





St Michael & All Angels presents

# THE BEDFORD PARK FESTIVAL

7-23 JUNE 2024



Art, Music, Performance, Poetry, Theatre, Children's Events, Talks and Walks, Open Gardens, Competitions, Church Services, Green Days Fete and Craft Fair







To book, visit www.bedfordparkfestival.org stmichaelfestivals@gmail.com

# GREEN DAYS FETE AND CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 8 JUNE: 11am-6pm SUNDAY 9 JUNE: 11.30am-5.30pm

> On Acton Green opposite Turnham Green tube station

BANDSTAND PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 8 JUNE

II am / Festival opening
Fancy Dress Parade
Theme: Narnia (meet at 10.30am in Parish Hall)

II.15am - 12.15pm / Brent Jazz Orchestra with Beverley Stone

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2pm - 2.30pm / Ballet 4 Life

3pm - 4pm / Dan Caleb and his band

4.30pm-6pm / The Bats of Ealing

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

10.30am / Mass on the Green
Preacher: Father Neil Evans, Canon Steward
of St Paul's Cathedral

12 noon / Rock Choir

12.30pm / Canticum Vinum

1pm / Stagecoach

1.30pm / Zoku Bellydancing

2pm - 5.30pm / Basement Door Bands

See full details of performers at www.bedfordparkfestival.org



## Friday 7 June



Celebrity Organ Recital
Join the Danish/Hungarian
organist, David Bendix
Nielsen, as he weaves the
brilliance of Bach's Fantasia
and Fugue in G minor with
the contemporary allure
of Jean-Baptiste Robin's

Cercles Harmoniques,

the emotive power of Franck's Priére and the grandeur of Widor's Allegro on St Michael's acclaimed organ.

12.30pm St Michael & All Angels Church.

Retiring collection.

# The Bedford Park Summer Exhibition and Photographic Exhibition Previews

Be the first to see the Summer Exhibition Preview (North aisle) and Photographic Exhibition (South aisle) at the Festival's opening party. Bar available.

6.45-9pm, St Michael & All Angels Church. No charge for entry.

#### Friday 7 June - Saturday 15 June

#### Fondly Remembered by Gareth Armstrong

Is a man's memorial service the right time to tell the truth? Reunited for the occasion, a group of friends gather to celebrate a life. Gareth Armstrong's wickedly funny play is full of revelation, rediscovery and revenge.

7.30pm Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 2pm & 6pm Saturday. Theatre at the Tabard. Tickets £25.50/£21.50 concessions – \*Booking via www.tabard.org.uk

#### Saturday 8 June - Sunday 9 June

#### **Green Days Fete**

Including a bandstand, children's activities, a funfair, stalls, the Cycle Zone, food & drink, and competitions. See Bandstand programme (left).

Saturday 11am-6pm, Sunday 11.30am-5.30 pm on Acton Green opposite St Michael & All Angels Church. No charge for entry

#### Saturday 8 June - Friday 14 June



## Bedford Park Summer Exhibition

Around 100 works of art by local artists of all ages. All pieces are for sale and a third of the proceeds go to the Festival's charities.

12noon-6pm.

North aisle, St Michael & All Angels Church

#### **Bedford Park Photographic Exhibition & Competition**

Images by local photographers with a chance to vote for the best pictures. Voting slips for the best pictures will be available. See the Festival and Chiswick Calendar websites for details.

12noon-6pm. South aisle, St Michael & All Angels Church

#### THE 58<sup>TH</sup> BEDFORD PARK FESTIVAL



The Bedford Park Festival (including its opening Green Days weekend) is one of London's best-loved arts and community events, attracting thousands of people of all ages. It involves many local artists, musicians and performers, professional and amateur and, with almost 30 events in two weeks, there is something

for everyone, and people of all ages - art, crafts, photography, music, five-a-side football, poetry, talks, walks and children's and community events.

The Festival was established in 1967 by St Michael & All Angels Church, with the support of the Bedford Park Society, to celebrate the arts, raise money for repairs to the church and 'foster a spirit of friendliness and community.' Its first patron, the poet and heritage campaigner John Betjeman described Bedford Park as 'the most significant suburb built in the last century, probably the most significant in the Western world'. That first Festival helped save 356 Arts & Crafts houses from the threat of demolition by developers, and Bedford Park is now part of two conservation areas.

Nearly 60 years on, the Festival is still true to the spirit in which it was established. It raises money for St Michael & All Angels Church and its chosen charities: The Upper Room, which provides food, counselling and essential support to homeless people and ex-offenders in our community; Swinfen Telemedicine which helps medical professionals working in some of the most deprived communities to access leading specialists across the UK, Eueope and North America; Crosslight Chiswick which provides face to face debt advice together with money educationand budgeting support to individuals and families in need; and the St Michael & All Angels Trust which gives grants to further the church's religious and pastoral work and supports the maintenance of the buildings.

## FESTIVAL SUPPORTERS

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St Michael & All Angels, Bath Road, London W4 1TX

#### Monday 10 June



#### **Apollo's Cabinet**

Murders, drinking songs, virtuosic cantatas, serene polyphony and candlelit rituals feature in Musical Wanderlust, a kaleidoscope of European Baroque music interspersed with Dr Charles Burney's travel

diaries using acting, dancing, poetry and silliness to bring historical performance to modern audiences.

7pm, St Michael & All Angels Church, £15, children under the age of 18 - no charge



#### **Everything you need to** know about the Royal Ballet in 60 minutes, with Sarah Lenton of BBC Radio 3

Come backstage to hear how the Royal Ballet works; find out more about the shows in their repertoire, and how they pass on their unique style. 7.30pm, Theatre at the Tabard, 2 Bath Rd, London W4 1LW. £15

#### Wednesday 12 June

#### **Aaron Azunda Akugbo and Milo Harper**

Classic FM's Rising Star-nominated Aaron Azunda Akugbo plays the trumpet with harpist Milo Harper to present a night-themed programme of bespoke arrangements and songs that shed a spotlight on black and queer culture. Including works from Heitor Villa- Lobos, Florence Price and Lili Boulanger.

7pm, St Michael & All Angels Church, £15, children under the age of 18 - no charge

Apollo's Cabinet & Aaron Azunda Akugbo will be giving several workshops in local schools on behalf of the Festival to broaden local young people's access to music. We are thrilled to be offering music in an educational setting as part of the Festival programme for the first time since the pandemic.



**Yeats Birthday Poetry** Night: 'In the Deep Heart's Core' with special guest Jeremy Vine

...plus guest poets, hosted by Anne-Marie Fyfe & Cahal

Celebrating Yeats's famous line (written in Bedford Park!), tonight's poets read poems that touch the 'deep heart's core', along with broadcaster Jeremy Vine who presents the prose and poetry that has touched him over the years. Bring your own 'heart'-poem (max. 25 lines) for a chance to read. 8pm, St Michael & All Angels Church. £10

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#### **Artists at Home**

Dozens of artists and craftworkers open their home-based studios across Chiswick, Hammersmith and Shepherd's Bush. Meet the artists, buy, commission or simply browse. Fri 6-9pm, Sat & Sun 11am-6pm. Admission free.

#### Friday 14 June



#### An interactive concert experience with Elena **Urioste and Tom Poster**

Mozart Sonata K.302 followed by selections from #UriPosteJukeBox, featuring classical gems on the piano and violin, Tom's arrangements, new works

and 60s hits. Audience votes on what they would most like to hear in a one-of-a-kind interactive concert experience! 7pm, St Michael & All Angels Church. £20

#### Saturday 15 June



#### Frank the Cat

With their vibrant versions of '60s, '70s and '80s soul, disco and funk covers, Frank the Cat is one of the most exciting live acts on the circuit today. The ten-piece band is made up of the tightest rhythm section, a three-piece brass section to blow you away, two mighty fine female

singers and the soulful lead vocal talents of Roy Gayle. Playing songs from such artists as James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Kool and the Gang, Luther Vandross, Earth Wind and Fire, Al Green and Stevie Wonder.

7.30pm, St Michael & All Angels Church, £20

#### Sunday 16 June

#### **Parish Mass**

Preacher: Father Kevin Morris

There is a youth church, children's church and crèche. Join us for refreshments after the service.

#### 10am, St Michael & All Angels Church



#### St Michael's Choristers

A short choral and instrumental concert showcasing young musicians at all stages of their development, performed by the Choristers.

4.30pm, St Michael & All Angels Church, £8

#### Sunday 16 June

#### Land of Heart's Desire - WB Yeats Literary Walk



Discover the West London walks that inspired the young WB Yeats' first great poems and plays, at the heart of a lively and flourishing 19th century poetic and artistic community. From Ravenscourt Park tube station, by way of Upper Mall and Old Chiswick Churchyard ending at the new Conrad Shawcross Yeats-tribute artwork, #EnwroughtLight, in Bedford Park, the leafy 19th century artists' colony where Yeats grew up. With poet, musician, broadcaster and founder of WB Yeats Bedford Park Project, Cahal Dallat.

Only 18 places available - book early to avoid disappointment.

2.30-5pm, Ravenscourt Park Tube, £24



## The Susannah Simons interview: Marc Millon

Marc Millon has been learning and writing about wine, food and travel for over forty years. He is the author of fourteen books and writes for the Food & Travel Magazine. A certified

Italian Wine Ambassador, he also has a weekly podcast, Wine, Food & Travel with Marc Millon. He regularly lectures and hosts gastronomic tours to Italy and France. 7.30pm, St Michael & All Angels Church, £15

#### Wednesday 19 June



David Juritz, **Mark Viner** and friends Local musicians David Juritz and Mark Viner collaborate with friends for a performance of

Schubert's iconic 'Trout' Quintet D667, Alkan's Andante avec Sourdines and the Piano Quartet No 1 op.15 by Gabriel Faure, the centenary of whose death falls this year 7.30pm, St Michael & All Angels Church, £20

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#### Thursday 20 June



#### Homecoming: Sanderson, Voysey and Chiswick! In 1879 Arthur Sanderson opened his wallpaper factory in Barley Mow Passage. In 1902 Voysey

House was added,

designed by Charles Voysey, a Bedford Park resident. To celebrate Sanderson Design Group's return to Chiswick and the launch of its 'Bedford Park' collection, hear about its designs, future plans and ongoing relationship with the Voysey Society.

7.15pm, Voysey House, Sanderson Lane, W4 4PN. Tickets £15

### Saturday 22 June

#### **Building the St Michael's Bug Church**

Join St Michael's children and teenagers building a bug church to provide nesting sites and shelter for insects and wildlife in the church garden. All ages welcome.

11am, St Michael & All Angels Church. No charge for entry

#### The Bedford Park Walk

A guided walk round the architectural highlights of Bedford Park hearing about its artistic life and colourful characters. Led by Dr Pamela Bickley and architect John Scott. 2.30-4.30pm. Meet at St Michael & All Angels Church. £10.



#### **Murder on the Orient Express**

Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the classic Oscar-winning film of Agatha Christie's muchloved novel in comfort and style. Introduced by Andrea Carnevali of The Chiswick Cinema Film Club. 6pm, The Chiswick Cinema, 94-96 Chiswick High Road, W4 1SH. £20

Festival Mass. Setting: Josef Rheinberger Mass in Cop. 169 **Preacher Father Kevin Morris** 10am, St Michael & All Angels Church

#### **Festival Mass Lunch**

12.30pm-2.30pm, Adults £10, Children under 12 years £5, The Vicarage Garden. Booking essential.



#### **Open Gardens**

Come and enjoy some of the most beautiful and inspiring gardens in Bedford Park. Start at the Parish Hall. Cream teas will be available from 3pm. 2-6pm, St Michael & All Angels Church. £10