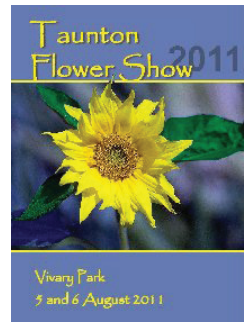




Prom in the Park 2011

News Release

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Some Enchanted Evening

On Sunday 7th August at 8pm Taunton's Vivary Park will be a haven for all music lovers as the Prom in the Park transports you back in time to Some Enchanted Evening...

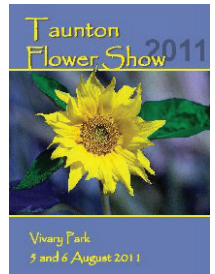
For the third year Taunton Flower Show 2011 is sponsoring the popular Prom in the Park, a spectacular end to the third and final day of this prestigious horticultural and community event.

They have once again invited John Cole, Director of Orchestra West, to present the evening's entertainment. He has chosen songs from the shows, toe tapping classics and a homage to Rogers and Hammerstein. Of course, all of the favourite 'Last Night of the Proms' highlights such as Land of Hope and Glory and Rule Britannia will be included too. Waving a flag is not optional but absolutely expected....

As you have come to expect when John Cole is involved, you will experience a programme that will entertain, delight and seduce you, delivered by Taunton's only fully professional symphony orchestra - Orchestra West as well as the Amici Chamber Choir who have recently received rave reviews for their performance of Bach's Matthew Passion at St Mary Magdalene Church.

The programme will be delivered in the Flower Show's big tent. This means that whatever the weather you will be able to sing along, wave a flag and keep dry. Vivary Park will be open from 6pm, so enjoy the evening and bring a picnic for before the performance. There will also be a bar.

Orchestra West founder and Director John Cole said 'It is such an honour to be involved with Taunton Flower Show and in particular, the Prom in the Park. Planning a programme that suits all age groups can be a challenge but I think I have something in there for everyone, groups of friends or families across the generations. Taunton is very lucky to have its own symphony orchestra and a choir such as Amici and it is a wonderful opportunity to hear them perform together.



Stewarding on the evening will be provided by Taunton Rotary Club. They will be conducting a voluntary collection at the end of the evening in aid of ShelterBox.

Every year hundreds and thousands of families across the world lose everything when disasters strike. Recent images broadcast across the media of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan remind us how vulnerable people are at a time of natural disaster. Through no fault of their own and often with no warning, families lose their homes, their possessions and their livelihoods. ShelterBox's founder saw the humanitarian response in most disasters was in the form of food and medicine. Little or no assistance was being given in terms of safe, secure shelter to help families survive the first days, weeks and months. So ShelterBox was founded to provide emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies for families around the world who are affected by disasters at the time when they need it the most.

Rotarian support currently contributes an estimated 50% of ShelterBox donations. Around 5,000 rotary clubs worldwide have supported ShelterBox since it was launched. There will be a typical ShelterBox on display at the Prom along with further information about the charity.

Tickets are available from Taunton Tourist Information Centre priced at £16.50 each, children under 12 priced at £5.

Tickets are also available to purchase online at www.tauntonflowershow.co.uk when you are purchasing your Flower Show tickets or www.tauntonpromsinthepark.co.uk. All online ticket sales qualify for a 10% discount.

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Notes to Editors

John Cole is available for interview prior to the event, please contact Elizabeth Williams for more details.

Further information and images of the 2010 Prom in the Park, Orchestra West and Amici are available by request from Elizabeth Williams - liz.lizwilliams@gmail.com or 07786 512254.

No dogs are allowed at this event except assistance dogs.