

Cumnor Festival 2024 - Programme
Sat 15th June 2024

2.30pm-3.00pm. The exciting a cappella group - **Indigo Road** will hold our attention in the palm of their hands with unaccompanied songs from a variety of genres including rhythm and blues, folk, pop etc.

3.05pm-3.40pm. A delightful and versatile clarinet quartet **Pipework** will produce the evocative sounds of the clarinet in its many guises through jazz, pop, swing or classical. If any of these styles is your thing, you are going to be in your element!

3.50pm-4.15pm. **High Jinks**, our very own ever so slightly anarchic, ukulele band/singers all Cumnor based folk, will escort you through the years from 1930's to 2020's without even a mention of George Formby or window cleaning experiences!

4.20pm-5.40pm. **The Oxford Cherwell Brass Band**, the twenty-piece strong band which blew our socks off last year with a fabulous variety of tunes from the shows, will offer us this delight in a new set - and much more besides.

4.45pm-5.30pm. Local singer/songwriter **Mark Austin**, will thrill us with a lap steel resonator guitar, 6 string acoustic guitar and Bodhran. Mark's influences are rooted in folk and Americana by Nick Drake, Joni Mitchell, Crosby Stills and Nash etc. The set will contain songs by Steven Stills, Nick Drake, Don Henley, 2 self-penned songs from his latest album and maybe even a Led Zeppelin number! **Copies of the Album "Tales of a Black Rat" will be available - the proceeds of which will be donated to the festival's cancer charities.**

5.45pm-6.20pm. It is so lovely to be able to welcome back **The Saxonians** - the highly respected, brilliantly versatile quartet, who can produce a great range of mesmerising melodies, just perfect for such a glorious setting.

6.25pm-6.55pm. We are thrilled to bits to welcome **Sir Philip Pullman CBE FRSL**, our amazing local writer of a mind-blowing plethora of best-selling and award winning books, films, plays and television series, including 'His Dark Materials'. In conversation with Philip, we will explore the influence music has had on his life and writing. If you are a fan of music and/or Philip's writing, this item is a must for you. He has also kindly offered to be on site for a while before his this for some book signing, so do bring along your favourite Pullman book, or buy a new one.

7.00pm-9.00pm (30min interval for raffle draw and drink top-up). The impressive **Velvet Tones** - the fabulous, black tie clad BIG Jazz/Swing band we enjoyed so much last year. This highly sought after group of 24 amazing musicians, joined by singers - **Clare Abbott and Richard Francis**, will spoil us with 90 minutes of first class evening entertainment while we sip Prosecco and show off our finest dance moves or, at the very least, our foot tapping prowess!

Raffle Prizes- Just a Selection of the Many

2012 Vintage Wine - Clos de l'Oratoire des Papes Chateauneuf-du-Pape. Current Auction Value £98

Dinner for 2 - Bear and Ragged Staff Cumnor - Value up to £85

Meat Voucher - Michael Caine Organic Butcher Cumnor - Value £50

Acupuncture Treatment at Top Oxford Clinic with Mandy Horby -

Member of British Acupuncture Council - Value £75

Meal voucher - The Vine Inn Cumnor - Value £30

Several Lovely Gifts for Children

Food Hampers etc.....