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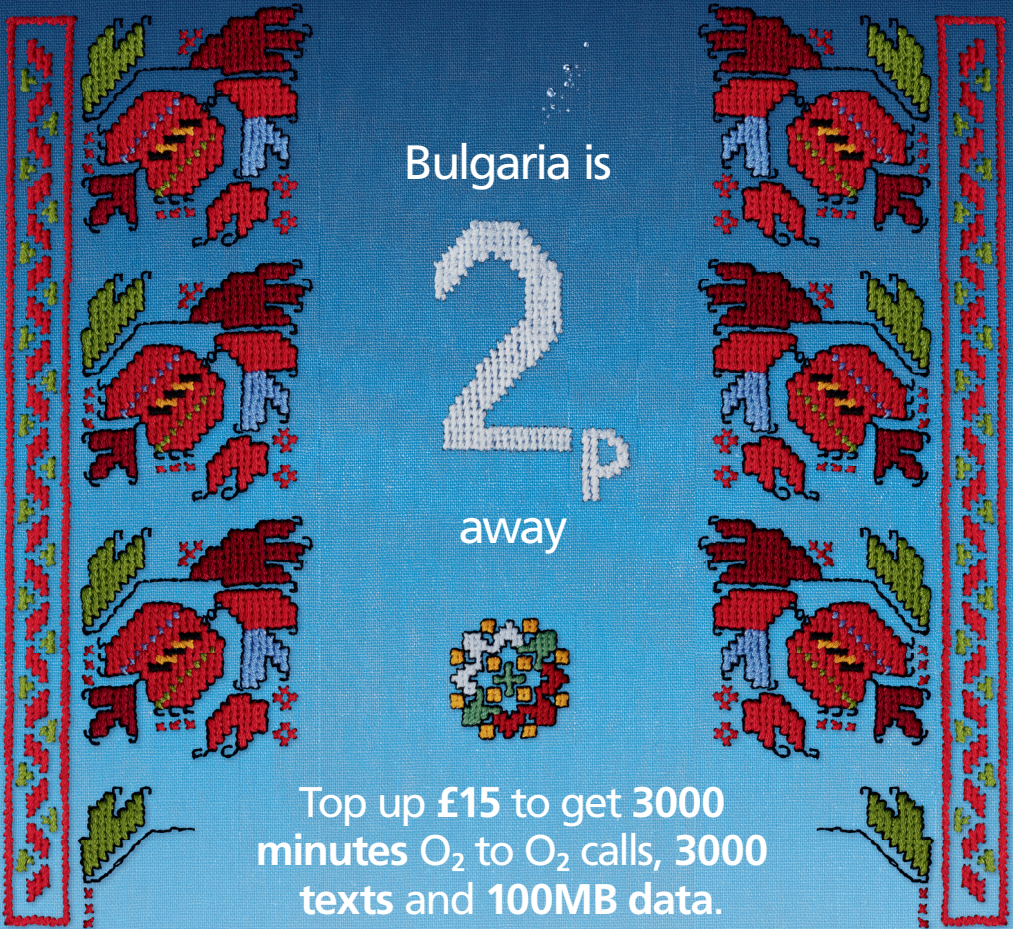
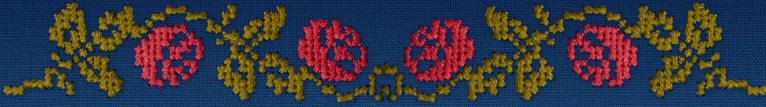
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	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>PROGRAMME</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Classical</b>	Cadogan Hall, 5 Sloane Terrace London SW1X 9DQ	Grand Opening: 'Classical' meets 'Ethno Jazz' <i>A feast of explosive Balkan rhythms &amp; meditative tunes</i>	20 Oct 7.30pm
	Sofia Gallery Bulgarian Cultural Institute 188 Queen's Gate. London. SW7 5HL	Concert by the winners & special guests of Whitgift International Music Competition	6 Nov 7pm
	Halls of the Bulgarian Embassy 188 Queen's Gate, London, SW7 5HL	Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of legendary opera basso Boris Christoff <i>Treasured Classics</i>	17 Nov 7pm
	St Michael & All Angels Bath Road London W4 1TT	Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of legendary opera basso Boris Christoff <i>Musical inspirations from five countries</i>	22 Nov 7.30pm
	The Salvation Army Regent Hall 275 Oxford Street London W1C 2DJ	Clarinet, violin and piano trio ensemble <i>Journey to the East</i>	26 Nov 7.30pm
<b>Pop &amp; Jazz</b>	The Clapham Grand 21-25 St John's Hill, Clapham Junction, London SW11 1TT	Grand Opening of the Section: Pop and Jazz Music <i>Stefan Valdobrev and 'The Usual Suspects'</i>	16 Nov 6.30pm
		Salsa Latino / Jazz Concert <i>Tumbaito and Mihail Yossifov</i>	25 Nov 6.30pm
<b>Folklore</b>	Sofia Gallery Bulgarian Cultural Institute 188 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5HL	A Spell In Time - Primal tales from the heart of Bulgarian myth and folklore... <i>A spellbinding mix of storytelling, ritual and music</i>	30 Nov 7pm
	Royal College of Music Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall Prince Consort Rd, SW7 2BS	London Bulgarian Choir <i>led by Dessislava Stefanova</i>	7 Dec 6.30pm
<b>Film</b>		Grand Opening: Bulgarian Cinema Section, Sofia Film Fest - London <i>The Judgement, Film Screening and discussion</i>	2 Nov 7pm
		Grand Opening: Evenings with the great Bulgarian Icons <i>Tatiana Lolova, Film and Television actress</i>	12 Nov 7pm
	Sofia Gallery Bulgarian Cultural Institute 188 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5HL	Sofia Film Fest present a double bill <i>'The Lighthouse Woman' (short) &amp; 'Alienation' (feature)</i>	20 Nov 7pm
		Two evenings with Georgi Dylulgerov: <i>London film premiere of "Buffer Zone"</i>	4 Dec 7pm
		Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of legendary opera basso Boris Christoff <i>'Boris Christoff's Prayer' - Documentary</i>	17 Nov 6pm
<b>Theatre</b>	The Clapham Grand 21-25 St John's Hill, Clapham Junction, London SW11 1TT	Grand Opening: Bulgarian Theatre Section <i>"Diagnosis: Edith Piaf", starring Toni Dimitrova</i>	9 Nov 6.30pm
	Sofia Gallery Bulgarian Cultural Institute 188 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5HL	Two evenings with Georgi Dylulgerov: <i>Theatre 199 presenting the play "Kiki Van Beethoven"</i>	5 Dec 7pm
		Theatre: Puppet Show, Musical <i>"Some Can Do It, Others Can Not"</i> <i>starring the Bulgarian pop singer Poly Genova</i>	14 Dec 4pm & 6pm
<b>Exhibitions</b>	St John's House, Smith Square London SW1P 3HF	Velislav Minekoff & his students present: <i>Metal: A Vision</i>	29 Oct
		Grand Opening: Bulgarian Fine Arts Section <i>Dechko Uzunov and Georgi Chapkanov- "Chapa".</i>	1 Nov 7pm
		Exhibition by talented Bulgarian children	6 Nov 7pm
		Exhibition - "The Artist and His Muse" <i>Svetoslav Dimitrov - Slaveto (painter)</i>	13 Nov 7pm
	Sofia Gallery Bulgarian Cultural Institute 188 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5HL	Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of legendary opera basso Boris Christoff <i>Exhibition - 'Boris Christoff's Prayer'</i>	17 Nov 6pm
		Exhibition opening: Photography <i>Ellie Yonova</i>	12 Dec 7pm
		Exhibition - Plakatkombinat - <i>Daniel Nenchev (journalist &amp; TV host on BNT)</i>	16 Dec 7pm
<b>Event</b>	Halls of the Bulgarian Embassy 188 Queen's Gate, London, SW7 5HL	Closing Ceremony & Concert <i>"A Night of Bulgarian Culture"</i>	17 Dec 7pm

# 20 October, Monday, 7.30pm

Cadogan Hall, 5 Sloane Terrace, London SW1X 9DQ



## Grand Festival Opening: 'Classical' meets 'Ethno Jazz'

**A feast of explosive Balkan rhythms and meditative tunes**

'Classical' meets 'Ethno Jazz' in this thrilling collaboration between the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and one of Bulgaria's iconic musicians, the kaval (end-blown flute) – virtuoso Theodosii Spassov. A stellar line-up features the Grammy-nominated composer Dobrinka Tabakova, acclaimed soprano Vania Vatrakova-Stankov, and the Chief Conductor of the Sofia Philharmonic, Martin Panteleev.

A programme packed with premieres promises to delight the audience with invigorating Balkan rhythms and meditative sounds.

*'Theodosii Spassov is an extraordinary performer, given the relatively primitive nature of his instrument, his technique including singing into the flute, and even a bit of beatboxing.'* (David Karlin)

**Artists**  
**ROYAL  
PHILHARMONIC  
ORCHESTRA**

**THEODOSII  
SPASSOV**  
*kaval*

**VANIA  
VATRALOVA-  
STANKOV**  
*soprano*

**MARTIN  
PANTELEEV**  
*conductor*

### Programme

Marin Goleminov *Three miniatures for soprano and orchestra*  
Dobrinka Tabakova *Fantasie homage to Schubert (UK Premiere)*  
Martin Panteleev *'Archetype' for string orchestra (World Premiere)*  
Works by Theodosii Spassov *for kaval and orchestra*

**Ticket Information: £35, £25, £15**

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Cadogan Hall, 5 Sloane Terrace, London SW1X 9DQ



# 29 October, Wednesday

St John's House, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HF

Exhibition runs from 29th October until 7th November



## Ticket Information:

Free admission

The gallery is open from 10am-6pm,  
Monday to Friday.

## Metal: A Vision

The National Academy of Arts in Sofia presents a vibrant exhibition showcasing sculptures by four young artists from Professor

Velislav Minekoff's MA class 'Metal'. Zlatin Orlov, Michaela Kamenova, Biser Nedialkov and Vencislav Shishkov show visually exciting pieces using innovative techniques working with metal, exploring casting, colour and image to capture movement and shape.

### Artists

**VELISLAV  
MINEKOFF**

*painter*

**STUDENTS**

### Programme

The exhibition is curated by the artists themselves with the kind support of Europe House, Bulgarian Cultural Institute and the National Academy of Arts in Sofia, Department of Applied Arts "Metal", organised by Milena Borden at Embassy Events.

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# 1 November, Saturday

Sofia Gallery, Bulgarian Cultural Institute  
188 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London, SW7 5HL

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## Grand Opening: Bulgarian Fine Arts Section

**An exhibition of works by Dechko Uzunov and Georgi Chapkanov- "Chapa".**

Exhibition runs from 1st November until 11th November

An exhibition by the master of Bulgarian fine art- Dechko Uzunov and distinguished Bulgarian sculptor- Georgi Chapkanov- "Chapa". The exhibition of the two Bulgarian artists will be enriched with a concert by the folk formation 'Светоглас' / 'Svetoglas' - members of Le Mystère des Voix Bulgares.



### Special Guests:

**GEORGI  
CHAPKANOV**  
*Sculptor*

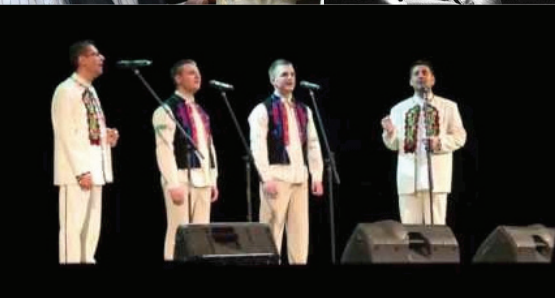
**MIGLENA  
DIMITROVA**  
*Curator*

**BORIANA  
PAVLOVA**  
*Director of  
"Dechko Uzunov"  
museum*

**MILEN  
IVANOV**  
*Svetoglas*

**DANIEL SPASSOV**  
*Svetoglas*

**STANIMIR  
IVANOV**  
*Svetoglas*



### Ticket Information:

Free admission

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# 2 November, Sunday, 7pm

Sofia Gallery, Bulgarian Cultural Institute  
188 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London, SW7 5HL



**Grand Opening:  
Bulgarian Cinema Section,  
Sofia Film Fest- London**

**Film Screening and discussion:  
The Judgement**

The first event of the cinema section will be presented by the celebrated film producer and director of Sofia Film Fest, Stefan Kitanov. This will be the London première of the new Bulgarian film *The Judgement*, by director Stephan Komandarev who will be a special guest for the evening.

The famous Bulgarian film and TV star, Assen Blatechki will also be present this evening. The film also features the Serbian film star Miki Manojlovic as well as the Bulgarian actors Ina Nikolova, Paraskeva Djukelova, Vasil Vasilev – Zueka, Meto Jovanovski, Hristo Mutafchiev.

## Special Guests

**Stephan  
Komandarev**  
film director

**Stefan Kitanov**  
director of Sofia Film  
Fest

**Assen Blatechki**  
film actor

**Sevda  
Shishmanova**  
programme director,  
Bulgarian National  
Television

## Ticket Information:

£7, £4 (Students), Children up to 12  
years old - free of charge  
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# 6 November, Thursday, 7pm

Sofia Gallery, Bulgarian Cultural Institute  
188 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London, SW7 5HL



**Exhibition by talented Bulgarian children and concert by the winners and special guests of Whitgift International Music Competition.**

A wonderful opportunity to hear Bulgarian musicians of the future, who are the winners and guests of the Whitgift's International Music Competition.

The recital will feature performances of virtuoso works for violin, piano, and marimba.

A selection of extraordinary paintings by talented students will also be exhibited in Sofia Gallery

## Exhibition Artists

**RALITSA KARADJOVA**

Primary school student

**GABRIELA IORDANOVA**

Primary school student

**IVAN GEORGIEV**

Secondary school student

## Concert Artists

**HRISTO DUNEV**

violin

**ATANAS YANCHEV**

piano

**DILYAN TODOROV**

piano

**HRISTIYAN HRISTOV**

marimba

**ALEX CUILIC**

violoncello

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years old - free of charge

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# 9 November, Sunday, 6.30pm

The Clapham Grand

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

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## Grand Opening: Bulgarian Theatre Section

**Play- "Diagnosis: Edith Piaf",  
starring Toni Dimitrova**

London première of the popular play "Diagnosis: Edith Piaf", performed by the Bourgas Theatre "Adriana Budevskia". In the main role is the star of Bulgarian pop music, Toni Dimitrova, as well as many other film and television stars including Dimitrina Teneva, Denitsa Dencheva, Asen Lozanov and Dimitar Martinov. Director of the play is one of the greatest Bulgarian theatre directors of all time, Borislav Chakrinov, the head of the Bourgas Theatre.

### Artists

**TONI DIMITROVA**

**BOURGAS DRAMA THEATRE  
'ADRIANA BUDEVSKA'**

### Actors

**Asen  
Lozanov**

**Dimitar  
Martinov**

**Nickola  
Parashkevov**

**Daniela  
Georgieva**

**Denitsa  
Dencheva**

**Iva  
Papazova**

**Stefan  
Ivanov**

**Toni Dimitrova  
Hristo Simeonov**

### Ticket Information:

'Early Bird' discount until 30 September:

£20 + £2 booking fee

Full price: £22 + £2.20 booking fee

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**12 November, Wednesday, 7pm**

Sofia Gallery, Bulgarian Cultural Institute  
188 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London, SW7 5HL



## Grand Opening: Evenings with the great Bulgarian Icons Tatiana Lolova, Film and Television actress

**Screening of “The Actress Who Laughs”, a film about Tatiana Lolova by the famous producer and film critic Georgi Toshev.  
Film screening and film discussion**

The life of Tatyana Lolova is an adventure which is hard to summarize and her career- a dream come true! Loved by the Bulgarian public for over 50 years, this film brings together the hundreds of faces of this talented artist for all to enjoy.

“The Actress, who laughs” is a story which can be continued by any person who has experienced first-hand the charisma of Lolova. As the actor Georgi Kaloyanchev says, ‘she is in her own natural element’.

### **Ticket Information:**

£7, £4 (Students),  
Children up to 12 years old -  
free of charge  
Book at [www.bcilondon.co.uk](http://www.bcilondon.co.uk)

### **Guests**

**TATYANA LOLOVA**  
actress

**GEORGI TOSHEV**  
producer

### **Programme**

Film screening and film discussion

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**13 November, Thursday, 7pm**

Sofia Gallery, Bulgarian Cultural Institute  
188 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London, SW7 5HL



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## Exhibition - "The Artist and His Muse" by Slaveto (painter)

Svetoslav Dimitrov, husband of the celebrated actress Tatyana Lolova, exhibits works created throughout the years, to honour his favourite actress, wife and muse.

The exhibition will be presented by the director and art critic, Georgi Toshev.

### Artists

**SVETOSLAV DIMITROV -  
SLAVETO**

painter

### Guests

**SVETOSLAV  
DIMITROV**

artist

**GEORGI TOSHEV**

producer & film  
director

**TATYANA  
LOLOVA**

actress

### Ticket Information:

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# 16 November, Sunday, 6.30pm

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

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## Grand Opening of the Section: Pop and Jazz Music

### Stefan Valdobrev and “The Usual Suspects” (Обичайните Заподозрени)

The highly praised Bulgarian actor, composer, singer and film maker Stefan Valdobrev rose to prominence in the early 1990s with his indie-pop/rock songs and has since then released various cult albums and movie soundtracks, which topped the charts in the country and became a big critical and commercial success.

His band of guest stars includes four of the most remarkable contemporary Bulgarian musicians: Ivan Lechev – the guitar player of the Grammy Awarded rock band FSB, the drums virtuoso Stoyan Yankoulov, the notable bass guitar player Vesselin Vesselinov – Eko, and the new generation guitar idol Miroslav Ivanov.



#### Artists

**STEFAN VALDOBREV & THE USUAL SUSPECTS**  
(ОБИЧАЙНИТЕ ЗАПОДОЗРЕНИ)

**IVAN LECHEV**  
guitar

**MIROSLAV IVANOV**  
guitar

**STOYAN YANKULOV**  
percussions

**VESELIN VESELINOV**  
– “EKO”  
bass

#### Ticket Information:

'Early Bird' discount until 30 September:  
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Full price: £22 + £2.20 booking fee  
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# 17 November, Monday, 6pm & 7pm

Halls of the Bulgarian Embassy

188 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London, SW7 5HL



## Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of legendary opera basso Boris Christoff

### 7pm - Concert - Treasured Classics

The 2013 'Crystal Lyre' Award winners Devorina Gamalova (violin) and Krassimir Taskov (piano) will treat the audience to a selection of much loved pieces for violin, viola and piano. Some transcriptions by Devorina for viola will be performed for the first time.

**DEVORINA GAMALOVA**

violin & viola

**KRASIMIR TASKOV**

piano



### Programme

Programme to include Bulgarian music by Taskov and Vladigerov, and popular works by Brahms, Wieniawski, Tchaikovsky, and Sarasate.

### 6pm - Screening of the Documentary Film 'Boris Christoff's Prayer'

The UNESCO 2014 calendar of celebrations includes the centenary of the birth of world renowned opera bass Boris Christoff. The documentary film "Boris Christoff's Prayer" is part of the national programme on the occasion of the birth centenary of Boris Christoff.



**Magdalena Manolova**

film director

**Alexandar Shopov**

cameraman

### Exhibition 'Boris Christoff's Prayer'

The exhibition features themes from the life of the world-renowned bass - Boris Christoff in the world of opera, his return to Bulgaria, and his most significant recordings of Bulgarian Sacred music.

Author: Magdalena Manolova

Design: Orlin Atanasov

Photos: Mircho Slivenski

### Ticket Information:

Free admission

# 20 November, Thursday, 7pm

Sofia Gallery, Bulgarian Cultural Institute  
188 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London, SW7 5HL

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## Sofia Film Fest present a double bill – ‘The Lighthouse Woman’ (short) & ‘Alienation’ (feature)

The short film, “The Lighthouse Woman” (22 min.) directed by Ana Kitanova, has already made a mark on the international scene. After successful participation at Sofia Film Fest this year, the film was selected in the competition programme of the prestigious International Film Festivals - "Avventura Festival Film Forum" in Zadar, Croatia, "Drama International Short Film Festival" in Drama, Greece and “Tofifest” in Torun, Poland and the “Golden Rose” film fest in Varna, Bulgaria.

Milko Lazarov, director of “Alienation”, graduated NATFA with a degree in film and TV direction in the

class of prof. Vladislav Ikonov. He is an executive producer of one Bulgarian National Television’s most successful projects, “Great Bulgarians” and an executive producer and director of “The Big Read”. He also teaches Experimental filmmaking in NATFA’s film department.

### Guests

**ANA KITANOVA**

director, “The Lighthouse Woman”

**VESELKA KIRYAKOVA**

screenplay, “Alienation”

### Ticket Information:

£7, £4 (Students),  
Children up to 12 years old - free of charge  
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## New Balkans Law Office welcomes you to the London Festival of Bulgarian Culture

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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 cross-border 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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**22 November, Saturday, 7.30pm**

**St Michael & All Angels,  
Bath Road, London W4 1TT**

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## **Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of legendary opera basso Boris Christoff**

### **Musical inspirations from five countries**

The 2013 'Crystal Lyre' Award winners Krassimir Taskov (piano) and Devorina Gamalova (violin) will be joined by the flamboyant cellist Lora Marinova to perform Beethoven's unique Triple Concerto. The West London Sinfonia under the baton of Philip Hesketh will also perform the UK Première of Taskov's Suite for Orchestra and Tchaikovsky's final completed symphony, No.6 "Pathétique".

#### **Artists**

**Philip Hesketh**  
*conductor*

**Lora Marinova**  
*piano*

**WEST LONDON  
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**Devorina  
Gamalova**  
*violin*

**Krassimir  
Taskov**  
*piano*

#### **Programme**

**Krassimir Taskov - Suite for orchestra (UK Premiere)**

**Ludwig van Beethoven - Triple concerto for violin, violoncello, piano & orchestra**

**Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky - Symphony No.6 in B Minor, Op. 74**

#### **Ticket Information:**

£14, £12 concessions, and under 16s

£5 can only be bought at the door.

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Book at [www.bclondon.co.uk](http://www.bclondon.co.uk)

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**25 November, Tuesday, 6.30pm**

The Clapham Grand

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



**Salsa Latino / Jazz Concert  
with the stars of Bulgarian  
Jazz and Latino music - the  
jazz musician Mihail Yossifov  
and the actor and  
percussionist, Kalin Veliov.**

**TUMBAITO** is one of the most famous and successful salsa formations in Bulgaria. The popular and much-loved Kalin Veliov, Misho Yossifov, Martin Tashev, Milen Petrov, Villy Stoyanov, Milen Kukosharov, Boris Tashev and Stefan Kozuharov, in collaboration with one of Bulgaria's leading jazz musicians Mihail Yossifov, will enchant the audience with their hot rhythms and virtuosic solos.

**Artists**

**MIHAIL YOSIFOV**

**TUMBAITO**

**Programme**

**Jazz/Latino/Acoustic themes**

**Ticket Information:**

'Early Bird' discount until 30 September:

£20 + £2 booking fee

Full price: £22 + £2.20 booking fee

Book at [www.bcilondon.co.uk](http://www.bcilondon.co.uk)

# Wednesday, 26 November 2014, 7.30pm

The Salvation Army Regent Hall  
275 Oxford Street, London W1C 2DJ



## Journey to the East

Featuring a beautiful selection of music drawn from an exclusively East European repertoire, prepare to be dazzled by this wonderful trio of musicians. From the inspiring modernism of Bartók's 'Contrasts', to the almost ethereal beauty of Khachaturian's 'Trio', this performance is sure to lead you on a musical journey that is both challenging and rewarding.

### Artists

**BOYAN  
IVANOV**  
*clarinet*

**YANA  
BUROVA**  
*violin*

**FIAMETTA  
TARLI**  
*piano*

### Programme

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky - *The Nutcracker Variations*  
Martin Georgiev - *Triptych*  
Martin Georgiev - *Guiding Stars (World Première)*  
Aram Khachaturian - *Trio*  
Marin Vulchanov - *Rondo*  
Pancho Vladigerov - *Humoresque*  
Filip Kutev - *Song and Rachenitsa*  
Béla Bartók - *Romanian Folk Dances*  
Béla Bartók - *Contrasts*

### Ticket Information:

£15 on the door, £10 Concession

**30 November, Sunday, 7pm**

Sofia Gallery, Bulgarian Cultural Institute  
188 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London, SW7 5HL

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**A Spell In Time**



**Between Heaven and Earth**

Tales of Hidden Bulgaria

**Ticket Information:**

Free admission

**Primal tales from the heart of Bulgarian myth and folklore... A spellbinding mix of storytelling, ritual and music**

**Between Heaven and Earth: Tales of Hidden Bulgaria**

by A Spell In Time

A woman sits at the crossroads where all dreams come to pass. The stars glisten, the universe listens and stories of old unfold. In a magical landscape that transcends time and space, an ancient river demands a sacrifice, a wild man rides out of the forest, a bride reaches for the heavens, and dark secrets lie buried beneath cold stones.

With a spellbinding mix of storytelling, ritual and evocative music, A Spell In Time presents beautifully haunting tales from the heart of Bulgarian myth and folklore. A Spell In Time is an acclaimed British-Bulgarian storytelling performance company that brings the power and magic of Bulgarian traditional tales to UK audiences in English for the very first time.

**Artists**

**A SPELL IN TIME**

Storytelling Company

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**4/5 December, Thursday/ Friday, 7pm**

Sofia Gallery, Bulgarian Cultural Institute  
188 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London, SW7 5HL

Two nights dedicated to the work of the great Bulgarian film and theatre director, Georgi Dyulgerov.

London film première of “Buffer Zone” & Theatre 199 presenting the play “Kiki Van Beethoven”

The first night will see the London première of Dyulgerov's latest film “Buffer Zone”. In the main role of this confessional, almost biographical film is the famous actor Russi Chanev.

On the second night, the prestigious Sofia Theatre 199 will present “Kiki van Beethoven”, directed by Dyulgerov. The role of Kiki will be played by the much-loved Bulgarian actress, Meglena Karalambova.

“Kiki Van Beethoven” is the story of a radiant woman in her sixties whose life, and the life of her three friends, is changed by music. A fable about lost youth and buried secrets.

### Special Guests

**GEORGI  
DYULGEROV**  
director

**MEGLENA  
KARALAMBOVA**  
actress



### Ticket Information:

£7, £4 (Students), Children up to 12  
years old - free of charge  
Book at [www.bcilondon.co.uk](http://www.bcilondon.co.uk)

# 7 December, Sunday, 6.30pm (Doors 6pm)

Royal College of Music, Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall  
Prince Consort Rd, London SW7 2BS

## LONDON BULGARIAN CHOIR led by Dessislava Stefanova

In this special concert, the London Bulgarian Choir reveals some of the individual voices which make up the whole group. Alongside the triumphant noise of the massed choir, the singers will split up into smaller ensembles and perform more intimate folk songs with plenty of soloists and even improvisation. Expect to hear the choir's new band of traditional instruments, many favourites, plenty of dancing and surprises.



### **Ticket Information:**

£15 / £10 (concessions)

Free entry for children who sit in your lap

Book at [londonbulgarianchoir.co.uk/tickets](http://londonbulgarianchoir.co.uk/tickets)

Please note that the choir's last 2 concerts for the London Festival of Bulgarian Culture sold out and book early to avoid disappointment.

**12 December, Friday, 7pm**

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## Exhibition opening: Photography

Based in Canada, Ellie Yonova is an award-winning, Bulgarian photographer and cinematographer, with projects in New York, Chicago, Paris and around the world. Immerse yourself in the world of abstract photography and the bold, vibrant forms of this talented artist's images.

### Artists

**ELLIE YONOVA**

*photographer*

### Ticket Information:

Free admission



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# 14 December, Sunday, 4pm & 6pm

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**Theatre: Puppet Show,  
Musical - "Some Can Do It,  
Others Can Not" starring  
the Bulgarian pop singer  
Poly Genova**

**By Tedi Moskov and Simon Edi  
Shvarts based on the story by  
Margarit Minkov "How was  
flying invented"**



## Artists

Staging and lyrics:  
Simon Edi Shvarts  
Directing and choreography:  
Boris Radev  
Scenography: Hanna Shvarts  
Music: Hristo Yotzov  
Live music performed by: Angel Nikolov  
and Dimitar Gorchakov  
Performed and sung by:  
Stanimir Gamov, Rumen Ugrinski,  
Marieta Petrova, Kamen Asenov  
and featuring the special guest  
appearance by pop singer Poly Genova

## Ticket Information:

£7, £4 (Students), Children up to 12  
years old - free of charge  
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# 16 December, Tuesday, 7pm

Sofia Gallery, Bulgarian Cultural Institute  
188 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London, SW7 5HL

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## Ticket Information:

Free admission

**Exhibition - Plakatkombinat -  
Daniel Nenchev (journalist &  
television host on BNT)**

**Anna Simeonova (graphic designer  
& founder of plakatkombinat.com)**

**Exhibition runs from 16th December until  
20th December**

These prominent names in the field of graphic design, poster, illustration and graphics in Bulgaria are well known as curators of other forums related to design and contemporary art. Both are professors at the National Academy of Arts, and also independent artists, prominent logo designers, artists in the field of typography, designers in advertising agencies and magazines and illustrators of books for various publishing houses.

## Artists

**DANIEL NENCHEV**

*journalist & television  
host on BNT*

**ANNA SIMEONOVA**

*graphic designer &  
founder of  
plakatkombinat.com*

# 17 December, Wednesday, 7pm

Halls of the Bulgarian Embassy  
188 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London, SW7 5HL

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## Closing Ceremony & Concert “A NIGHT OF BULGARIAN CULTURE”

### Concert:

Theodosii Spassov, the kaval (end-blown flute) virtuoso and Project “Balkansky”, the infamous folk and ethno singer Desislava Dobрева and the special participation of the famous actress Boika Velkova.

BALKANSKY is the name of an audio-visual project, realised in collaboration between Ivo Christov and Ivan Shopov, which combines traditional Bulgarian music with electronic sound and vision. Later on, musical legend Theodosii Spassov joined the project and together they started touring the project live all around the world.

### Fashion Showcase:

Mirela Bratova – one of the leading Bulgarian fashion designers, her clothes lines enjoy equal success in Bulgaria, the US and UK.

### Reception:

Bulgarian gourmet food prepared by the world renowned chef, Georgi Yaneff, resident chef in the 5 star London restaurant, Dstrkt.

Finest wine from the best Bulgarian wine cellars.

### Exhibition, Boutique Jewellery:

Maria Ivanova – a Swiss- based Bulgarian jewellery designer with exquisite taste and original lines sold worldwide.

### Ticket Information:

Free admission

# 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.

## Svetla Dionisieva – Organiser of LFBC & 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 Designer & Website Developer

With more than 14 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 necessary skills & qualifications to make significant contribution to any digital art project. Founder and editor at [napred-nazad.com](http://napred-nazad.com) - online platform for Bulgarian culture abroad.

## Yordan Yordanov - Public Relations & Consultant

As a hands-on specialist in the conception, production and distribution of bi-lingual media content, he has worked as a reporter, editor, playwright, screenwriter and producer in print and online publications, Bulgarian National Radio, Bulgarian National TV, and has coordinated numerous campaigns and projects in Bulgaria and abroad. His current expertise is in e-content monitoring and curation (re-purposing, re-packaging), as well as in designing cross-platform e-media solutions, cost effective digital publishing, and virtual community management.



## 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.

## 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.



## Alissa Angelova - BCI - Events Manager

Alissa Angelova is an associate in the Bulgarian Cultural Institute in London and a Film Studies graduate from King's College, University of London. She has lived in numerous European countries including Bulgaria, Cyprus and the United Kingdom. Her professional interests include film, new media, literature and cultural policy.

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