

Kensington Cultural Quarter: What's On I

ITALIAN CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sat 1 December (12.30 - 8.00pm.)
and Sun 2nd December (10.00 - 8.00 pm.)

Entrance donation £3.00

Gifts, arts & crafts, linen & china, books, children's clothing, toys, fashion, jewellery, beauty, accessories, Italian food and wine. Silent Auction, Tree of Wonders. Venue: St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate W8 4HN

STEWARTS RCA SECRET 2018

To 3 December 2018

Pick up mini masterpieces by new and internationally acclaimed artists to support the next generation of RCA talent, at this unique fundraiser and exhibition. Venue: Senior Common Room, Royal College of Art, Darwin Building, entrance off Jay Mews SW7 2EU london.secret.rca.ac.uk/2018



ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR, 'LIGHT IN OUR DARKNESS'

Weekdays: 3 DECEMBER to 21 DECEMBER

At various locations throughout Central Kensington during Advent. All welcome, children especially, any (or every) weekday as each window is unveiled at 3.45pm. For details visit www.smaw8.org, or telephone Stephen Fielding on 020 7937 4106.

JUDY BUXTON: "watermark"

4 - 20 December

A beautiful collection of delicate still-lives and stunning landscapes. Judy's canvases of light and reflection evoke a strong physical sense, each stroke defining something crucial in the composition and balance of the work. THACKERAY GALLERY. 020 7937 5883 www.thackeraygallery.com

HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Wed December 5, 7pm.

£25 per adult, £10 per child.

Actor Julian Rhind-Tutt will host the festive fundraiser, with readings from actress Emilia Fox and legendary journalist Kate Adie. Venue: St Mary Abbots Church. For tickets please call 01722 790111 or www.hopeandhomes.org.

STRATFORD ROAD VILLAGE SHOPS PARTY

Wed 5 December 17.00 - 20.00 hrs

Come and celebrate Christmas with your local independent retailers in this special part of Kensington. Games, food, music and shopping. Something for everyone!



CELEBRITY SUPPORT MARKING 10 YEARS OF LONDON CAROL CONCERT FOR

RAINBOW TRUST CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Thurs 6 December, 6.45pm, Tickets £40

Hosted by The Lady Fellowes of West Stafford in aid of families with a seriously ill child.

Guests include actress Gina Bellman and Matthew Pinsent CBE. Venue: St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge. Call 01372 220042, visit www.rainbowtrust.org.uk/events/london-carol-concert-2018

DESIGN TALK WITH TOMOKO AZUMI & DROP-IN 'THE GEOMETRIST'

6 Dec 6:30pm-7:30pm Booking essential

Multi-talented Japanese furniture, product and interior designer Tomoko AZUMI, founder of the East London based TNA Design Studio discusses the inspiration behind a number of her innovative designs and projects including 'The Geometrist'. Japan House London. www.japanhouselondon.uk

CHARLES DICKEN'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL

7 -9 December. 7pm. £25/25 + concessions.

adapted and performed by Clive Francis. A 'spellbinding' (Sunday Times) performance of Dickens' classic story of redemption at Christmas in a wonderful Victorian Setting. 30 Meet Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. Venue:



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Print Room at the Coronet. www.the-print-room.org. Tel: 020 3642 6606

MAKING AIR VASES WITH TAKEO

Til 8 Dec Dates & Times vary Booking essential

Explore the limitless possibilities of paper during these workshops. Participants can create and take home their own 'Air Vase' an elegant, malleable self-standing structure designed from a single piece of paper by Japanese Torafu Architects. Japan House London. www.japanhouselondon.uk



WALKING TOUR WITH PRINCE ALBERT AND QUEEN VICTORIA!

Sat 8 December, 10.30am-Noon £10

Join friends for a stroll through Kensington Gardens to look at the seasonal folklore and traditions that have developed over the centuries. Find out what Christmas traditions Queen Victoria and her consort Prince Albert introduced to Britain, why robins appear on Christmas cards and how holly was protected by Kings! www.royalparks.org.uk/whats-on/upcoming-events/walking-tour-christmas

"MAKING THE RIGHT DECISIONS"

Does prayer make a difference?

Free one hour talk. Sat 8 Dec 2.00 pm

Venue: Second Church of Christ, Scientist, 104 Palace Gardens Terrace, W8 4RT.

0207 229 2717 www.secondchurchlondon.org

RUSSIAN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN LONDON
ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

Sat 8 December 2018

12 – 4 pm

Russian Goods, Books, Antiques and of course Delicious Russian Food. Venue: St. Mary Abbot's Church Hall, Vicarage Gate, W8

W11 OPERA PRESENTS SHADOWTRACKS

8 & 9 December - shows at 3.30 and 7.00pm (tickets from £12)

Under the watchful eye of the station clock, commuters rush to catch the last train home. But it is not only the present that leaves its footprint on the bustling concourse. Venue: POSK Theatre, 238 – 245 King Street, Hammersmith W6 0RF. www.w11opera.org/box-office



LOVE-LIES-BLEEDING BY DON DILILLO
WITH JOSIE LAWRENCE AND JOE MCGANN
To 8 December £8.50 - £25

Print Room at the Coronet.

This perceptive and surprisingly witty story about a family trying to take death into their own hands, explores one of our most urgent debates – what is being alive?

020 3642 6606 www.the-print-room.org

CURTAIN UP, CHRISTMAS MARKET 2018

9 December 11.00 - 3.30 PM Entry £2

Simon Russell Beale will be opening this year's Christmas Market with BBC Radio London's Jo Good drawing the raffle at 3.00 pm.

Refreshment by Master Chef runner up Julia Gray with all proceeds to SANDS Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Charit. Venue: St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gae, Kensington Church St. W8 4HN proceeds to chosen charity: David Adams Leukaemia Appeal.

HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH' AT

ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH

Sun 9 December 2018 6.30pm

Tickets: £20 (under 16s: £10)

A special Christmas Baroque concert by candlelight, recreating the atmosphere of Handel's original performance. Played on Baroque instruments by the Purcell Orchestra, with the St Mary Abbots Choir and soloists. Tickets available online: www.smaw8.org or from the Church Vestry, Kensington Church Street, W8 4LA. 0207 937 5136

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THE FRIENDS OF HOLLAND PARK CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sun 9 Dec 19.30 Tickets: £22 (to include wine and canapes).

The Tallis Chamber Choir will be performing a great variety of beautiful carols interspersed with seasonal readings. Venue: The Orangery, Holland Park, W8 6LU. 020 7602 0304 www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org

THE MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE Wed 12 December 18.30 pm.

Featuring The Portobello Live! Community Choir, Mangrove Steel Band, Investec Opera Holland Park, Professional Church Choir in aid of the charity, Solidarity Sport. Venue: Our Lady of Victories Church, 235a Kensington High St. W8 6SA. For info and tickets see mayorschristmascarolconcert.eventbrite.co.uk

CANINE PARTNERS' CAROL SERVICE 2018 AT ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH

13 December 7.00 pm - 8.15 pm. Tickets Adults £35, Children (12 and under) £10.00 inc. drinks & canapes

Inspirational Canine Partners Dog Demonstration Team. Readings & performances by: Patti Boulaye, James Dreyfuss, Susan George, Jamie Jewitt and Michael Peluso in the presence of HRH The Duke of Gloucester. Tickets please see www.caninepartners.org.uk/draycottcarols

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Thur 13 December, 7.30pm
Tickets are £25 for unreserved and £30 for reserved seating.

Venue: St Paul's Church, Wilton Place, Knightsbride, SW1X 8SH. For more info please contact Judy Spence, Area Fundraising Manager on 07793 579359 jspence@macmillan.org.uk

VIVALDI GLORIA / BACH MAGNIFICAT LONDON CONCERT CHOIR

13 December, 7.30pm, £12 to £30

Mark Forkgen conducts choir, soloists and Counterpoint in a Baroque concert: Vivaldi's radiant Gloria, Bach's Magnificat with its jubilant choruses, and his Orchestral Suite No. 3 with the famous 'Air on the G String'.
Venue: Cadogan Hall 020 7730 4500 www.cadoganhall.com

THE COPTIC CHRISTMAS IRISH CELEBRATION IN LALIBELA!

Fri 14 December 4-9pm

Sat 15th December 10-5pm

Fri: Bay58, Acklam Village Market, W10 5TY

Sat: TBC Kamitan Arts presents FREE Family Workshops and Performances in Irish Dance, Irish Storytelling (Kate Corkery), Ethiopian Dance (Dan-Kira), Coptic Icon Art, Egyptian Orthodox Choir, Contemporary Dance, and Rap-Poetry (Poetry4Grenfell).

www.KamitanArts.com. ka.1@hotmail.co.uk

CHILDREN'S CHOCOLATE DECORATION WORKSHOP

Sat 15 December 2pm – 3.30pm £5
booking recommended, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Join friends for a special chocolate decoration workshop in collaboration with The Chocolate Museum. Learn about the history of chocolate and discover how Christmas chocolates boosted the spirits of soldiers serving during the First World War. www.nam.ac.uk/whats-on/childrens-chocolate-decoration-workshop

THE SIXTEEN

17 & 18 December 2018, 7.30pm, from £16

The Sixteen and Harry Christophers present 20th and 21st century carol settings and seasonal choral music: The Little Child. Some of the repertoire features on The Sixteen's new album, A Renaissance Christmas on its award-



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winning label CORO. Venue: Cadogan Hall
020 7730 4500. www.cadoganhall.com

CHRISTMAS TEA DANCE WITH PAUL PRIFTI Wed 19 Dec 16.45 - 17.45 hrs

St Philips Church would like to invite the elderly and their carers to an afternoon of dancing and listening to all-time Xmas favorites - a great opportunity to catch up with friends and meet new people. Refreshments provided. Interested? Pls call Veronika Abdian 07966 396315 or email community@specr.org

THE DEAD BY JAMES JOYCE. DEAD POETS LIVE. 18-20 December. 7.30pm. £30/25 + concessions. Funny, universal and almost unbearable moving, Joyce's short story, from The Dubliners, takes place during a Christmas party on a snowy night in Dublin, 1904. Venue: Print Room at the Coronet, www.the-print.room.org 020 3642 6606

CHRISTMAS WITH THE ENGLISH CHAMBER CHOIR

Tues 18 December 6:30pm, Tickets 10 on the door (8 concessions): includes mince pies & mulled wine. A seasonal feast of your favourite carols for choir, organ and audience. All Proceeds go towards St. Philip's piano and organ restoration fund. St. Philip's Church, Earl's Court Road, W8 6Q. admin@specr.org; www.specr.org

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA AT LEIGHTON HOUSE MUSEUM

18 Dec, 6-9:30pm, tickets £25
From turkey and crackers to figgy pudding and Father Christmas, the festive season as we know it today has its roots in the Victorian era. Join a special evening with greedy queens, jolly canapés and festive music. Featuring Dr Annie Gray, presenter of BBC2's Victorian Bakers and The Confectioners. www.rbkc.gov.uk/subsites/museums/leightonhousemuseum

LUNCHTIME COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE FOR BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS AT ST MARY ABBOTS SPONSORED BY DMG:MEDIA.

Wed 19 December 13.05 - 14.00 hrs
Refreshments served after the service, with thanks to generous support from local businesses.

JAPAN HOUSE - TAKEO PAPER SHOW: SUBTLE To 24 December, FREE

SUBTLE is the ultimate exploration of Japanese minimalism and the delicate art of paper. It reawakens our sense to the limitless possibilities of what can be done with this 'everyday' substance, presenting works in diverse disciplines across art, animation, architecture, fashion, graphic design and literature. Curated and directed by HARA Kenya, Chief Creative Director for the global Japan House and Art Director of MUJI.

WINTER WONDERLAND AT HYDE PARK Ongoing to 6th January 2019 FREE

A sprinkle of winter magic in the heart of the Capital! Visit the Magical Ice Kingdom with an 'Enchanted Forest theme', the UK's largest outdoor Ice Rink, the iconic Giant Observation Wheel and shows from Zippos Circus in the Big Top, plus a huge selection of food and drink stalls and more! (best time to attend with young children is weekday mornings and afternoons). hydeparkwinterwonderland.com



KCMS (JANUARY) CONCERT AT LEIGHTON HOUSE Tues 15 January 2019 at 19.30. £20 adult, £10 children and students

Playing together since 2012 Emily Sun, violin, and Jennifer Hughes, piano, have firmly established themselves as outstanding recitalists. They will perform pieces from Beethoven, Poulenc, Strauss & Tchaikovsky. 12 Holland Park Rd, W14 8LZ To book tickets: www.kcmusic.org.uk. kcmsinfo@gmail.com

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CHRISTMAS IN SOUTH KENSINGTON

Find out what's on over Christmas in South Kensington and experience a truly magical Christmas this year. From delicious treats for Father Christmas to awe-inspiring music, to ice skating and great exhibitions, make sure you don't miss out on the festive fun. www.discoversouthken.com



WONDERLAB: THE EQUINOR GALLERY

Open daily Day passes from £8

Fuel your imagination and immerse yourself in a world of wonder at the most spectacular interactive gallery in the world. Revealing the beauty of the science and maths that shape our everyday lives, this unmissable experience will ignite your curiosity, and inspire you to see the world around you in new and exciting ways. Venue: Science Museum www.sciencemuseum.org.uk



V&A CHRISTMAS 2018

Free

Come and enjoy family-friendly pop-up performances and play sessions, sketching and decoration workshops, a gingerbread city and seasonal rave. This year's the spectacular Christmas tree will be designed by award-winning London architects Studio Weave, re-imagined as a spectacular 21st-century architectural gateway in the Grand Entrance. Venue: V&A Museum. www.vam.ac.uk



FATHER CHRISTMAS AT THE HALL

Til 22 Dec From 9am £36.70 Aged 2+

Once upon a time, nearly 150 years ago, Father Christmas and his elves used Christmas magic to enchant the RAH into their secret London Headquarters. But the elves are a little behind schedule this year! Royal Albert Hall www.royalalberthall.com

ATELIER E.B: PASSER-BY

Til 6 Jan 2019 Free

The Serpentine presents Passer-by, a new exhibition by Atelier E.B, the collaborative fashion label by designer Beca Lipscombe and artist Lucy McKenzie. Venues: Serpentine Galleries. www.serpentinegalleries.org

POP-UP PERFORMANCE: FESTIVE WEEKENDS

Every Saturday 1-22 Dec. 11am-3:45pm Free

You are warmly invited to a Victorian Christmas party exploring all things festive, from Christmas cards to trees. Find out how Victorian children entertained themselves on Christmas Day. Venue: V&A Museum www.vam.ac.uk

LUCRÈCE BORGIA

4 Dec 7:30pm

The criminal, adulterous and incestuous Lucrezia Borgia seeks to escape from the evil that is her condition, to be recognised and loved by Gennaro, the child she had with her brother. Institut-français www.institut-francais.org.uk

JOHN RUTTER'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

4 Dec 3pm + 7:30pm From £20

There's no better way to enjoy the festive spirit than attending John Rutter's popular Christmas Celebration, conducted and presented to you by John Rutter himself and performed for you by the world famous Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Venue: Royal Albert Hall. www.royalalberthall.com

IMPERIAL COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT AT HOLY TRINITY

10 Dec 6pm -7pm Free

A service of readings and carols with music from the Imperial College Chamber Choir. Followed by festive refreshment. After the service, please join us for drinks and mince pies in the Church. This event is open to all,



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including staff, students and alumni.
www.3.imperial.ac.uk

WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY? 30TH ANNIVERSARY

15-16 Dec 2pm, 6pm, 9:30pm From £30
Highly-skilled and hilarious stars including Colin Mochrie, Josie Lawrence, Charles Esten, Greg Proops, Brad Sherwood, and Jeff Davis, together with multi-talented musicians Laura Hall and Linda Taylor, will join original host Clive Anderson on stage. Venue: Royal Albert Hall. www.royalalberthall.com



RCM SPARKS FAMILY CREATE: A CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

15 Dec 11am Ages 4+ One adult one child £25
Add some sparkle to your festive season with a family-friendly creative workshop exploring the orchestra, with a Christmassy twist! Royal College of Music. www.rcm.ac.uk

HOLY TRINITY CAROL SERVICE

16 Dec, 6pm Free
You are invited to join in a Carol Service by Candlelight at Holy Trinity, Prince Consort Road. Everyone who lives, works or studies in the area is very welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards!



THE SNOWMAN AND PADDINGTON BEAR

20 Dec 11am From £7:50 From £20
Suitable for children and adults with autism, sensory and communication impairments and learning disabilities and individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind and partially sighted. Performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and special guest narrator Stephen Mangan. Venue: Royal Albert Hall www.royalalberthall.com



POP-UP PERFORMANCE: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

28-30 Dec 11am-3:45pm Free
The Buidy-uppy Dance Show - is an interactive theatrical adventure for all the family. Award



winning performers Tom Roden and Anna Williams create an enchanting, ever-changing playground constructed and inhabited by its audience. V&A Museum www.vam.ac.uk

FESTIVE FAMILY RAVE

29 Dec 2pm-4pm from £8 Booking essential
World famous, award winning, Glastonbury Festival performing, family rave sensation Big Fish Little Fish for a fun, modern twist on the traditional Christmas family event - bringing their own unique combination of rave music, crafting, fancy dress and intergenerational merry-making. Venue: V&A Museum www.vam.ac.uk

NEW YEAR'S EVE: PARTY ANIMALS

31 Dec 8pm-1pm £99
Ring in 2019 with an animal twist. This will be an unforgettable night, packed with animal-themed activities. Pick up your complimentary drink before trying your luck at Musical Bingo, sampling edible insects, or having a hoot in the silent disco. Venue: Natural History Museum www.nhm.org.uk

BEAZLEY DESIGNS OF THE YEAR 2018

Til 6 Jan 2019 From £5.50
Every year since 2008 hundreds of design experts from around the world nominate the most innovative designs from the past 12 months. Experience up close this year's 87 nominated projects across fashion, architecture, digital, transport, product and graphic design. Design Museum www.designmuseum.org

NHM ICE RINK

Til 20 Jan 10am-10pm From £8.50
A visit to the Natural History Museum's Ice Rink is a must this festive season. Experience the thrill of skating surrounded by fairy lights nestled in frost-covered trees, with the smell of mulled wine and toasted marshmallows in the air. Natural History Museum. www.nhm.org.uk