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SMA is a genetic neuromuscular disease, which means it is inherited and affects nerves responsible for muscle function. Although classified as rare, SMA is the leading genetic killer of infants and toddlers, with approximately 95% of the most severely diagnosed cases resulting in death by the age of 18 months. Children with a less severe form of SMA face the prospect of progressive muscle wasting, loss of mobility and motor function. For more information please visit: www.smatrust.org



Child Bereavement UK supports families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement. Our vision is for all families to have the support they need to rebuild their lives. A parent of children under 18 dies

every 22 minutes in the UK; around 23,600 a year. This equates to around 111 children being bereaved of a parent every day. For more information please visit: www.childbereavementuk.org



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THE FINGEST GREAT BARN OPERA 2016

DIVA OPERA

will perform

'DON PASQUALE'

G DONIZETTI
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD AT 6.00PM

'COSÌ FAN TUTTE'

W A MOZART
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 6.00PM



The Great Barn, Manor Farm, Fingest, Henley-on-Thames, OXON RG9 6QE
www.fingestgreatbarnopera.co.uk

Operas start at 6pm with an extended interval for picnics.

Ticket price: £75

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THE GREAT BARN OPERAS 2016

Diva Opera was founded by Anne Marabini Young and Bryan Evans in 1996 and since then has given more than 1,000 performances of 40 different operas and concert programmes for festivals, theatres and charities throughout Great Britain and internationally including a performance of *La Cenerentola* at Teatro La Fenice in Venice. In concert the company has performed at such prestigious venues as St. John's, Smith Square and the Wigmore Hall in London and in the presence of HRH The Princess Royal, HRH Princess Alexandra and HRH The Duke of Kent.

Diva Opera's recent highlights include performances of *Le Nozze di Figaro* and *Lucia di Lammermoor*, the party scene from *Die Fledermaus* at the Royal Albert Hall, with José Carreras and Dame Kiri Te Kanawa as special guests and a charity gala at the Prime Minister's residence Chequers.

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'DON PASQUALE' by G Donizetti



Attention all men: Marriage can seriously damage your health! Well, it certainly seems so to elderly bachelor Don Pasquale as he becomes the victim of a clever plot to disillusion him of the notion of conjugal bliss, leaving the way open for his long suffering nephew to marry the girl of his dreams. Donizetti's masterpiece is one of the most popular comedies in the entire operatic repertoire. Starring Noel Mann in the title role, with Diva Opera favourites David Stephenson as Malatesta and Ashley Catling as Ernesto and introducing the outstanding young soprano Tereza Gevorgyan as Norina.

'COSÌ FAN TUTTE' by W A Mozart



Guglielmo and Ferrando, confident of the faithfulness of Fiordiligi and Dorabella, are challenged by the cynical Don Alfonso to put the constancy of their betrothed to the test. When the young men disguise themselves as strangers and declare their love for the sisters they are shocked at the outcome. The ensuing confusion, deliberately aided by the maid Despina, results in one of Mozart's most delightful operas.

FINGEST GREAT BARN

Fingest Great Barn with its soaring beams and rafters, has wonderful acoustics and provides a superb backdrop for Diva Opera's performances.

The Great Barn faces onto the central courtyard at Manor Farm in the village of Fingest, less than ten miles from Marlow and High Wycombe.

A large marquee is erected for picnics in the interval with additional space in the surrounding barns. Tables and chairs are provided for everyone and for individual groups of any size by request. This is included in the ticket price of £75.

Car parking is in an adjoining field and is very close to the Great Barn.

