



The Warmth of Summer



MUSIC • LITERARY TALKS • COMEDY • WALKS • FAMILY FUN

Dear Friends and supporters

Let's think ahead to the warmth of the summer – and to the music, literary talks, comedy, walks and family fun that will be on offer this June in and around the Suburb.

Put the dates in your diary – we look forward to greeting you all at **Proms at St Jude's 22-30 June 2024**.

Music

We have secured a first-class array of talent which will appeal to all musical tastes.



Sheku, Isata and Braimah Kanneh-Mason

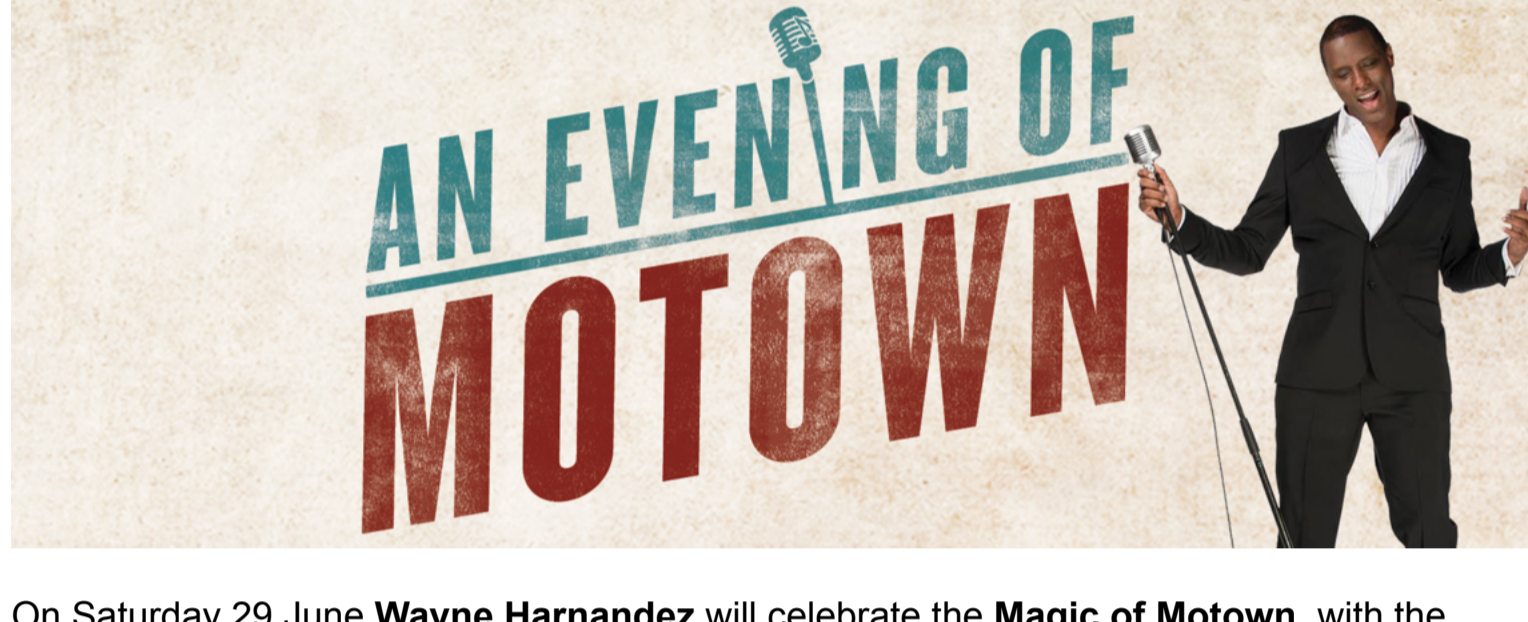
Edgar Francis

Toby Hughes

As you know from our last newsletter, **Sheku, Isata and Braimah Kanneh-Mason** will make a very welcome return to Proms on Tuesday 25 June. Included in their repertoire this year is Schubert's popular *Trout Quintet*, performed with **Edgar Francis** and **Toby Hughes**. Their concert sold out when they performed at Proms in 2018, so help to secure your tickets by becoming a **Friend of Proms at St Jude's** to get priority booking for all performances.

And there are many more wonderful musicians in our 2024 programme. The Festival will open on Saturday 22 June with Proms favourite, **Fantasia Orchestra**, conducted by **Tom Fetherstonhaugh**, celebrating the work of American composers including Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story Overture* and George Gershwin's iconic *Rhapsody in Blue*.

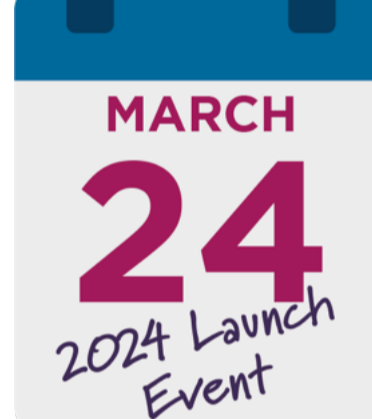
On Monday 24 June the acclaimed musicians of the **London Tango Quintet** will share their passion for tango and set your toes tapping.



On Saturday 29 June **Wayne Hernandez** will celebrate the **Magic of Motown**, with the music of The Temptations, The Supremes, Marvin Gaye, Martha Reeves, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder and The Jacksons. An evening not to be missed!

Audience favourite **Last Night of the Proms** will be a real treat this year. **Rainer Hersch and his Orkestra** will play all the usual pieces and add his own special touch. As always, cheering and singing along will be de rigeur.

Friends Launch



Another date for the diary for Silver and Gold Friends!

We are holding our **Launch Event** on the evening of **Sunday 24 March** at The Henrietta Barnett School, Central Square.

More details to follow.

Calling Young Musicians!



If you know a young musician aged between 8 and 18, please encourage them to enter our **Fantastic Fanfares** competition, with some fabulous prizes to be won.

Closing date for entry forms: 26 January 2024 for age 11-18; 22 March 2024 for age 8-10.

Become a Friend



There has never been a better time to become a **Friend of Proms at St Jude's**.

You can now claim Gift Aid on Gold, Silver and Bronze categories and take advantage of priority booking for what are bound to be very popular concerts.

How to Book

Booking for **Gold Friends** opens on **Monday 25 March**; **Silver Friends** on **Monday 1 April**; and **Bronze Friends** on **Monday 8 April**. **Public booking** opens on **Monday 15 April**.

This is just a taste of what we have on offer; more information about our music programme, walks, comedy and family events will be available on **our website** in mid February. A printed leaflet will be available around that time too.

The LitFest team is busy booking authors for LitFest weekend on **22/23 June**. Put the dates in your diaries – the programme will be announced later.

In our new **And Also...** section (below), we let you know about cultural, artistic and musical events offered by organisations and charities that support and promote Proms at St Jude's. We think you might enjoy them and we hope you find the information helpful.

Best wishes

Kate Webster and the Proms Board

And Also...



Our cello friend, **David Waterman**, is running the Inaugural Classical Music series at JW3 in Finchley Road.

The next concert will be the piano trio of **Alasdair Beatson, Sini Simonen and David Waterman** playing Beethoven, Bloch and Brahms on 28 January at 7.30pm.

This is followed by **Steven Isserlis** with **Dame Janet Suzman** giving a J S Bach Masterclass at 4pm on 18 February; and readings and demonstrations from Isserlis's book on the Bach Cello Suites at 7.30pm that day.

Booking and further detail **here** / **020 7433 8988**.



Our friends at **The Garden Suburb Community Library**, in conjunction with the **Holocaust Memorial Day Trust** and **Generation 2 Generation**, invite you to hear a story of bravery, endurance, loss and love at 7.30pm on 24 January. Told by **Melanie Martin**, it is the story of Tootje (Cato) Granaat whose family tried but failed to reach the safety of England. Melanie tells the story of their wartime experiences.

Book **here**.

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