms at St Jude's (under 3 years) & 11.30 (pre-schoolers 3-5 years Teeny Prom Church Rooms, St Jude's. Led by Rachel Groves.
12.45pm Proms at St Jude's: Cello and Guitar Recital Catherine Lee cello, Ahmed Dickinson Cárdenas guitar.
2pm Proms at St Jude's: From Cottage to Villa Charlotte Curtis leads a gentle walk looking at the varied styles of architecture of the early Suburb. Meet at St Jude's car park NW11 7AH.
7.45pm Proms at St Jude's: Jack Liebeck and Katya Apekisheva. Jack Liebeck (violin) and Katya Apekisheva (piano) mark anniversaries of Clara Schumann and English composer Rebecca Clarke.

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

10.30am Proms at St Jude's: Viaduct Voices Holborn Viaduct 150th anniversary Heritage Walk. Meet Farringdon Underground Station.
12.45pm Proms at St Jude's: Piano Recital Chiyun Wong performs Liszt's Bénédiction de Dieu dans la Solitude and Réminiscences de Don Juan, as well as pieces by Bach, Chopin and Kurtág.
2pm Proms at St Jude's: All Classes in Neighbourliness Together? Heritage Walk with Tara Murphy. Meet St Jude's car park.
7.45pm Proms at St Jude's: Fantasia Orchestra Tom Fetherstonhaugh (conductor), Isata Kanneh-Mason (piano).

THURSDAY 27 JUNE

10.30am Proms at St Jude's: The Wonderful World of Charles Paget Wade Heritage Walk by Paul Capewell. Meet at Willifield Green (opp. Fellowship House).
12.45pm Proms at St Jude's Schools' Prom: Planets, Moons and Stars. Led by Will Dollard, pupils from local schools perform, accompanied by violin, double bass, flute, oboe and horn.
7.45pm Proms at St Jude's: Miloš - The Voice of the Guitar with Ensemble 7. 'The hottest guitarist in the world' (Sunday Times).

FRIDAY 28 JUNE

10am Proms at St Jude's: Henrietta Barnett and the Heath Extension Thomas Radice leads Heritage Walk. Meet Golders Hill Park café.
12.45pm Proms at St Jude's: Harp Recita (In the Free Church) Performed by prize winner, Camac Harp Competition.
7.45pm Proms at St Jude's: The King's Singers, Royal Blood The world-renowned vocal group present their programme inspired by the turbulence of life in Tudor England.

SATURDAY 29 JUNE

10.30am, 11.15am, 12noon Proms at St Jude's: Junk Orchestra Workshops (suitable for children of all ages, in the Hospitality Marquee, next to St Jude's. Building and playing junk instruments. £3 per person.
12.45pm Proms at St Jude's: Family Fun - Lift Off! (suitable for children 5+) A Journey Through Space performed by BBC Elstree Concert Band.
7.45pm Proms at St Jude's: Liza Pulman sings Barbra Streisand, accompanied by her six-piece band.
10.15pm Proms at St Jude's: Late Night Stand-Up (in the Refreshment Tent) with Athena Kugblenu and Zahra Barri. MC is Jim Daly. £7.50 or £5 if bought with Liza Pulman concert ticket.

SUNDAY 30 JUNE

11am Proms at St Jude's: Constable's Hampstead Marilyn Greene reveals the Georgian and Regency houses and landscapes which Constable knew, and will illustrate the walk with Constable's pictures and quotes from his letters. Meet at Hampstead Underground (High Street entrance).
3pm Proms at St Jude's: The Magnard Ensemble Explore Music (suitable for children 5+) The Henrietta Barnett School Hall. £5 per person.
7.45pm Proms at St Jude's: Last Night of the Proms North London Symphony Orchestra, Robert Max conductor, Magdalene Ho piano, Oksana Lepaska soprano.

Welcome to St Jude's

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