What's Hap'ning

The Newsletter for The Hap'ning Place Number 168 January 2024



The Hap'ning Place Christmas Choir & Fiddle Club directed by Janet Fischer, were simply amazing this December!

The singers prepared a concert, an opera, and hours of caroling to achieve outstanding results for the two charities of Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital and Marie Curie Hospice Care.

December 2023 starts at the beautiful Hornsey Tower. Decked out for Christmas, this is the perfect bijou setting for the lovely **(DadriGals** accompanied on the piano by Irina Irianova, one of our new talented piano teachers. Ellen Durkin, Angela Joyce, Anne-Marie McCooey, and Mary Maddison treated us to favorite holiday numbers including



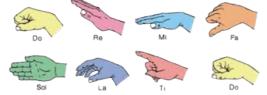
everything from medieval carols to "Santa Baby" and "Winter Wonderland"

On December 9 the talented cast of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* revived our production postponed since January 2020. We changed locations this year to Holy Innocents on Tottenham Lane and we are very grateful for being able to use such a beautiful church. Of course a very special mention to our music director Stefano Marzanni and flautist Ishan Sinharay. Despite colds and the usual production crises, the cast was wonderful and our audiences enthusiastic.

December 10-17, the singers and violinists changed costumes from *Amahl's* shepherds to jolly elves, and sang their way into the hearts and smiles of thousands of people throughout North London.

We collected £1112.69 in just two hours for Marie Curie and our pop up Christmas Choir, @adriGals, and Amahl, collected £683 for Great Ormond St. Truly a wonderful way to celebrate the season of giving. Thank you to all our singers and violinists and teachers who made this possible.

Kodaly Classes For Children And Adults



Kodaly is a method of learning to read music by offering a simple way to understand and develop your sight reading skills and musicianship.

Kodály for Children

The original method that Kodály pioneered was created with children's development in mind. With the method, young children unconsciously learn the basic musical elements: solfa, rhythm, hand signs, memory development, singing, and more.

We will begin Tuesday January 16 with just four half hour lessons for children.

Tuesday afternoons beginning January 16 at 5:30-6:00

Introductory fee for the 4 week course (taking us up to half term) is £20.

Kodály Is For Adults Too!

The Kodály method is not just for children! Since training starts with simple steps and segues into more complex exercises as a knowledge base is created, adult musicians on every level will also find the method useful. **The concepts of rhythm, relative pitch, and improvisation taught in the system are universal.** We will begin Tuesday January 16 with just four half hour lessons.

Tuesday evenings beginning January 16 at 6:00-6:30

Introductory fee for the 4 week course (taking us up to half term) is £20.

Contact Maryliese for more information: 0790 877 1984 or hapningplace@ymail.com

The Hap'ning Place Calendar January – March 2024

January 16, 23, 30, Feb 6 Kodaly Classes For Children And Adults

February

Feb 12 – 18 half term Lessons available tbc with teacher

23 That's Amore - Songs of Passion with The Hap'ning Place singers

March

22 Student Voice Recital at 7:00
23 Student Instrumental Recital at 1:00
23 Workshop for singers with Stefano Marzanni March 24 or April tbc
30 – April 14 Haringey schools off for Spring break Lessons available tbc with teacher

April

15 Haringey schools resume

Upcoming:

June The Hap'ning Place Concert Series with Solo Concerts Instrumental Ensemble Concert Summer Songs Duets and Ensemble concert August The Hap'ning Place Summer Singing Holiday Workshop Chios, Greece