

# V&J present

Saturday 8 July 2023 | 1pm | St. Andrew's Church | Alexandra Park Road | N10 2DD

## V&J Ensemble

Verónica Chacón | *musical director*

Jérôme Royet | *piano*

## Lunchtime Concert: Purcell, Franck, Fauré & more

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One day and for a few weeks, I opened my kitchen window and sang for my street...  
This was a beautiful and life changing experience!!!  
Since, I have opened "different windows"  
where my colleagues and I are collaborating with  
the Parish of Alexandra Park/St Andrew's Church  
to revive the musical life of our community and support the Parish.

Enjoy! xxx V:)

*Admission by donation.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

*Prosecco, fruit juices & cake available.*

## **Purcell**

Duos

Let us wander

My dearest, my fairest

Shepherds, shepherds leave decoying

## **Handel**

Silent worship

## **Rameau**

Hymne à la Nuit

## **Franck**

Duos

Aux petits enfants

L'ange gardien

## **Fauré**

Cantique de Jean Racine

## **Offenbach**

Les Contes d'Hoffman

La Barcarolle

## **V&J Ensemble**

*Ann*

*Anna-Maria*

*Anne*

*Bryony*

*Caroline*

*Crispina*

*Darío*

*Elsa*

*Fiona*

*Francine*

*Penny*

*Nicola*

*Ray*

*Marion*

*Tom*

*Val*

## Verónica Chacón | *mezzo-soprano*

Verónica is a London based versatile mezzo-soprano, voice-over & illustrator-designer originally from Geneva. There, she studied musical theory, choral singing, piano, improvisation & choreography through the Eurhythmics method at the Institut Jaques-Dalcroze, as well as singing at the Conservatoire de Musique de Genève. Verónica carried on her studies at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London (1998).

She developed her musical and communication experience in various projects (School-of-Rock-a-by-Babies, from 2009); improvisation (TIC The Improvisers' Choir - winner of Non-Classical Battle of the Bands 2018 - Dancing with Parkinson's (2019), THAT! Ensemble (since 2016), a mixed-genre group of 4 musicians and physical theatre comedians which explores vocal improvisation, acting, and dance; El Parnaso Hispano, early music from South America Ensemble (since 2019). Last year, she was asked to run a series of opera immersive workshops for children in 6 schools in Barnet, culminating in an adapted performance of Hansel & Gretel (Engelbert Humperdinck) in June.

Verónica is also a session musician and voice-over artist for School-of-Rock-a-by-Babies ('rest & play', 2016) and for TIC – The Improvisers' Choir (Landmass, 2018). Currently creating an interactive mandalas & voice album called 'Sounds & Shapes', she is exploring healing sound to 'tune the body' as a teacher (Insight Timer, since 2020).

Verónica is really excited about her coming collaboration with stage Director Katia Ogorodnikova & pianist Maya Irgalina in their co-creation of her new show '**Who does she think she is?**' (Première in France tour in the UK, France & Switzerland to come soon ).

[www.VeronicaChacon.com](http://www.VeronicaChacon.com)

## Jérôme Royet | *piano*

Jérôme is a classical and jazz pianist and composer. He is also an accomplished improviser. He is a choir coach and V&J Ensemble commissioned his first piece 'Winter' in 2011, written in collaboration with the poet and lyricist Marion Turner. They have co-created a major work, 'Four Seasons', but also shorter pieces like 'Last Cigarette at the Café'. Jérôme is currently recording an EP, his next project with the lyricist Chris Sutton: a series of dark, romantic and poetic underground songs.

Verónica & Jérôme co-created Sounds & Shapes Ltd (since 2008), their own company which allows them to unite music & design. They also create and run their own choir, now called V&J Ensemble. They have also been working on a voice & piano programme of French Songs & Jazz Standards for V&J.

[www.VeronicaAndJerome.com](http://www.VeronicaAndJerome.com)

## V&J Ensemble | *our ethos*

Enthusiasm & Trust are keys for anyone to achieve a goal, any goal! With these keys in our sights, we have broadened our pedagogic programme to new directions, fully embracing our work in the music field for more than 20 years. Verónica & Jérôme coaching pedagogy works on engaging many senses in the process of learning. This makes each singer's learning more personal, natural and enjoyable and the overall experience extremely powerful. We are embracing and developing the amazing tools that technology offers in order to provide a musical toolbox for our singers.

V&J Ensemble performs a classical repertoire in French, English and Latin. We are always welcoming newcomers, especially men, who would like to experiment with a professional approach of a classical repertoire, coaching, rehearsals, and performances; those who like to expand their comfort zone and are up to a challenge!

To join us · a sense of pitch & rhythm is essential, as well as curiosity about your own voice and harmony, without forgetting commitment which is the key to quality.

If you are curious or interested, we would like to invite you to 2 FREE TRIALS

**Wednesdays 12 & 19 July 2023,  
6.50 - 8.30pm  
at St Andrew's Church**

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## **MERCI...**

A big thank you for their trust & support to the Parish of Alexandra Park but more especially to Father Andy & Gay, Sarah, our patrons, family & friends.

And **you** for being here...

## **NEWS**

### **SUPPORT VERÓNICA'S CROWDFUNDING | 13 JUNE - 13 JULY 2023**

**I need your help & contribution.** I have launched a crowdfunding campaign to create my **theatrical production,**  
**WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS?**

The first performance will take place in Quimper (France) in August and will then be toured in the UK, Switzerland & France.

For more information and to donate, please visit

[bit.ly/WHODOES\\_crowdfunder](http://bit.ly/WHODOES_crowdfunder)



### **LUNCHTIME CONCERT AT ST ANDREW'S**

**Sat 16 September 2023 · 1pm**  
BEETHOVEN & Louise FARRENC  
**THE REDBOURNE TRIO**

Junko Ishigaki | violin  
Ellen Casey | cello  
Caroline Soresby | piano

*You will be welcomed  
with Prosecco, fruit juices & cake from 12.45pm.  
The music starts at 1pm,  
lasts about 45 minutes with no interval.*

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