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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, when a child grieves or when a child dies. We aim to ensure the accessibility of high quality child bereavement support and information to all families and professionals by: increasing our reach; plugging the gaps that exist in bereavement support and training across the country; and embedding standards in the sector.

For more information please visit: www.childbereavementuk.org



Action Medical Research is the leading UK-wide charity funding vital research to help sick and disabled babies, children and young people.

We have been funding medical breakthroughs since we began over 60 years ago and have helped to beat polio in the UK, fight meningitis, prevent stillbirths and develop ultrasound scanning in pregnancy.

We fund a broad range of cutting-edge medical research most likely to deliver real benefit to babies, children and young people. We want to make a difference in premature birth, pregnancy complications and treating sick and vulnerable babies, as well as in preventing infections and helping children affected by disabilities, disabling conditions and rare diseases.

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THE FINGEST GREAT BARN OPERA 2018

DIVA OPERA

'THE ABDUCTION FROM THE SERAGLIO'

W A MOZART
SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 6.00PM

'DIE FLEDERMAUS'

J STRAUSS
SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2017 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 at 7.30pm for picnics.

Ticket price: £75 to include a picnic table

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THE GREAT BARN OPERAS 2018

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 *La Bohème*, *La Cenerentola*, 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. **For more information please visit: www.divaopera.com.**

'The impact, vitality and stamina of these shows was exceptional' M. White, Opera Now

'THE ABDUCTION FROM THE SERAGLIO'



Mozart's youthful comedy contains some of his finest music and most spectacular arias. Konstanze, imprisoned by the Pasha Selim, longs for her lover Belmonte to rescue her. Meanwhile her maid Blonde and Belmonte's servant Pedrillo must outwit the lecherous Osmin, keeper of the Harem. When Belmonte arrives their escape seems certain, but everything hinges on the clemency of the Pasha. Starring Gabriella Cassidy, Ashley Catling and Matthew Hargreaves and introducing Diva Opera newcomers Barbara Cole Walton and John Porter.

'DIE FLEDERMAUS'



On his way to jail for a minor misdemeanour, Eisenstein decides instead to attend Prince Orlofsky's lavish party with his friend Falke, not knowing that Falke aims to take revenge on him for a previous practical joke. Mistaken identities, frivolity and festivities follow, with a happy ending for all. Johann Strauss's most popular work is bursting with sparkling melodies, famous waltzes and memorable arias including the joyful 'laughing song'. Elizabeth Karani, Adam Gilbert, Timothy Nelson and Louise Mott lead this wonderful cast.

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, in the picturesque Hambleden Valley, within 7 miles of Marlow, Henley on Thames 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.

