

November 8, 6.30pm (Until 22 Nov)

Sofia Gallery, 186-188 Queen's Gate London SW7 5HL

Exhibition opening & Jazz concert

Exhibition of works by Dimitar Voinov - Junior – one of the most renowned Bulgarian painters of the new generation.

The opening of the exhibition will be followed by a jazz trio concert led by the finalist of Bulgarian 'Music Idol' TV show Alex Jekova.

Artists

Dimitar Voinov - Alex Jekova

Junior

singer

painter

Programme

6.30pm - 7.30pm Exhibition opening

"The Keys to Paradise"

Exhibition will be held from 8 to 22 Nov

8pm - 9pm Jazz Performance

By Alex Jekova - vocal, Tony Zlatanov - key
& vocal, Rosev Vatev - drum



Do you know that...

Both of Dimitar Voinov's parents and his wife are painters, and his father (also called) Dimitar Voinov also happens to be one of the most renowned Bulgarian painters.

November 14, 7pm

Bulgarian Cultural Institute London
186-188 Queen's Gate London SW7 5HL

Literature evening

“Alo, Bulgaria!”, is a collection of stories depicting the life of a Bulgarian woman living abroad; revealing the comedy and the tragedy in her journey; showing the truth about being a foreigner in the UK.

To be or not to be the main character in the series of your everyday life, that is the question of the book.

Author

Zdravka Momcheva

author

Programme

Presentation of Zdravka Momcheva's new book
“Alo, Bulgaria!” (Hello, Bulgaria)!



November 15, 7.30pm

The Clapham Grand
21-25 St John's Hill Clapham Junction SW11 1TT

European Jazz - big band with special guests

The highly acclaimed Bulgarian National Radio big band performs for the first time in the UK a one-night-only show in London, featuring as special guests Liane Carroll - awarded 'Best Female Vocalist' at the Ronnie Scott's Jazz Awards, and Ian Shaw - twice voted 'Best Jazz Vocalist' at the BBC Jazz Awards.

Artists

**Big Band of the
Bulgarian National
Radio led by Antoni
Donchev**

Liane Carroll
vocals
Ian Shaw
vocals

Programme

A jazz extravaganza featuring the best of European jazz compositions, folk/jazz fusions, as well as some all-time favorites tunes.



In partnership with
London Jazz Festival
in association with
BBC Radio 3

Tickets £18, £15, £10 (students concessions)

Book at www.lfbc.eu, or call the box office on 0844 249 1000

Book the 'Festival Menu and tickets' offer
on www.lfbc.eu, or phone 020 8992 1327



November 17-18, 6pm

Halls of the Bulgarian Embassy
London 186-188 Queen's Gate London SW7 5HL

Two Theatre Plays by Sofia Theatre

Theatre Sofia is the most established municipal theatre in the Bulgarian capital. Its repertoire covers all the classics and also features many innovative and contemporary authors as well.

The theatre will make its UK debut with its critically acclaimed monodramas on two consecutive evenings.

Programme

November, 17th - Gadulkata gori

November, 18th - When the Rock was Young

Presented by Theatre Sofia (in Bulgarian language, with English subtitles)



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November 21, 7pm

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Film Screening & Music Performance

Atanas Hristoskov's film "Number 1" won the first prize at the 30th "Golden Rose" Bulgarian film festival.

The storyline follows the rivalry between two schools in Sofia which are situated in the same building. The film is prized for its sensitivity and artistic observation of the "spiritual ghettos" forming within us.

Artists

**Atanas
Hristoskov**
director

**Filip
Avramov**
actor

**Milena
Avramova**
actor

Programme

7pm Film screening
'Number 1' (with subtitles in English)

Film discussion with guests
Atanas Hristoskov, Filip Avramov & Milena Avramova

8.30pm Music Performance
Filip Avramov & Milena Avramova



November 24, 4pm & 7pm
November 25, 4pm & 7pm

Sofia Gallery, 186-188 Queen's Gate London SW7 5HL

Film screening - 'Operation Smenti Kapelli'

"Operation Smenti Kapelli" is a political satire laden with the spirit of Chaplin's movies — comical yet simultaneously sad. It is a dynamic dark comedy showing what happened in Bulgaria in the 20 years after the fall of communism.

This film's distinctive style is sprinkled with colorful ethnic details present only in Kosturica's movies and creating an atmosphere of absurdity characteristic of films like "Barton Fink" and "Brazil".

Programme

Film screening
'Operation Smenti Kapelli' (with subtitles in English)

Film discussion



November 28, 7pm

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CLASSICAL

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BCI London



Gala Evening dedicated to Bulgaria

Bulgarian Music, Poetry, Cuisine and Wine

Some of the best known and charismatic pop icons in Bulgaria - Bogdana Karadocheva & Stefan Dimitrov, Mihail Belchev & Kristina Belcheva - will present their best songs & lyrics.

Guests

Bogdana Karadocheva	Mihail Belchev	Stefan Dimitrov
Kristina Belcheva	Trio Perunika	Tanetz Dance Group

Programme

Beautiful and loved songs, tender and expressive poems, delicious Bulgarian cuisine and refined wines, cheerful traditional Bulgarian dances and songs – this event will be a precious gift to both Bulgarians and Foreigners.



November 30, 7pm

Halls of the Bulgarian Embassy
186-188 Queen's Gate London SW7 5HL

Theatre Performance "Pleasantlyscary" by Theatre 199

"Pleasantlyscary" by Yana Borisova is currently one of the most popular plays performed in any of Sofia's theatres. The author has been awarded numerous literary awards for her work, whilst the actors are some of the best known in Bulgarian cinema, theatre and television.

Artists

Stefan Vuldobrev	Radena Vulkanova	Vejen Velchovski
Vladimir Penev	Snejina Petrova	Galin Stoev <i>director</i>

Programme

'Pleasantlyscary'

*Play written by Yana Borisova
(in Bulgarian language, with English subtitles)*

