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# The cornerHOUSE Newsletter

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Welcome to the June edition of the cornerHOUSE newsletter. Here are details of the shows and events that are happening at the cornerHOUSE during June. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Buddha Images - gala night**

**Wednesday, June 2, 7-9pm (exhibition runs from Wednesday, June 2 to Wednesday, June 30)**

A gala evening to usher in an exhibition of photography on the Far East, will be held at the cornerHOUSE on Wednesday, June 2.

The event is being hosted by Mark White and Mary Harwood whose exhibition, Buddha Images, records their numerous trips to China and Hong Kong.

This is the second time the couple, who have a background in practical and commercial photography, have shown their work at the arts centre in Douglas Road, Surbiton. The exhibition records the rich and varied culture the Far East has to offer, as well as bringing together studies of iconic Buddha statues shot in a contemporary manner.

"We are delighted to be given another opportunity to share our love of the Orient and photography with like-minded people," said Mark. "Our gala evening last year was great fun. It was a joy to talk to people who had either travelled to the same areas - or were planning to - or were also keen photographers interested in chatting about different techniques."

Mark said their aim was to capture and share the beauty of the East.

"As a couple, we have travelled many times to the Far East and accumulated a large and diverse library of travel photographs," said Mark. "These range from peaceful landscape and temple images, to photos capturing the unique bustle and friendly rush of busy cities. "Our trips inspired Mary to create a number of photographic studies recalling the Eastern atmosphere."

Mark said that this year there would be a range of items for sale, including canvases and affordable mounted photos ready for framing. Prices range from £15 to £100 for already framed work.

The gala evening on Wednesday, June 2, starts at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Mark and Mary will be there, happy to discuss their work.

Buddha Images, which runs at cH until Wednesday, June 30, can be seen at the arts centre during any its shows. For further details see the Coming Soon page at [www.thecornerhouse.org](http://www.thecornerhouse.org)

To see some of Mark and Mary's work visit their website [www.buddhaimages.co.uk](http://www.buddhaimages.co.uk).

Great nights of comedy in store at the cornerHOUSE in conjunction with Outside The Box. As well as big name comedians these shows feature new stars about to burst into the big time.

## **Outside the Box Comedy Club**

**Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup> doors open 7pm performance at 8pm**

We welcome Mitch Benn, musical stalwart of Radio 4's The Now Show (and recently The Vote Now Show) giving comedy the live music twist. Have a look on

<http://www.mitchbenn.com/>

He is joined by Bob Mills, a very familiar TV face and accomplished writer as well as being a passionate Leyton Orient supporter and a very funny man.

And who knows who else might be dropping by!

Quick, get your tickets now from <http://www.wegottickets.com/event/76222>

OTB's information line is 07791 439636

## **Summer Arts Salon**

**Thursday, June 10 from 7-9pm - invitation only**

A networking event organised by Kingston Arts Council to promote its part in the International Youth Arts Festival is coming to the cornerHOUSE in June.

The Summer Arts Salon for KAC members and the wider local arts community, will preview the borough's contribution to the festival which runs from July 2-11.

The evening will include a short extract from The TeenAGE Monologues, a piece of new writing by Bounce Theatre, and music from local singer-songwriter Rachel Rabin - both are involved in the arts festival.

There will be also be a short introductory talk from festival director Aniela Zaba.

Drinks and a buffet will be provided.

For more information about the arts festival's events in Kingston, visit [www.kac.org.uk](http://www.kac.org.uk)

Admission to the salon is free, but by invitation from the arts council. Enquiries to events manager Alison Hill on 020 8977 4610 or email [alison-hill@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:alison-hill@blueyonder.co.uk)

## **Summer Vocal Showcase**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm and Saturday 26th June 2pm**

Songs from recent productions on Broadway will be performed in a Summer Vocal Showcase at the cornerHOUSE in June.

Singing tutor and musical director Keesha Mclean will be showcasing the talents of her students during the production, which also draws on the work of up-and-coming musical theatre composers and lyricists.

Mclean, who has directed shows at the Surbiton arts centre before, including this year's A-Ticket, A-Tasket, a stunning tribute to America's jazz divas, and last year's acclaimed

Century of Musicals, said: "Giving a student the opportunity to perform in a professional environment in front of a warm and supportive audience is not only a valuable experience for those who wish to pursue the performing arts further, but is also a wonderful journey to build their confidence and character."

Some of Mclean's students who will be taking part have performed in the West End as well as at the Rose Theatre in Kingston and in previous productions at the cornerHOUSE.

The Summer Vocal Showcase includes songs from the musical 13, In The Heights, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Edges and Spring Awakening, as well as favourites from Oklahoma, West Side Story, Funny Girl, The Scarlet Pimpernel, Spamalot and Wicked.

The show, at the Douglas Road arts centre, is divided into two parts - one for Mclean's senior students, the other for her junior pupils.

Seniors perform on Friday, June 25 and Saturday, June 26 at 7.45pm, and juniors perform on the Saturday matinee at 2pm.

Tickets are £8 (£6 concessions). Call the box office on 07753 822726 or email keeshamclean@yahoo.co.uk

## **Dates for your Diary**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - A&E - Get Well Soon, a comedy by students from West Thames College

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Piano concert – part of the International Youth Arts Festival. Tickets are £4.50 to £8. To book call See Tickets on 0871 230 1552

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Notice Me and 9 Parts Desire - a double bill. Suitable for 13 year olds and older

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – My Universe- Kingston Junior Drama Company's latest play

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July** a line up of stunning new comedians as part of the International Youth Arts Festival, including Chris Martin, Nathon Caton and Tom Deacon (newly installed too as a BBC Radio 1 presenter)

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – cornerHOUSE Unplugged – an opportunity for all young singers, spoken word artists and poets to take the mic at the cornerHOUSE.

**Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>** – Little Sister Blue and Friends – an evening of folk music.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July** – Winter at Rushton Manor - An hilarious period drama.

Further comedy nights before the summer break are:

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July** Mark Watson ( as seen on TV in We Need Answers and many other shows ) and OTB's Maff Brown preview their Edinburgh shows.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July** international Scottish mega venue filler Danny Bhoy and award winning troupe Pappy's Fun Club give us their Edinburgh shows before the festival go-ers see them.

And keep **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>** free too; there is just a chance of yet another Edinburgh preview – more soon!

More details about this event will follow in the July Newsletter;

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