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#### October 31, 7pm Sofia Gallery, 186-188 Queen's Gate London SW7 5HL

POETRY



#### **Contemporary Poetry from Bulgaria**

At the End of the World: Contemporary Poetry from Bulgaria is an anthology of eighteen Bulgarian poets writing and publishing from the middle of the twentieth century to today.

Rather than being a collection of emblematic poems, it is a thematic book which reflects the searching and original, distinctive styles of contemporary Bulgarian poetry, itself reminiscent of the city and landscape.

#### **Artists**

**Tony Frazer** Editor and Publisher, Shearsman Books Tsvetanka Elenkova Editor Jonathan Dunne Translator

#### Programme

Presentation of the anthology, with the participation of H. E. Konstantin Dimitrov – Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to the UK.



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FILM

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# November 1, 6:30pm

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

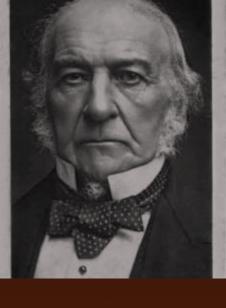
#### An Evening dedicated to the Bulgarian Enlightenment Leaders Day

Screening of the documentary film – 'Mr Gladstone and the Bulgarians', which deals with one of the most remarkable moments in the Bulgarian history, and the involvement in it of a famous public figure of the Victorian era - William Gladstone.

The evening will feature a very special participation – Orthodox Chants sung by members of the Sveti Sedmochislenitsi Choir from Sofia.

#### **Guests**

Mihail Youriy Meltev Datchev Director Critic Sveti Sedmochislenitsi Choir



#### Programme

6.30pm - 7.30pm Film screening "Mr Gladstone & the Bulgarians"

7.30pm - 8pm Discussion Mihail Meltev & Youriy Datchev

8.15pm - 9pm Slavonic Orthodox Chants By Sveti Sedmochislenitsi Choir

#### Do you know that...

Today dozens of streets and a few schools in Bulgaria are named after William Gladstone.

## November 3, 7.30pm

Cadogan Hall, 5 Sloane Terrace, London SW1X 9DQ

#### **Bulgarian & British Symphonic Folk Songs**

One of the leading Bulgarian symphony orchestras will be joined by two of the finest choirs from London schools: St Paul's Girls' School and James Allen's Girls' School, where Ralph Vaughan Williams briefly taught, for a rendition of his 'Folk Songs of the Four Seasons'.

The unique Bulgarian folk songs and dances are the inspiration for three of the greatest Bulgarian composers whose works will see their UK premieres in this concert.

Artists Varna Bulgarian Symphony Orchestra

#### Paulina Voices St. Paul's Girl

St. Paul's Girls' School

#### Holst Choir James Allen's Girls' School

conductor Vania Vatralova -Stankov

soprano

Martin

Georaiev

#### Programme

Pancho Vladigerov 'Shumen' Miniatures (UK Premiere) Vasil Kazandjiev Pictures from Bulgaria (selection) (UK Premiere) Dimitar Nenov 'Rhodope' Folk Songs for soprano & orchestra (UK Premiere) Ralph Vaughan Williams Folk Songs of the Four Seasons

CLASSICAL

#### Tickets £35, £25, £15, £10

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www.jags.org.uk

# November 6, 7.30pm

King's Place, 9<u>0 York Way, London, N1 9AG</u>



#### **Music Delights from the Romantic Era**

The evening will feature the London premiere of 'Moreni' - for clarinet, piano and string quartet written by the award -winning British / Bulgarian composer Dobrinka Tabakova.

This will be followed by two of the most emblematic chamber music works in the heart of the romantic era - Schumann's Piano Quartet and Mendelssohn's String Octet.

#### **Artists**

Chilingirian Quartet Boyan Ivanov

lov Dimitar Burov viola

Lachezar Stankov piano Yana Burova

Tim Wells

Ivo Stankov

#### Programme

Dobrinka Tabakova - 'Moreni' for clarinet, piano and string quartet (London Premiere)

Robert Schumann - Piano Quartet in E Flat major, Op.47

Felix Mendelssohn - String Octet in E Flat major, Op.20



## Tickets £26.50, £17.50, £14.50, online savers £9.50

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EXHIBITION





# 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 painter

singer

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.

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November 9, 7.30pm

St John's Smith Square, Westminster, SW1P 3HA

#### A Forest of Sound

Lose yourself in an enchanted evening of vivid songs, primal tales and ancient ritual

The London Bulgarian Choir comes together with unique storytelling company A Spell in Time to create an event with shivers and delight in equal measure. Enter a song world of magic and darkness, love and flirtation woven around tales performed in English for the very first time.

#### **Artists**

**The London Bulgarian Choir** Led by Dessislava Stefanova

A Spell In Time

#### **Programme**

**Bulgarian folk songs in traditional** and contemporary arrangements Ancient Bulgarian tales performed in English Suitable for adults and brave children

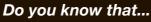
The choir is the voice of an extinct but enchanting civilisation in Halo 4. the most anticipated Xbox game of 2012, out at Christmas.

#### **Tickets £15, £10**

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JAZZ

# November 10, 4pm

Dimitar

Semov

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

#### JP3 - Tea Time Jazz with a twist of Bulgarian folklore

The most renowned Bulgarian jazz trio opened for Chick Corea/Bela Fleck concert in front of 4000 plus audience at the National Palace of Culture in Sofia. JP3 have also performed alongside artists such as Sarah Brightman, Zuccero, Vasko Vassilev, Omar Faruk Tekbilek and Francesco Bearzatti. In 2011 they recorded their first CD "It's A Dream", which is currently the bestselling jazz album in Eastern Europe.

#### **Artists**

JP3 -	Dimit
Jivko	Semo
Petrov	drums
niano	

Vesselin Vesselinov 'Eco' double bass

#### Programme

Jazz compositions featuring themes from JP3's current best-selling CD album. Jazz/Folk/Acoustic themes



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#### Tickets £12

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New Balkans Law Office is a Bulgarian legal services provider with offices in Sofia and London, specialising in corporate and commercial law, with a particular emphasis on advisory and cross-border work. NBLO has recently been developing an interest in the technology and venture capital, and in the private equity sectors.

NBLO also maintains a strong private client practice and services high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs) and non-HNWIs from both overseas and Bulgaria in arranging their Bulgarian and crossborder estates, pensions, family affairs and in catering for their employment and immigration needs.

Founded in 2005, the firm has gone from strength to strength, providing advice primarily to international clients and diversifying its portfolio of practice areas.

We believe in the importance of supporting cultural initiatives, building on our strong interest in cultural property and charity law. We are proud to sponsor the London Festival of Bulgarian Culture.

We would like to thank the organisers who have worked tirelessly to put on a series of events and workshops that makes a compelling bid for the need for Bulgarian culture's more prominent representation in London's cultural calendar.

We hope you enjoy the events of the festival. In the meantime, if we can facilitate any of your plans in Bulgaria with legal advice and representation, we would be more than happy to assist you. For more information on what we do, please visit our website at:

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# November 10, 6pm

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

#### **British-Bulgarian Society**

The Diamond Jubilee of The British-Bulgarian Society, which has been fostering close links and greater understanding between our two countries since 1952, through specialist tours, cultural events and charitable donations.

To be opened by His Excellency Konstantin Dimitrov and a distinguished guest, the event will also feature exhibitions and music, singing, dance, theatre, food and wine.

#### **Artists**

Dunav	London	A Spel
Balkan	Irish	In Time
Group	Choir	

#### **Programme**

Exhibitions, music, dance, theatre, food and wine.



#### By invitation only

#### Do you know that...

The British-Bulgarian Society is a non-political organisation, which introduces British people to Bulgaria through tours and events, and supports environmental, charitable and educational initiatives?

EXHIBITION



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## November 12, 7.30pm

Cadogan Hall, 5 Sloane Terrace, London SW1X 9DQ

#### **Pictures at an Exhibition for strings**

Making its Cadogan Hall debut, the internationally renowned Isis Ensemble is joined by outstanding pianists Ivo Varbanov and Fiammetta Tarli for the premiere of a new work by the brilliant young Bulgarian composer Martin Georgiev.

A special feature is Mussorgsky's masterpiece 'Pictures at an Exhibition', arranged for strings by Isis Ensemble Music Director Jacques Cohen which has already been critically acclaimed for its virtuosity, invention and ingenuity.

#### **Artists**

lsis Ensemble

Jacques Cohen conductor lvo Varbanov <sub>piano</sub> Fiametta Tarli <sub>piano</sub>

#### Programme

Alfred Schnittke Concerto for Piano and Strings Martin Georgiev 'Silent Light' for 2 Pianos and Strings (World Premiere) Modest Mussorgsky Pictures at an exhibition, arranged for strings by Jacques Cohen



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#### Do you know that...

Pianist Ivo Varbanov is also one of the most celebrated Bulgarian wine producers in recent years!

#### Tickets £30, £25, £15, £10

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# November 13, 7.30pm

**Bloomsbury Baptist Church** 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8EP

#### **Clarinet Quintet master pieces**

This vibrant and creative ensemble was formed in 2008 and since their formation have recorded and performed extensively throughout the UK and Europe. Tonight's programme is an offering of musical delights which feature some of the most famous compositions for Clarinet Quintet.

#### Artists

Inspirity Quintet	Yana Burova	Raisa Zapryanova
Boyan	Todor	viola
Ivanov clarinet	Nikolaev violin	Lora Marinova <sup>violoncello</sup>

#### **Programme**

Herbert Howells Rhapsodic Quintet, Op.31 W. A. Mozart Clarinet Quintet in A major K581 Johannes Brahms Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op.115







#### Tickets £12, concession £10, sold on the door

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LITERATURE

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# 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.

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

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THEATRE

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# 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)



FILM

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## November 21, 7pm

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

#### 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 Filip Hristoskov director actor

Avramov

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



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CLASSICAL

## November 22, 7.30pm

St. James's Piccadilly, 197 Piccadilly London W1J 9LL

#### **Eastern and Western passionate melodies**

Bulgarian violinist Dimitar Burov and Serbo-Bulgarian pianist Mina Miletic celebrate ten years of their artistic collaboration with a divers and exhilarating program including the brilliant Shostakovich Violin Sonata written for violinist David Oistrakh.

#### **Artists**

Dimitar Burov

Mina Miletic

#### **Programme**

L. V. Beethoven Sonata for Violin and Piano Op. 23 in A minor

Igor Stravinsky Suite Italianne

Dmitri Shostakovich Sonata for violin and piano, Op.134

Pancho Vladigerov Chant, from the 'Suite Bulgare', Op21/2



#### Tickets £15, £10, concessions £8, sold on the door

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FILM



# November 24, 4pm November 25, 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** 



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# November 24, 7.30pm

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#### **Bulgarian & English concerto premieres**

Bulgarian/German violinist and violist Devorina Gamalova together with the West London Sinfonia under the baton of Philip Hesketh will give the World premiere of Ian Schofield's Concerto for violin and viola newly composed for her. She will also present the UK premiere of Marin Goleminov's Violin Concerto. The programme will conclude with Tchaikovsky's triumphant 5th Symphony.

#### Artists West London Sinfonia

Philip Hesketh Devorina Gamalova violin/viola

#### Programme

Alexander Borodin - In The Steps of Central Asia lan Schofield Concerto for violin/viola and orchestra (World premiere) Marin Goleminov Concerto for violin and orchestra (UK Premiere) Petr Ilych Tchaikovsky Symphony No.5 in E major, Op.64





#### Do you know that...

The Bulgarian violinist Devorina Gamalova will be performing not one, but two instruments - violin and viola in the world premiere work by Ian Schofield.

# TICKETS £13, £10 (concessions), £5 (students), and sold on the door

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# November 25, 7.30pm

St. John's, Smith Square, Westminster, SW1P 3HA



#### 'Jupiter', Piazzolla & something more

The launch of the new Arcadia Mundi Orchestra features an exciting blend of some of the 20th century's most thrilling works, a World premiere by the Bulgarian composer Arnaoudov, and the all-time-favourite 'Jupiter' Symphony by Mozart.

This exciting evening will present a great variety of music styles - classical, romantic, contemporary, and tango, and promises to deliver something for everyone!

#### **Artists**

Arcadia Mundi George Hlawiczka violin/conductor Ivo Stankov violin

#### Programme

Sergei Prokofiev Classical Symphony Astor Piazzolla The Four Seasons for violin & orchestra Gheorghi Arnaoudov Concerto for violin and orchestra II (World premiere) W. A. Mozart Symphony No.41, 'Jupiter'





#### **Tickets £15, £10**

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# November 28, 7pm

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#### **Gala Evening dedicated to Bulgaria**

Bulgarian Music, Poetry, Cuisine and Wine

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

#### **Guests**

Bogdana	Mihail	Stefan
Karadocheva	Belchev	Dimitrov
Kristina	Trio	Tanetz
Belcheva	Perunika	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 <u>Bulgarians and Foreigners.</u>







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THEATRE

#### Organised by BCI London



# 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



#### Programme

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

# **LFBC Team**



#### Ivo Stankov – Organiser of LFBC

Classical Concerts Productions is a company operating in the field of arts, with particular focus on music. Director of the company is Ivo Stankov - Bulgarian born and currently living in London. Being an active performer himself, Ivo combines his artistic experience with managerial skills to present a number of successful cultural projects in the capital such as 'London Festival of Bulgarian Culture (LFBC)', for which he was awarded a Silver Medal from the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



#### Teodora Ruseva – Events Manager LFBC

Having lived in Bulgaria, The Netherlands and the U.S., Teodora Ruseva is currently studying TV & New Broadcasting Media and English Literature at Kingston University - London.



#### Svetla Dionisieva – Director of BCI London

Svetla Dionisieva is the Director of the Bulgarian Cultural Institute London, and has been so since its creation in 2010. She has an extensive cultural background, including degrees in theatre direction and acting from universities in Prague and Sofia, and numerous years of experience in the industry. Svetla has always had a passion for Bulgarian culture, and it is her mission for the Bulgarian Cultural Institute London to share the treasures of the country and its culture with others, especially those outside of Bulgaria, in order to both bring out a similar passion in them and show the true significance of Bulgaria's heritage to as wide an audience as possible.



#### Evgeni Vasilev – Graphic & Web Designer

With more than 12 years of professional experience in graphic and web design, Evgeni is highly dedicated and strongly driven individual. His key qualities are the excellent design skills, combined with his passion for new technologies and everything digital. Graduated as cinema & television director, and having worked as multi-media artist at InterSpace New Media Arts Centre, Evgeni possesses the skills & qualifications necessary to make significant contribution to any digital art project.



#### Lyudmil Karavasilev – Public Relations – Bulgaria

Lyudmil Karavasilev is experienced marketing communications and PR professional currently working for a large international bank as a brand manager. He took part in the development of some of the most exciting art and sports sponsorships and CSR campaigns in Bulgaria, and in a number of award-winning advertising & PR campaigns. For him the partnership with the LFBC could be the start of an exciting adventure worth taking.



#### Evgeni Dimitrov - Bulfoto - Public Relations - Bulgaria

Evgeni Dimitrov is a photographer and founder of the leading Bulgarian photo agency Bulphoto. His pictures often appear on the front pages of Bulgarian news media and in Internet. His agency is a partner of a number of international media – both European and American ones. Mr. Dimitrov is a member of the jury of the prestigious BG Press Photo Awards and organizer of several visual projects in cooperation with Sofia Municipality, EU representative office in Bulgaria and the Office of the European Parliament. Mr. Dimitrov is among the founders of the Days of the Bulgarian Culture in Rome in 2006, as a part of the Bulgarian Cultural & Informational Center in Rome, together with the La Fenice association.

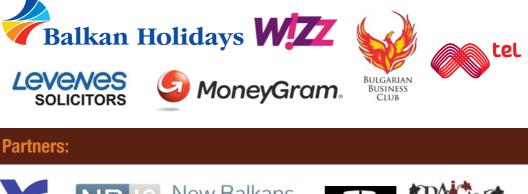
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- 4. Grilled Lamb cutlets, smoky aubergine purée and red peppers

5. Dessert: Tikvenik - Bulgarian pastry with pumpkin and spices served with whipped yogurt honey sauce

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