

# Proms at St Jude's 2005, 11-19 June



Susie Gregson, Rev Alan Walker, Dr Rudi Vis MP and Toynbee chairman Christopher Combe enjoy a evening for Friends of the Proms at Hampstead Golf Club

The 12th Anniversary of The Proms at St Jude's promises a most exciting series of concerts this year, with a range of music to suit all tastes.

Performers will include such world renowned artists as the Endellion String Quartet (making a return visit after a sold out concert last year, with a Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven programme); the celebrated Russian pianist Nikolai Demidenko, playing a Clementi Sonata, Chopin Rondos and Liszt Hungarian Rhapsodies; Emma Kirkby (soprano) in a choral concert conducted by Ron Corp, with local favourite, soprano Grace Davidson in a programme including Vivaldi's Gloria, Handel's Gloria, Arrival of the Queen of Sheba and Laudate Pueri; and the sensational, young jazz singer Gwyneth Herbert and Her Band, virtually unknown a year ago but whose recent meteoric rise has been phenomenal.

Other concerts include the exciting Trumpets in Concert from Vienna, with Organ and Percussion and 'Drop Another

Hat', a superb revival of Flanders and Swann songs in the company of Michael Bernstein and Colin Stevens. The Gala Opening Night concert features The New Professionals, with dynamic young conductor, Rebecca Miller, in a programme including Beethoven's Eroica Symphony and Schumann's Piano Concerto, played by award winning pianist Danny Driver. And the Proms culminates with the traditional Last Night of the Proms, this year featuring violin virtuoso, Tamás András playing Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto and internationally known soprano, Isobel Buchanan, with the excellent Southbank Sinfonia, under the baton of Simon Over.

We continue with our tradition of free lunch time concerts, which are devoted to talented, young musicians at the beginning of their careers. Come and spot the stars of the future. Concerts include a harp recital by Helen Radice, who won 2nd prize in the UFAM Int. Music Competition in Paris, a violin/piano recital by Sylvia

Crastan and Ricardo Penalver, a return visit by the superbly talented pianist, Nicola Eimer, winner of the John Lill Piano Competition, and The Linden Trio with Danny Driver (piano), Alexander Sitkovetsky (violin) and Oliver Coates (cello).

Lunchtime events also include a family concert by the Nonesuch Orchestra, to which we hope school groups will come; and the Bromley Youth Choir conducted by Nicholas Chalmers, who is Director of Music at St Jude's and Westminster Abbey Choir School.

The Proms Promenades this year will be lead by Stephen Brookhouse and Chris Kellerman and will include such interesting HGS walks as Gables & Glories, Henrietta's Dream and The Artisan's Quarter. Walks start from the Garden Suburb Gallery, Hampstead Way at 10.30 am and end at St. Jude's in time for the lunchtime concerts.

On June 17 Henrietta Barnett Day and National Hospice Day will be celebrated with Tea at 3,

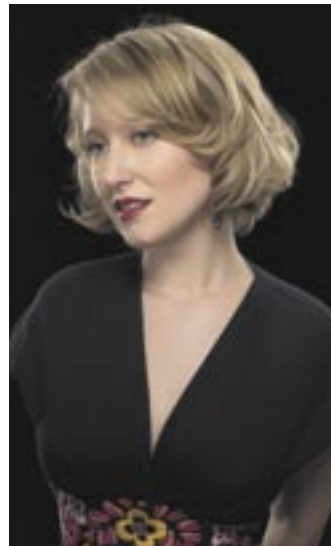
a traditional strawberry cream tea, with musical entertainment, with all proceeds going to North London Hospice. This was a very popular event last year.

The Proms is indebted to sponsors (particularly Capital Gardens, our principal sponsor), advertisers, musicians and 'Friends', without whose generosity, we would not be able to raise the money we give to charity each year. Last year £38,000 was handed over to Toynbee Hall and North London Hospice, who this year again will be the benefiting charities.

Last year many people were disappointed not to be able to get tickets. One of the advantages of becoming a 'Friend' is priority booking. For information on the Friends scheme, please contact Thomas Radice on 020 8455 1025.

For all other information, you can visit [www.stjudes.org.uk](http://www.stjudes.org.uk) or contact Yvonne Baker on 020 8455 8687.

Don't forget to put June 11-19 firmly in your diaries. Come and join the party – enjoy good music in a beautiful setting, with refreshments and a glass of wine and help make the Proms an even bigger success than ever.



Gwyneth Herbert

New Professionals



Emma Kirkby



Nikolai Demidenko

Endellion String Quartet



## Farewell to an amazing music co-ordinator



Garden Suburb Junior School said a fond farewell to Mrs Sonia Tuban who has retired after seven years at the school.

Sonia has so much energy that, despite working part-time,

she crams a full-time job into three days.

Sonia has run an amazing school orchestra, recorder groups and choir. She has co-ordinated the seasonal concerts and the Year 6 productions and written and composed much of the material. Local residents may have sampled her leadership at performances in Fellowship House.

She entered the choir into the Barnet music festivals and organised numerous events in school ranging from African drums and jazz to chamber music.

Sonia is now looking forward to a well deserved retirement after working in the borough of Barnet for over 20 years. Staff, friends and governors joined her for a wonderful send-off.

KATHY BRODBECK

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