

# Something for everyone at Proms at St Jude's 2016

Top opera, orchestral classics, renowned soloists, acclaimed authors, free lunchtime concerts, heritage walks and a programme for children... this year's Proms at St Jude's has something for just about everyone.

This year's nine-day festival, including the first weekend's LitFest, starts on Saturday June 25.

## THE LAUNCH

More than 80 Friends, sponsors and VIPs turned out for the launch of the 2016 festival at The Henrietta Barnett School in early April.

Rising young stars, the Mapesbury Quartet, were on hand to entertain with a light-hearted but very accomplished programme ranging from Mozart to *The Girl from Ipanema* and *Fly Me to the Moon*.

Proms spokesman Ron Finlay said: "The launch is always an incredibly significant night. It brings home the fact that after eight months of hard graft by hundreds of volunteers, we are at last well on the way to producing another wonderful nine days of entertainment for the Suburb."

## CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS

Nevill Holt Opera return on the opening night for the third year in succession. Their stunning performances of *La Bohème* and *Carmen* were both sell-outs. This year's production is Donizetti favourite *The Elixir of Love* conducted by artistic director Nicholas Chalmers.

## PRODIGIES

One highlight of a Russian Evening with the London International Orchestra will be Rachmaninov's *Second Piano Concerto* – better known to many as the incidental music to movie weepie *Brief Encounter*.

Two music prodigies – pianist Benjamin Grosvenor and violin virtuoso Hyeyoon Park – will perform an evening of Beethoven, Ravel, Poulenc and Brahms.

If you like American music, come along to hear the Counterpoise ensemble, with Suburb local Deborah Calland on trumpet. Their programme will include Aaron Copland's *Old American Songs* and George Gershwin favourite *Porgy and Bess*.

## PREMIERE

St Jude's has the perfect acoustic for internationally renowned vocal ensemble The Tallis Scholars, whose performance will include the world premiere of a piece by young London composer Alexander Campkin.

Jazz Night sees award-winning singer Claire Martin linking up with pianist, singer, drummer and actor Joe Stilgoe for an evening of classics by Cole Porter, George Gershwin and other favourites.

And don't miss the Gould Trio, considered one of the finest piano trios performing today, or Martin Roscoe, one of the UK's best-loved pianists, whose Proms programme will include works by Beethoven, Schumann, Schubert, Debussy and Liszt.

## LAST NIGHT

As always, Proms comes to a rip-roaring, flag-waving end with the Last Night. The dynamic Orion Orchestra will be joined by soloists Elena Urioste, violin, and David Butt Philip, tenor, who sang *José* in Nevill Holt's blockbuster *Carmen* at Proms last year.

## LITFEST WEEKEND

Proms has a fantastic line-up of best-selling authors, who will be signing their books. Veteran writer and broadcaster Joan Bakewell will read from her latest memoir *Stop the Clocks*. Beatles' biographer Philip Norman discusses his new book *Paul McCartney: The Biography*.

Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg will interview international human rights lawyer Philippe Sands, author of BBC's *My Nazi Legacy*, about his new book, *East West Street*, which centres on the Nuremberg Trials.

Mark Haddon, author of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, will be talking about his gripping new short story *The Pier Falls*, in which disaster strikes the British seaside.

Writer and commentator David Aaronovitch discusses his autobiographical account of his communist upbringing in Hampstead, *Party Animals: My Family and other Communists* with Suburb son Simon Lewis.

Helen Dunmore will read from her new novel *Exposure*, set in Muswell Hill at the height of the Cold War. Broadcaster Sue MacGregor will interview novelist Kate Summerscale about her new Victorian true crime story, *The Wicked Boy*.

In *Mind Over Money*, award-winning BBC Radio 4 presenter Claudia Hammond delves into the surprising psychology of money to show that our relationship with the stuff is more complex than we might think.

## THE WALKS

Popular heritage walks take place throughout the nine days of Proms. Highlights include *Green Ways to the Suburb* in which Heath Conservation Supervisor Richard Payne focuses on preserving the Heath's unspoilt aspect.

*First Arrivals* at King's Cross St Pancras explores the newly regenerated international hub with its canals and historic Granary Square.

*Making the Trust Work for You* is a fresh look at the work of the Trust and its role in preserving the character and amenities of the Suburb. HGS Trust Manager Nick Packard reveals how this is achieved.

*The Story of Kenwood and its Treasures* uncovers the influence of the Earls of Mansfield and Iveagh on the house.

Two other walks highlight the achievements of Suburb architects Charles Paget Wade and George Lister Sutcliffe.

## FREE CONCERTS

There are eight free lunchtime concerts, several especially for children. They include a *Tiddly Prom* for toddlers and babes in arms – bring your favourite cuddly toy!

Don't miss the world premiere of *Hampstead Suite* by young Suburb composer and Proms stalwart, David Loxley-Blount, which Proms has commissioned.

No need to book. Just turn up to join in the fun.

## BOOKING

Go to [promsatstjudes.org.uk](http://promsatstjudes.org.uk) or phone 3322 8123. Proms at St Jude's runs from June 25 to July 3. Most musical performances are in St Jude's. LitFest events in The Henrietta Barnett School.

ROBIN PORTER



The BBC Elstree Concert Band



Elena Urioste



Joan Bakewell



Above, Richard Clegg & Susie Gregson (centre) with the Mapesbury Quartet  
Below, Joe Stilgoe and Claire Martin



KENNY MCCRAKER

### Proms LitFest at The Henrietta Barnett School. £9

#### SATURDAY 25 JUNE

11am-12pm *Philip Norman* will be discussing his latest book 'Paul McCartney: The Biography'

2-3pm *Claudia Hammond* explores the psychology of money in her new book 'Mind Over Money'

3.30pm-4.30pm *Helen Dunmore* discusses her latest new novel, 'Exposure'

5-6pm *Mark Haddon* author, illustrator, screenwriter talks about his new book 'The Pier Falls'

#### SUNDAY 26 JUNE

12.30-1pm *Philippe Sands* discusses 'East West Street' part detective story, part legal thriller

2-3pm *Kate Summerscale* has returned to Victorian true crime in her new book 'The Wicked Boy'

3.30-4.30pm *David Aaronovitch* describes a bleak childhood in 'Party Animals: My family and Other Communists'

5-6pm *Joan Bakewell's* 'Stop the Clocks' looks back on the changes she has seen in her long and varied life

### Proms Heritage Walks £10

#### SATURDAY 25 JUNE

10.30am *Two Earls, One House – the story of Kenwood and its Treasures* Meet at junction of Rotherwick Road & Finchley Road

#### MONDAY 27 JUNE

10.30am *Making the Trust work for you* Meet at St Jude's

#### TUESDAY 28 JUNE

10.30am *Two Earls, One House – the story of Kenwood and its Treasures* Meet at main entrance into the house, NW3 7JR

#### WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE

2.30pm *Celebrating the Genius of Architect George Lister Sutcliffe* Meet at St Jude's

#### THURSDAY 30 JUNE

10.30am *Green Ways to the Suburb* Meet at Golders Hill Park café off North End Way, NW3 7HD

#### FRIDAY 1 JULY

10.30am *The First Arrivals at King's Cross / St Pancras?* Meet at the raised forecourt of the St Pancras Renaissance Hotel Euston Road, NW1 2AR

### Proms Concerts at St Jude's Admission prices vary

#### SATURDAY 25 JUNE

12.45pm *Gorgeous Georgians* Terry Deary, author of *Horrible Histories*, and the Eboracum Baroque

7.45pm *The Elixir of Love* Donizetti's hilarious comic opera. Nevill Holt Opera

#### SUNDAY 26 JUNE

7.45pm *Russian Evening* London International Orchestra conducted by Paul Wynne Griffiths with pianist Sasha Grynyuk

#### MONDAY 27 JUNE

12.45pm *Trombone and Piano Recital* with trombonist Peter Moore and pianist Robert Thompson

7.45pm *Piano Recital* with Martin Roscoe

#### TUESDAY 28 JUNE

12.45pm *Harp Recital* by the winner of the Camac Harp Competition

7.45pm *Piano and Violin recital* with Benjamin Grosvenor and Hyeyoon Park

#### WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE

11.30am *Tiddly Prom* in the Free Church for Under-4s

12.45pm *Piano Recital* with Beau Pluto

7.45pm *Gould Piano Trio* featuring Lucy Gould, Alice Neary and Benjamin Frith

#### THURSDAY 30 JUNE

12.45pm *Schools Concert* with Apollo5

7.45pm *Counterpoise: An American Dream* with Fenella Humphreys, Deborah Calland, Kyle Horch and Iain Farrington with Robert Winslade Anderson

#### FRIDAY 1 JULY

12.45pm *Organ Recital* in the Free Church. Apollon Duo Alexander Binns and Dora Chatzigeorgiou

7.45pm The Tallis Scholars

#### SATURDAY 2 JULY

12.45pm *Family Concert* The BBC Elstree Concert Band

7.45pm *Jazz Night* with Claire Martin and Joe Stilgoe

#### SUNDAY 3 JULY

7.45pm *Last Night of the Proms* The Orion Orchestra

To book, visit [promsatstjudes.org.uk](http://promsatstjudes.org.uk) or ring 020 3322 8123

## Welcome to St Jude's

**Sundays:**  
8am Said Eucharist  
10.30am Sung Eucharist

**Thursdays:**  
9am Said Eucharist

*All Welcome*  
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