



Another record year for Proms at St Jude's

Whoever said that 'Records are there to be broken' must have had Proms at St Jude's in mind. The annual music festival, which this year ran from 14-22 June, once again set records. Ticket sales went up by a massive 25 per cent, and the free lunchtime concerts were also exceptionally well supported.

A record £70,000 surplus is to be shared between the two charities supported by the festival, Toynbee Hall (75%) and the

North London Hospice (25%). This is possible, not only because of the high attendance, but because of the support of 30 sponsors and donors, nearly 200 Friends and the advertisers in the programme.

A major factor in keeping down costs is that the festival is a community event in the Henrietta Barnett tradition. It is run by a volunteer committee, with some 70 local voluntary helpers, including a group of young people.

The festival concerts were well received by both their audiences and the media. There were two favourable reviews in national newspapers, the Daily Telegraph and the Independent.

Planning is already well advanced for Proms at St Jude's 2009, to be held from 13-21 June.

One of the highlights will be the world premiere of a string quartet, his eleventh, by Suburb composer David Matthews, with funding from the Britten Pears

Foundation. It will be played by the award-winning Carducci String Quartet.

David Matthews is one of the UK's leading contemporary composers. His most recent major work, his sixth symphony, had its world première at the 2007 BBC Proms, to much critical acclaim.

You can keep up-to-date with developments for 2009 by visiting www.promsatstjudes.org.uk.

DAVID HARRIS



William Carslake conducts a young audience during a lunchtime concert.

News from the GST

Garden Suburb Theatre's next performance will be London Assurance, taking place on 23-25 October. It is a joyous early Victorian comedy by Dion Boucicault with some of the wit of Sheridan and Wilde as befits a lesser known Irish writer. An ageing dandy and his spendthrift son both vie for the attentions of a lovely country heiress. The director is Colin Gregory who has decided to set it closer to us, in the 1950s. Our president Sir Donald Sinden famously appeared

in the show for the RSC in London and New York in the early 1970s.

Before that on 21st October Fellowship House members will be treated to a first staged version of local poet Peter Phillips' and Ian Purser's new play Stressed Ending, which the GST are happy to introduce to a local audience. The play tells of the emotions around a stolen piece of creative writing that brings in its wake heartache and recrimination between two women and a married male writer.



JOHN BATTEN

Deborah Calland, one of our talented residents.

Discover the excitement of choral singing

Alyth Choral Society rehearsals are starting again. This term the December concert will be a performance of Handel's magnificent oratorio 'Samson' with the Alyth Chamber Orchestra under the baton of Alexander Walker.

More and more people are discovering the excitement of choral singing, especially with the publicity it has recently received on television. Not only can you absorb, understand and

appreciate new pieces of music but it also provides a good workout for the voice, the lungs and the diaphragm. Learning, listening and blending voices to produce a beautiful sound has to be a lesson for life too!

Future events include further concerts and a choir tour to the north of England.

New members are always welcome. To find out more, visit www.alythchoralsociety.org.uk or phone 8346 5821.

Wordsearch winner

A thin response to the cathedrals wordsearch so why not try your luck with rivers in Britain. Congratulations to the winner, Mr Trevor Broomhall who has also been a past winner.

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SUMMER WORDSEARCH ANSWER

The 20 cathedrals of England and Western Europe were: Amiens, Burgos, Chartres, Cologne, Durham, Ely, Guildford, Hereford, Laon, Lichfield, Liverpool, Mainz, Milan, Norwich, Pisa, Rheims, Salisbury, Seville, Wells and York.



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