

# Leisure and Culture newsletter

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## Wimbledon Music Festival - 20-29 November 2009

Merton has struck a chord with American virtuoso violinist Jack Glatzer - well-known on the stages of the Sydney Opera House, London's South Bank and the Centre Colon in Madrid. He will be taking composers such as Bach and the incredible Paganini out of the staid concert setting and onto the streets for everyone to enjoy for free. Flying in a few days before the festival kicks off, Jack - fiddle and bow to the ready - will take his extraordinary music to the



borough's five town centres: Wimbledon, Raynes Park, Mitcham, Colliers Wood and Morden on **19 November**.

Merton Council is funding the festival to the tune of £1500 to bring live music on to the streets - from Wimbledon to Mitcham and Colliers Wood. Jack will be at secret public locations serenading commuters with the sweet sounds of some of the most beautiful music ever written.

The festival itself opens with a gala concert in which some of the world's most acclaimed string players combine with the majestic organ at Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon. West-end star Timothy West will be taking the part of George Bernard Shaw the music critic on Saturday 21 November at the Great Hall in Wimbledon's Kings College School. Jazz takes centre stage on Friday 27 November at Saint Cecilia's Music School in Southfields. The festival rounds off to the sound of Bach's Goldberg Variations.

**Merton Abbey Opera present "A Classical Christmas – Music for St Nicholas Eve"**

Date: Saturday 5 December 2009

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Christchurch, Colliers Wood (near Colliers Wood Tube)

Tickets: £7 or £6.50 concessionaries

Available: In advance from Ray on 0208 241 7643 or on the door.

Refreshments and interval raffle.

**Christmas Fair and Party**



**12noon – 5pm, 12 December 2009**

Sacred Heart Church Hall, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4LU

The Fair is perfectly timed to make the most of the Christmas shopping period. Located a short distance from Wimbledon Shopping Centre, our venue is the spacious church hall of Sacred Heart RC Church, which often hosts successful fairs and fetes. The event will be promoted in local press, local schools, Friends of Bolivia mailing list, Church newsletter etc.

**Stalls available for hire** Stalls prices at £30, but if booked before 13<sup>th</sup> November you only pay £25 per stall. No commission on sales.

Participate by selling your handicrafts, jewellery, ceramics, etc. Please contact Claudia Lovett on 07894201501 and/or email us at [friendsofbolivia@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofbolivia@hotmail.com)

You could also visit our website [www.friendsofbolivia.org.uk](http://www.friendsofbolivia.org.uk)

After the Christmas fair on the same day we will have a Christmas party where we will have plenty of Latin American drinks and music. The party will start at 7pm till 11pm!!

Come along with family and friends and celebrate with us a Latin American Christmas full of fun!!

### **Portrait Prize Painters**

The National Portrait Gallery in London hosts the world's largest portrait prize.

Every year more than 1,000 fine figurative artists from the UK and Europe submit their paintings for consideration and a world class panel of judges select around 30 artists to take part. It's a £25,000 top prize - so the stakes are high!

The artists shown in this prize are the very best figurative painters in the UK and so we decided to do an exhibition dedicated to them. These are artists who have dedicated their lives to mastering the art of the portrait and through that dedication have risen to the top amongst all the figurative painters in Europe.

Title of show: Portrait Prize Painters

Address: A Gallery, 154 Merton Hall Rd, Wimbledon, SW19 3PZ

Open dates: 30 October 2009 - 3 January 2010

Private View: 29 October 2009

Open hours: Wednesday - Sunday, 11am - 6pm

To RSVP to the private view or to buy one of the works or for more information email [fraser@agallery.co.uk](mailto:fraser@agallery.co.uk) or [click here](#) for more information.



### **11th BFM International Film Festival, 6-10 November 2009**

Black Filmmaker (bfm) International Film Festival (IFF), the leading and longest running platform for Black World Cinema in the UK will take place between 6 – 10 November 2009 at the BFI Southbank, Institute of Contemporary Arts, Rich Mix and Shortwave Cinema.

BFM IFF 2009 will feature narratives, documentaries and short films from the UK, Africa, the Caribbean, the US, Canada and Europe. We will open with the European Premier of Chris Rock's *Good Hair* and close with the much anticipated Shorts Awards. Filmmakers featured as part of the festival programme include Menelik Shabazz (*The Story of Lover's Rock*), Frances Anne Solomon (*A Winter Tale*), Tunde Kulani (*Arugba*), Djibril Diop Mambety (*Touki Bouki*). For the first time, bfm, in association with the Legacy Media Institute will offer a US based scholarship to a UK filmmaker.

In addition to screenings there will be seminars hosted by the UK Film Council, Skillset and Channel Four.

In the run up to the festival, a special FREE Black History Month showcase will also take place every Tuesday throughout October. This will feature the *Great Africans* series with Wole Soyinka, Nelson Mandela and Wangari Mathaai.

**To find out more information about the festival and view trailer clips of some of the films featured, please visit the official website at [www.bfmmedia.com/festival](http://www.bfmmedia.com/festival)**

### **Ephemeral Arts Workshops**

Ephemeral Arts Workshops has been organised by South London Music & Cultural Group on Saturday 31 October 2009 at 2.30pm, at Vestry Hall, 336 London Road, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 3UD.

Workshops are:

- Rangoli-Kolam with fresh flower and Alpana
- Mehendi-hand painting
- Indian Odissi dance
- Chinese Calligraphy
- Flute
- Tai Chi
- Filipino dance

Entrance free.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact Sabitri Ray-Artistic Director on 0794 944 7099.

### **Carlton Dramatic Society present 'The Office Party' by John Godber**

Directed by Ian Ward and performed at The Studio, New Wimbledon Theatre.

17 - 21 November 2009 @ 7.45pm. Saturday matinee @ 3pm.

Box Office Number: 0844 871 7646 [www.ambassadortickets.com/wimbledon](http://www.ambassadortickets.com/wimbledon) Tickets: £10-£14



# Going for a Song...

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for the over 55's.**

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Want to improve your voice?  
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musical director Paul Crompton

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**020 8640 6800**  
info@attictheatrecompany.com



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## **Making Colliers Wood Happy events - November 2009**

### **BADMINTON CLUB**

Every Sunday from the 1 November from 2.30pm to 4.30pm @ the Community Centre.  
Contact – Keith –07982-721-496.

### **WOODLAND MAINTENANCE**

From 10 till 12 on Sunday 1 November in Wandle Park.  
Bring gloves and tools for weeding and pruning.

### **PILATES –TRIAL CLASS FOR 6 WEEKS**

From 11 to 12 on Tuesday 3 November at St. Joseph's Hall.  
£5 per class. Call Kevan on 07764 632995 for further details.

### **“THE COLLIERS WOOD BALL”**

Dance to a 4 piece band in the Function Room at GJ's from 7.30pm on Thursday 5 November.  
Entry £5 (incl. 1 drink).

### **COMMUNITY GAMES AND CURRY NIGHT**

From 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 7 November with games, music, karaoke, real ale, wine and a curry @ St. Joseph's Hall.

### **TAI CHI CLASSES**

Meet in Wandle Park from Sunday 8 November @ 2pm, £3 per person.  
For further details contact Cornelius on 07950 662118

### **“THE RAMBLING COLLIERS!”**

Ramble around some of London's finest parks, incl. Holland Park.  
Meet @ the library at 10am on Sunday 15 November.

### **THE READING GROUP**

Meets at 5.30pm on Tuesday 24 November at the library.

### **“COLLIERS WOOD COME DANCING!”**

Learn the Quickstep @ the Community Centre.  
Beginners @ 7pm. Improvers @ 8pm. Intermediates @ 9pm.

### **BALLET CLASSES FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN**

Every Tuesday from 9.15 p.m. to 10.30 p.m and every  
Thursday from 8.30pm to 10pm @ the Community Centre.

### **TAP DANCE CLASSES FOR ADULTS**

From 7.30pm every Wednesday in the function room at GJ's.  
For further details call Tony on 0208 542 2977.

### **THE UKELELE ORCHESTRA OF COLLIERS WOOD**

Every Thursday - for details call Derek on 07956 561 799.

### **“COLLIERS WOOD CHORUS”**

Every Monday from 7.30 p.m. at the Guardian Centre  
If you would like to join us, call Christopher on 020 8543 2179.