

# SERBIAN MONTH IN GREAT BRITAIN

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary

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# Serbian Month in Great Britain Catalogue

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This catalogue is a special publication to celebrate and commemorate the tenth anniversary of Serbian Month in Great Britain. It not only lists this year full schedule of events, but it also contains information on Serbian organisations in Britain, as well as those working with Serbia, online communities and publications for British Serbs, and finally artists of Serbian origin leaving and working in Britain.

We know that we have only scratched the surface with this publication and we hope to build on it in future years, but the publication shows the richness and diversity of the Serbian community in Britain and the significant contribution it makes to British society.

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over the last ten years.**

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# Ten Years of the Serbian Month in Great Britain

We are very proud of the journey we have been on over the last decade when we look back to the beginning, that first Serbian Week in Great Britain held in Leeds and London in 2008.

What started with a few events in 2008, has grown from year to year to become Serbian Month with over thirty impressive events held in numerous towns around Britain. Over the last decade Serbian Month has taken place in London, Oxford, Cambridge, Reading, Birmingham, Norwich, Halifax, York, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Brighton, Tunbridge Wells, Forest Row, Maidenhead, Leamington Spa, Bedford, Corby, Leicester, Peterborough.

Serbian Month was initiated by three organisations (Serbian Council of Great Britain, Serbian City Club and Serbian Society) and over time it has caught the imagination of over thirty organisations, numerous individuals, and the Serbian government, all of whom joined this celebration of Serbian culture, heritage and its contribution to British society. Now Serbian Month is viewed as the biggest Serbian festival of its kind worldwide. This is a great achievement of the Serbian Diaspora in Britain and is proof of our creativity and our ability to work together for the good of the community.



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**BRITIC is a free magazine. It's produced by Serbs for Serbs, especially those of us living in Britain.**

Like Serbian Month, it's 10 years old and born in Bedford (of all places)!



## Origins

Editors **Aleks Simic** and **Stan Smiljanic** conceived of Britic as a quarterly magazine posted to thousands of Serbs nationwide for free, a popular format which we sustained for several years. With the economy turning sour, the magazine made a smooth transition to an online format just as the rise of the Internet made it mainstream.

## What's on today

Today, thousands read Britic every week to discover opinion, interviews, news from within our community and Serbia, what's on and what the worldwide media is writing about Serb issues.

## Editorial views

We're editorially independent, politically unaligned and financially self-sufficient. We promised readers we would tolerate a variety of views being expressed. A decade later, we imagine our readership must be the most broad-minded of any British newspaper or journal. We hope we've also been forgiven for our occasional April fool's jokes.

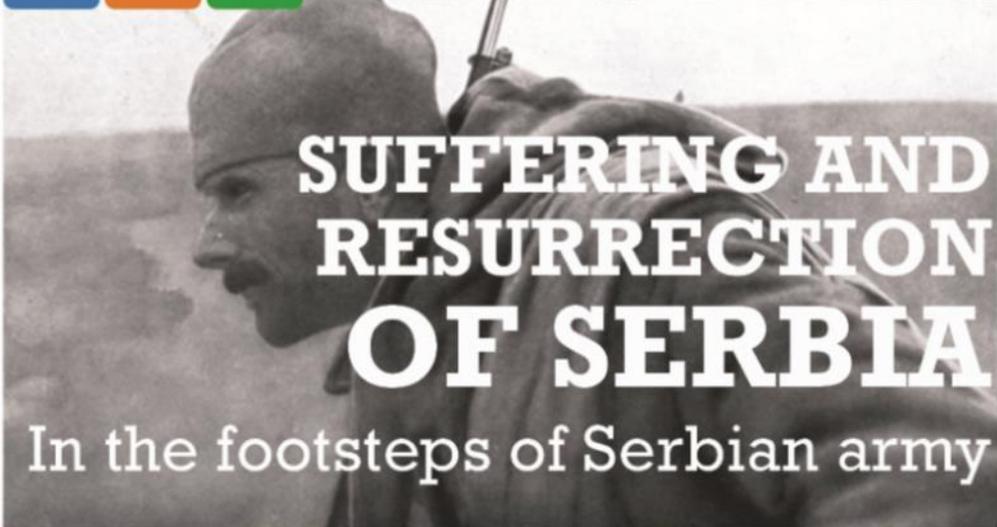
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# Programme

**Friday 26 Jan 2018, 6pm to 8pm**

**Holocaust Memorial Day**

**Jasenovac and Holocaust Memorial Foundation**

Embassy of the Republic of Serbia, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QB

A lecture with an exhibition, followed by a reception

**By invitation only!**

**Saturday 27 Jan 2018**

**11.30 am Wreath laying ceremony at Yalta Memorial**

Kensington and Chelsea, Thurloe Place, London SW7 2SL (opposite of V&A Museum).

**The ceremony is followed by a Parastos at St Sava's Church**

89 Lancaster Road, London W11 1QQ

## St Sava's Celebrations

**Saturday 27 Jan 2018, 3pm to 6pm**

**St Sava's Celebration & Fundraising for Serbian School 'Srpskaonica' in Reading**

Hamilton Road Children's Centre, 135 Bulmershe Road, Reading RG1 5SG

Pupils from 'Srpskaonica' (aged 5-12) will perform a short programme in Serbian, to showcase what they have learned about St. Sava and more generally this year.

The programme will be followed by a Serbian book sale, a raffle with interesting and valuable prizes, a cake sale and there is a creative games corner for children.

Entrance: £10 adults (including two raffle strips) on the door; children free.

For further info: [skola.srpskaonica@gmail.com](mailto:skola.srpskaonica@gmail.com)

**Saturday 27 Jan 2018**

**St Sava's Day Celebration in Halifax**

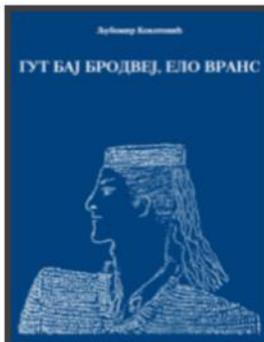
**Serbian Orthodox Church, St John The Baptist in Halifax**

18 Heap Street, Boothtown, Halifax HX3 6JE

**11am Holy Liturgy**

**1pm Programme of St Sava's dances and recitations, with dance group 'Hilandar'**

Free entrance / Contact: 01422 352301



**"Gut baj Brodvej, elo Vrans"** is a book of life-stories of immigrants from Lika to America at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is written in the original dialect of Serbian language of Lika from the time.

More on [gutbajbrodvejelovrans.ecwid.com](http://gutbajbrodvejelovrans.ecwid.com) where the book can be ordered. The book will also be available at the Serbian Fair on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. To reserve a copy contact Djordje Čubrić at [gutbajbrodvejelovrans@yahoo.com](mailto:gutbajbrodvejelovrans@yahoo.com).

# Serbian Orthodox Church St Sava



The Church of St. Sava in London is one of the few Serbian Orthodox churches in Great Britain. It has been part of the Diocese of Great Britain and Scandinavia since 1990 and is led by His Grace, the Right Reverend Bishop Dositej.

The church was built as an Anglican church in 1903. After the Second World War, thanks to the support of both Queen Maria Karadjordjevic and Lady Paget, a great friend of the Serbian people through both world wars, as well as through the love, efforts and donations of the parishioners, the church was purchased and adapted for the divine services of the Serbian Orthodox Church. Bishop Nikolaj (Velimirovic) consecrated the church to celebrate the feast of Vidovdan in 1952. The interior is enhanced by the lovely copies of frescoes seen on the walls of the medieval Serbian monasteries. The iconostasis, engraved in walnut tree, is the work of Cvetan Nikolovski, from Ohrid. The design was completed by Dragomir Tadic, an architect from Belgrade. A deacon Marko Ilic painted the icons and the mosaic of St. Sava at the front of the church is the work of Snezana Jovcic-Oldja from Pancevo.

Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth II and Prince Philip visited the church in July 1957 for the occasion of the baptism of Marija Tatjana, the daughter of Prince Andrija Karadjordjevic. The church was also visited by two Serbian Patriarchs of blessed memory. Patriarch German came to visit in August 1969 while Patriarch Pavle came in September 2002 for the 50 anniversary of the consecration of the church. In addition to the members of the Serbian Royal Family of Karadjordjevic other well known parishioners of the St. Sava church in London have been lawyer and Professor Slobodan Jovanovic, writer Milos Crnjanski, historian Miodrag Purkovic, Professor Miodrag Stajic, writer Nenad Petrovic, diplomat Kosta Pavlovic and Professor Vladeta Jankovic.

In 1962, thanks to the efforts of Dragomir Petrovic-Uca, a Sunday School began within the church community. The children continue to learn the Serbian language, history and Orthodox faith. Also, there is "St. Sava" church choir, "Rastko" folk dance group and women's group by the name of "Kosovka devojka". Adjacent to the church, thanks to the efforts V. Rev. Miloje Nikolic, is the building named Bishop Nikolaj Community Centre that was added in 1972, functioning as the official premises and providing a church hall for the parishioners.

**Saturday 27 Jan 2018, 5.30pm to midnight**

**St Sava's Celebration in Peterborough**

**St Sava's Church Peterborough Board**

Royal British Legion Social Club, 210 Broadway, Yaxley, Peterborough PE7 3NR  
Event hosted by Milisav & Valentina Čumić with family.

Programme will include folk dancing and music with **Folk Dance Group Oplenac** and guests and ensemble **Andjela & Zoran**.

Tickets to include Buffet £10, children free; info@oplenac.co.uk

Facebook: Folklooma Grupa Oplenac - Engleska

**Saturday 27 Jan 2018**

**St Sava's Celebration in Corby**

**Serbian Orthodox Church, St Elijah**

47 Rockingham Road, Corby NN17 1NJ

The blessing of the Church of St Elijah, following the completion of roof repairs, icon refurbishment and installation of new frescoes. After the blessing a banquet will be held in the Church Hall with a cultural programme followed by music and dancing incorporated with a celebration of St Sava.

**Saturday 27 Jan 2018, 6pm (concert 6.30pm)**

**Fundraising Concert at Holmewood House, Tunbridge Wells**

**in aid of the Serbian Language GCSE Level Course**

**Serbian Council of Great Britain**

Holmewood House School, Barrow Lane,  
Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0EB

Concert performed by students and teachers of the Holmewood House School. Donations will be collected at the door or cheques payable to the 'Serbian Council of Great Britain' can be sent to: 11 Fermor Way, Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 3BD or direct payment to the account: Serbian Council Great Britain, Lloyds Bank, sort code 30-94-81, account number 01778337, ref. GCSE School

**Saturday 27 Jan 2018, 7pm**

**St Sava's Celebration**

**Serbian Orthodox Church, London**

89 Lancaster Road, London W11 1QQ

**7pm Evening Service** Bishop Nikolaj Community Centre

**7.30pm An evening of folk music and dancing with KUD Rastko and Folk Dance Group from Kraljevo**

Tickets £10; Info: 020 7727 8367 (Church office) or crkva@spclondon.org

**Sunday 28 Jan 2018**

**Saint Sava's Celebration**

**Serbian Orthodox Church, London**

89 Lancaster Road, London W11 1QQ

**10am St Sava's Day Service - Holy Liturgy**

Bishop Nikolaj Community Centre

**12.30pm St Sava's Academy**

Performance by the St Sava's Church Serbian School and the choir of St Sava.  
Entrance: £5

Info: 020 7727 8367 (Church office) or crkva@spclondon.org

# Around the Globe

## Piano Music Festival

The Around the Globe Piano Music Festival is an annual competition open to Junior and Adult pianists of different levels, both amateur and professional. The popularity and performing standards of this competition have risen considerably due to its unique focus, educational and performing values, including the highly praised adjudicators' written and spoken assessment after each performance. As well as traditional and classical music, the festival offers an exclusive syllabus of piano styles including contemporary and jazz piano within global/regional categories.

The focus of our project is to promote contemporary piano composers from all around the world who are less well-known in the UK. We aim to encourage pianists of all ages to perform a new repertoire, assisting their education and understanding of diverse musical trends.

Our festival is a great platform for emerging artists who can share their music achievements with others and gain performance experience by playing publicly. In addition, the competition winners are given the opportunity to play at the prestigious Markson Concert Series in London.

The piano festival is one of the projects of Around the Globe Music & Arts, which is a charitable company supporting various forms of arts including classical and contemporary musicians as well as other artists. The company is open to innovative minds and all who will support its causes and ideas.

[www.agpianomusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.agpianomusicfestival.co.uk)

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Directors: Marina Petrov & Maya Jordan

**Thursday 1 Feb 2018, 7.30pm**  
**Contemporary Music & the Piano**  
**Fundraising Concert**

**Launch of Around the Globe Music & Arts (non-profit charitable company)**

St Cyprian Church, Glentworth Street, London NW1 6AX (Nearest station Baker St)

Authentic piano music will be performed by **Lola Perrin** and **Vera Milankovic**, including the performance of 'Jewish Suite', work composed by Aleksandar Vujic, played by renowned pianist **Olga Dudnik** and reading by actress **Vesna Stanojevic**. Tickets £20, concession £17. Donations and sponsorship appreciated.

Bookings available via [agpianomusicfestival@gmail.com](mailto:agpianomusicfestival@gmail.com) or buy tickets at the door. Payment can be made to the account:

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**Friday 2 Feb 2018, 1.30pm**

**Lunchtime Concert**

**Nicola Tait, cello and Mina Miletic, piano**

ARC, St John's Walk, Market Street, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AJ

Programme: Vivaldi, Faure, Prokofiev

[www.minamiletic.co.uk](http://www.minamiletic.co.uk)

**Friday 2 Feb 2018, 7pm**

**Book presentation**

**An Introduction to Serbian Performing Arts Education: Critical Insight**  
**by Evangelos Himonides and Vera Milankovic (Authors)**

UCL Institute of Education, Room 938, Core B, Level 9,

20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL

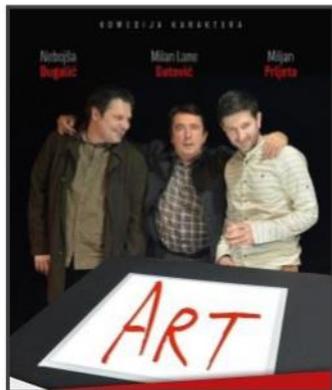
Information about accessing the building: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/contact-us>

**Saturday 3 Feb 2018, 6pm**

**St Sava's Celebration in Bedford**

Scott Hall, Barford Avenue, Bedford MK42 0DS

The blessing of the slava cake to be followed by a folklore programme and music by Bane Cupic.



**Saturday 3 Feb 2018, 8pm**

**Theatre Play 'Art'**

**Nase pozoriste u Londonu**

Watermans Art centre,

40 Brentford High St, London TW8 0DS

Premiere of a new setting of popular drama "Art", presented by production company "Tri za groš" and Belgrade Drama theatre.

Play by French author Yasmine Reze features actors **Milan Gutović**, **Nebojša Dugalić** and **Miljan Prljeta**.

Language Serbian.

Tickets available online or box office 0208 2321010



# Serbian City Club

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## SCC Team

*Miloš Stefanović*  
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*Nataša Kočiš*

**Serbian City Club** is a not-for-profit apolitical organisation established to promote the interests of Serbian professionals in the UK and in Serbia. Our aim is to provide a networking platform for professionals in the City of London and those who have returned to Serbia.

**Serbian City Club** was founded in the late 1990's by a handful of enthusiastic Serbs working in London's financial institutions. Their idea was to bring to life an informal club that would gather young Serbian professionals who live and work in the UK. Since 2004, our membership base has increased steadily and today the Club is close to 2000 strong.

Our members are mainly London-based and work in all walks of professional life as scientists, doctors, bankers, engineers, lecturers, civil servants, etc. in renowned British and global institutions. The typical Club member is characterised by a high level of education and cultural awareness which tied with their linguistic skills ensures their seamless integration into British society. Whilst retaining strong links with their families and friends in Serbia, with a view of transferring their knowledge, skills and experience, they strengthen Serbia's European identity and its key role in the Balkans.

With this in mind, our main project is one of 'circular migration' through which we are enabling Serbian professionals to return to Serbia. We provide professional CV guidance and we aim to match the needs of the employers in Serbia with the potential candidates in our database in the UK and around the world. Finally, we also offer specialised advocacy services on a variety of issues relating to our members.

The Club regularly organises networking events in London and in Belgrade thus enabling continued contact amongst the existing members and an opportunity to welcome new ones.



**Sunday 4 Feb 2018**

**St Sava's Celebration and Concert by vocal ensemble Constantine from Nis, Serbia in Leicester**

Holy Liturgy at St. George's Church

St Sava's celebration programme and concert at Serbian Leicester Chetniks Club  
7-13 Saxby Street, Leicester LE2 0ND

**Tuesday 6 Feb 2018, 7.30 pm**

**Concert by vocal ensemble Constantine (Nis, Serbia) in London**

St Sava's Church

89 Lancaster Road, London W11 1QQ

**Wednesday 7 Feb 2018**

**Serbian City Club event**

More info: [www.serbiancityclub.org](http://www.serbiancityclub.org)

[info@serbiancityclub.org](mailto:info@serbiancityclub.org)

**Thursday 8 Feb 2018, 7pm**

**Concert by vocal ensemble Constantine (Nis) in Corby**

Serbian Orthodox Church & Memorial Hall

47 Rockingham Road, Corby NN17 1AE

**Friday 9 Feb 2018, 7pm**

**7pm An evening with Author Maja Herman Sekulić**

**Association of Serbian Writers and Artists Abroad**

**8pm Concert by harpists from Mokranjac Music School**

**Belgrade: Marija Zoroja, Minja Stojanovic & Marko Brkic**

Embassy of the Republic of Serbia

28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QB

Entrance free, info: [maya.jordan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maya.jordan@yahoo.co.uk)

**Friday 9 Feb 2018**

**Concert by vocal ensemble Constantine (Nis) in Birmingham**

**Serbian Orthodox Church of the Holy Prince Lazar**

92 Griffins Brook Lane, Birmingham B30 1QG





# Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association

The link between Norwich and Novi Sad was set up over 57 years ago. In 1960 Norwich was invited to the Yugoslavian Embassy to agree upon a City with which it could be twinned. This was a Foreign Office initiative and done through Norwich City Council who were represented by the City Clerk and City Engineer. Student exchanges followed in the late 1960, s. Further student visits followed again in the 1970, s.

It was felt that twinning between the two countries would flourish more if an Association, based on friendship, was formed. The Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association was then formed in 1985. The Association initially had some members who had been part of the former British Yugoslav Society.

The Honorary President of the Association is always the Lord Mayor of Norwich. The Association has been very active in providing a programme of talks, outings, concerts, and other events. There have been several successful holidays based in Novi Sad.

Our aim is to promote informal links between people and organisations in Norwich, Norfolk and in Novi Sad and Vojvodina.

Every January there is a concert organised in Norwich, the proceeds of which go to help the Milan Petrovic School for children and young adults with special needs in Novi Sad. The performers for the concert usually come from Novi Sad and the surrounding area.

Like Novi Sad, Norwich has many important Churches; two Cathedrals; University of the Arts; the University of East Anglia; Medical School; Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital and many Museums and Art Galleries. Norwich also has many Theatres such as the Theatre Royal, the Maddermarket Theatre, the Norwich Playhouse and the Puppet Theatre.

In recognition of the friendship links between the two Cities a bridge was constructed over the River Wensum named the "Novi Sad Friendship Bridge".



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The friendship between Coventry and Belgrade goes back since 1952, but official twinning started in 1957, after Belgrade donated a gift of timber to be used for construction in Coventry of the first civic theatre in Britain after the war. The theatre opened the following year and was named the Belgrade Theatre. The early years of twinning were very productive with many cultural, socioeconomic and official events and visits. Unfortunately, over time links have dwindle and became virtually non-existent. For the last 15 years, Slavica Stojšavljević has worked tirelessly to revive the links with many civic exchange visits, cultural events: concerts, exhibitions, workshops, book promotions, festival participations, such as *Joy of Europe* in Belgrade and the *Godiva Sisters*, *Positive Images* and a *Peace Festival* in Coventry. Slavica, as an community member of the Godiva Trust, regularly visits Coventry schools to teach children about life in Belgrade and through Princess Milica's legacy shares Serbian history and heritage amongst the Coventry citizens and wider.



A Coventry delegation, led by Lord Mayor, Councillor Tony Skipper visited Belgrade last October to celebrate 60 years since the two cities were twinned. Slavica Stojšavljević, resident of Coventry who is originally from Belgrade, organised the trip as part of her ongoing campaign to promote the links between the two cities and Serbian culture.

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## Saturday 10 Feb

### Birmingham Open Day

#### *Serbian Orthodox Church of the Holy Prince Lazar*

92 Griffins Brook Lane, Birmingham B30 1QG

3.30 Church open for visitors

4.30 **Academy** to include choir, folk dance group, film about Serbia and a lecture on Independence Day 15<sup>th</sup> Feb followed by Reception with traditional Serbian food.

6.30 **Concert by vocal ensemble Constantine from Nis, Serbia**

lazaricachurch@gmail.com; [www.lazarica.co.uk](http://www.lazarica.co.uk)

## Thursday 15 Feb, 8pm

### **HILT** by Mil Vukovic Smart

The Place, 17 Duke's Road, London WC1H 9PY

A dance theatre directed and choreographed by Milica (Mil) Vukovic Smart, presented in a triple bill as part of Resolution 2018, the UK's biggest festival for new dance. Inspired by the Mad Scene from the ballet Giselle, HILT is a surreal mix of ballet, contemporary dance and everyday gestures exploring lies, loss and betrayal.

Tickets £16/£12; Box Office and info: 0207 121 1100, [www.theplace.org.uk](http://www.theplace.org.uk)

## Saturday 17 Feb, from 7pm

### **Belgrade Party (Beogradska zurka)**

Paya & Horse Pub, 181 Battersea Park Rd, London SW11 4LB

In memory of old pals:

**Gordana Miller, Miki Stoilkovic, Pale Brozicevic**



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An 'Open Mic' evening dedicated to the leading members of the Serbian Society that were pioneers of cultural life of the Serbian Community in UK. Entrance free; Contact: [maya.jordan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maya.jordan@yahoo.co.uk), 07984857355

## Saturday 17 Feb, 6pm to midnight

### **Folklore Ensemble St Eliah Fundraising event**

Beanfield Centre, Beanfield Avenue, Corby NN18 0AX

Event is organised by parents to include performance by Folklore Ensemble St Eliah and guests, followed by music programme, buffet and an open bar.

Tickets: adults (16+) £5, children (under 16) free



# Circle of Serbian Sisters

## Kosovo Maiden

The **Circle of Serbian Sisters** in London was founded in 1963, and since 1984 has carried the name 'Kosovo Maiden'.

The Circle of Serbian Sisters works with dedication and selfless nobility to fulfil its mission inspired by benevolence and selfless giving. We work relentlessly and diligently to encourage the good in people. Through our charitable work, over the last fifty years, we have raised significant funds, for various worthwhile causes – our people in Serbia, the Republika Srpska, Kosovo and Metohija, our children, the old and helpless, also our Church, our Church school, our folklore group 'Rastko' as well as the people of our Diocese.

Guided by respect for our national traditions, our language, our customs, our national identity, we have spread our orthodox faith and spirit among the population through support for other churches and monasteries, especially the Saint Sava Cathedral, Vracar where the name of our Circle is carved on the endowment plaque.

The Circle now has about seventy members, most of whom are elderly retired ladies. We would like to encourage younger ladies to join and continue with this worthwhile charitable work.

The Circle of Serbian Sisters is keen to build 'bridges' with other Serbian organisations and societies to work together on shared initiatives for the benefit of the Serbian people. This will enable us to attract new and younger members. This joint cooperation would do much to promote all our organisations and societies through sharing experiences. This would do much to safeguard our traditions and address the strategic issues facing our community in the UK.

For further information contact us and write to [kss@splondon.org](mailto:kss@splondon.org).

**Sunday 18 Feb, from 11.30am**

**Bake Sale**

***The Circle of Serbian Sisters "Kosovo Maiden"***

Bishop Nikolaj Community Centre, 89 Lancaster Road, London W11 1QQ

The Circle of Serbian Sisters "Kosovo Maiden" invites you to make and/or purchase cakes, sweet and salty surprises in traditional Serbian style to help them to continue their charity work.

For more information, please contact [kss@spclondon.org](mailto:kss@spclondon.org).

**Thursday 22 Feb 2018, 7pm**

**Balkan Artist Marko Ilic, in Conversation with Ana Russell-Omaljev**

***CoBA***

Embassy of the Republic of Serbia, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QB

Contemporary Balkan Art continues 'Conversations' series that already welcomed artists Zolt Kovac and Petar Mirkovic, photographer Jovana Mladenovic, and professors of Performance Marry Richards and Duska Radosavljevic.

This February Ana Russell-Omaljev, PhD, Creative Director of CoBA, will talk with **Marko Ilic**, PhD, Leverhulme Early Career Fellow at UCL SSEES. Marko holds BA in Art History from the University of Cambridge (2011) and a MA (2012) and PhD(2016) from The Courtauld Institute of Art. They will touch upon Yugoslavia's alternative art production between 1968-1989 and its (dis-) continuities with post-Yugoslav art space.

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We work to bring together as many people from the Western Balkans and other local communities as we can in order to encourage their physical activity in the UK, particularly in London. The plan is to offer an extensive sports programme.



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# Obradovic

## PHOTOGRAPHY



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'Britic is the leading community online magazine for Serbs living in Britain. Without doubt, Nenad is our leading and indeed official photographer. He has attended some hundred events which mark the important cultural steps in the life our community since 2011 and each time produced photos of the highest quality. This output is usually produced within a matter of hours. Scenarios range from completely unrehearsed events where Nenad acts as a discrete and shrewd observer capturing both mood and moment to more visually structured events where his work builds up a narrative with every captivating cadence.

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Stan Smiljanic, Editor-in-chief, Britic

Serbian born photographer **Nenad Obradovic** is based in Notting Hill, London.

His passion for photography started at the end of the secondary school when he got his first digital camera. Although he loved to snap pretty much everything around, portraits were always something that stood out and he enjoyed the most.

Since opening first photographic studio and shop in 2001 in Serbia, Nenad's growing successful business gave him a good reputation. After moving to UK in 2007 Nenad continued as a freelance photographer covering numerous events such as presidential and royal visits, diplomatic events, high religious events, gala dinners, corporate events, concerts, theatre plays and festivals.

Nenad's photos have been featured on numerous websites such as Songlines, BBC, Daily Post, Wales Online, Metro, Radio Television Serbia, Blic, Serbian Royal family website, Belgrade Philharmonic Orchestra etc. etc.



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## Serbian Council of Great Britain Српски савет Велике Британије

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The Serbian Council of Great Britain (SCGB) was founded in 2004 as an independent, not-for-profit and non-political organisation to promote the interests of the Serbian community in Great Britain. We aim to do this by:

- co-operating with other Serbian diaspora organisations in Great Britain and worldwide
- assisting members of the Serbian community to maintain and develop ties with Serbia and other territories with Serbian historical and cultural heritage
- promoting good relations between the Serbian community and wider British society
- raising awareness of Serbian culture, history and heritage within the Serbian community and amongst the wider British public representing and promoting the interests of the Serbian community in Britain to governmental and non-governmental organisations in Serbia and in Great Britain

We have focused our efforts on projects which deliver these aims and objectives.

### The Round Table

We have played a significant role in establishing and maintaining The Round Table which encourages cooperation between Serbian community organisations within Britain and provides a forum for priorities for the Serbian community to be discussed and taken forward.

### Serbian GCSE Level course



*Actor Branislav Lecic  
with teachers  
Mirjana Lazic and Dobrila Kostic*

Table Working Group on the Serbian Language and have managed the design and delivery of the Working Group's Serbian GCSE Level course.

### Serbian Month in Great Britain

Finally, in collaboration with the Serbian Society and Serbian City Club we initiated Serbian Month, which has grown into the largest festival of Serbian culture in the Serbian Diaspora and whose Tenth Anniversary is being celebrated in 2018.

We have also promoted the teaching and learning of Serbian and standardisation of the way it is taught in the Serbian diaspora in Britain and world-wide and campaigned for the introduction of a recognised qualification at GCSE level. We have done this in collaboration with other organisations and individuals on the Round



*Footballer Nemanja Matic  
with GCSE student*

**Friday 23 Feb 2018, 6.30 pm**

**Serbian Council of Great Britain**

Serbian Club, Bishop Nikolaj Community Centre; 89 Lancaster Rd, London W11 1QQ

**6.30 pm Serbian Council AGM**; All welcome!

**Serbian Council of Great Britain and St Sava's Parish Church**

**7.30 pm The book launch of Death's Sting: Duplicity and Deceit in the Balkans by Ewen Southby-Tailyour followed by refreshments**

Entrance free; Info: [info@serbiancouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@serbiancouncil.org.uk)

**Saturday 24 February, 1pm to 4pm**

**Fifth Mini Book Fair**

**The Serbian Library in London, in cooperation with Istros-Books Publishers and Pro Art & Co**

598 Fulham Road, London SW6 5NX

The Big Hall on the first floor of Fulham Library

Entrance free and donations welcome.

The Mini Book Fair promotes Serbian authors, translations and publishers interested in Serbian literature. The programme includes presentations of new books and talks with the authors and publishers and discounted sales of the books.

Our guest publishers are **Suzan Curtis Kojaković** talking about Istros Books three Serbian translations into English and **Marat Akhmedjanov** from Hertfordshire Publishing whose main interest is Central Asia and the Caspian region. The guest author is **John Zametica**, historian, with his book *Folly and Malice* about WWI and the role of Serbia, which will be presented by **Marko Gašić**, historian, interviewed by the **Cultural Collective**. Participating authors are well known to our public, **Sonja Besford**, **Svetlana Meiehofer** and **Olga Gaković** with their new books, also **Lidija Markovic**, Inspirational speaker and **Master Coach**, Author: *Gaining While Losing - The Gentle Art of Transformation*. We shall also present the new Literary Competition for 2018 and the new Selection Committee led by **Nikola Čobić**.



**Saturday 24 Feb 2018, 7.30pm**

**An Evening of Serbian, Armenian and Bulgarian Classical Music**

St James's Piccadilly Church

197 Piccadilly, London W1J 9LL

**Nataša Šarčević - piano**

**Madlen Stokić-Vasiljević - violin**

**Tatevik Khachatryan - violin**

**Joseph Spooner - cello**

We are delighted to present the second concert of the "An Evening of Armenian, Serbian and Bulgarian Classical Music" International Concert Series. Following the success of the inaugural concert held at St James's in February 2017, further performances have taken place in Italy, Spain and Serbia. Join us for a new and exciting program of warm, soulful and deeply passionate music, with works by Vladigerov, Božić, Babajanian and Žebeljan, including the rarely heard but intense and beautiful Babajanian Piano Trio.

Tickets: £15 available at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-of-amenian-serbian-and-bulgarian-classical-music-tickets-40784483488>

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# The Association of Serbian Writers and Artists Abroad (ASWA)

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Formed by: Slobodan Jovanović, London, 1951

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Throughout its 67 years of existence, ASWA has organised numerous seminars and lectures by invited Serbian writers. ASWA has published five books in translation from Serbian into English and has assisted in promoting works published by Serbian writers abroad. Our published members are also willing to read and advise on manuscripts by Serbian writers living outside Serbia and on their potential publishers.



**Sonja Besford** was born in Belgrade. She has thirteen books published and lives in London.  
e-mail: [sonja@debeli.co.uk](mailto:sonja@debeli.co.uk)



**Vesna Goldsworthy**, British-Serbian novelist and professor at the universities of Exeter and East Anglia, is publishing a new novel with Chatto & Windus on 22 February 2018. Entitled *Monsieur Ka* and set in 1947, it tells a story of post-WW2 exiles in London. Unusually, the world premiere of this novel will be in Serbian. Geopoetika has published it on 21. December 2017.



Vesna Goldsworthy's *Private Passions* on BBC Radio Three has been enormously popular with British audiences in 2017 and is still available on BBC IPlayer. (Links below)

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**Nikola Cobic** was born in Belgrade (Serbia), but for quite a long time he has been living and working in London (UK). He is a writer of poetry and short stories, and until recently the editor of UK based poetry magazine *The Wolf*. His work has been awarded a number of poetry prizes in Serbia, United Kingdom, France and Germany. Nikola writes in Serbian, but translates his work into English. His works are being published in numerous anthologies and periodicals.

# Serbian Artists in UK

## Drama



Maya Barcot

Maya Barcot is a bi-lingual (Serbian-British) actress based in London. Maya trained at LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts) and since graduating she has worked extensively in Theatre and TV in the UK and has also performed in Serbian theatre. Maya has completed Shakespearean workshops with Cicely Berry at the Royal Shakespeare Company and has a good knowledge of performing classical Shakespearean text. She is also a workshop leader and an acting teacher. Theatres Maya has worked in include: The Royal Shakespeare Company, The Arcola Theatre, The Print Room, Battersea Arts Centre, Wilton's Music Hall, Hull Truck, Nuffield Theatre Southampton and Vuk

Karadžić Theatre in Belgrade. Television credits include: BBC TV (*Happy Valley*, *Doctors*), Sky TV (*Critical*, *Fortitude*), ITV (*Emmerdale*). Film credits include: *In The Cloud* (2018). Radio credits include: BBC Radio 4 (*The Archers*, *Wives and Daughters*).



Maria Pavlovich  
Allport

Maria Pavlovich Allport studied at Westminster University with a major in film production before completing drama training at The Drama Studio London. She was involved in British film and TV productions behind and in front of the camera, including a support character in *The Bill*, the drama *Lady Audley's secret* and *James Bond*. As a member of the children's Drama Group Radio and TV Belgrade she was in a popular series *Bolji Zivot* (*Better Life*).

Maria has been regularly invited to read poetry and prose in both Serbian and English at book promotions including events at the Serbian Embassy in London, Serbian Library as well as working closely with Vesna Petkovic (Pro Art & Co) and pianist Maya Jordan. Maria is also a voice over artist.



Vesna Stanojevic

Vesna Stanojevic, an actress professionally trained in the Stanislavski Acting Method at The Belgrade University of Dramatic Arts and in the Acting Technique of Étienne Decroux in London. Her professional acting career began in Belgrade (ex-Yugoslavia) in 1986 and it encompasses many leading roles. In feature films: *The Last Lap in Monza*, *Three Tickets for Hollywood*, *The Night is Dark*, *Absolute Hearing*, *Hotel Belgrade*, *Put Ruzama Posut*. TV series: *Home Sweet Home*, *The Ship Sails to Shanghai*, *The Minister's Wife*, *Cvat Lipe na Balkanu*, *Greh Njene Majke*, *Samac u Braku*. Stage: *House of Bernarda Alba*, *The Portrait of Dorian Grey*, *Spring Awakening*, *Ivanov*, *Macbeth*, *Mask*...Musicals: *Hair*, *Nick Cave*,

*Ruby*. In 2017/18 she appeared in feature film *The Return*, BBC TV series *The League of Gentlemen*, ITV TV series *Clean Brake*. Vesna is a Senior Lecturer in Acting at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in London.

## Music



Viktor Bijelovic is a Serbian born pianist and teacher, living and working in the UK. A graduate of The Purcell School of Music and later The Royal Academy of Music in London (for both the Undergraduate and Master's Degrees), he has travelled extensively, enjoying learning about different cultures whilst sharing his love of music with audiences and students. Both as a soloist and chamber musician, he has performed in many

countries, including in front of HRH Prince Charles twice. Viktor has a busy teaching practise, split between Oxford and London. He has recorded several CDs and to find out more, please refer to his website: [www.viktorbijelovic.com](http://www.viktorbijelovic.com)

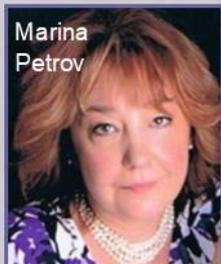


Pianist Maya Jordan MA, has performed throughout the former Yugoslavia, Italy, Cyprus, France, Germany and England and recorded for various Radio and TV programmes. Her performing career has been extended through her interest in bringing music and artists of different countries together. Maya has been co-founder of the project 'Sounds of the Balkans' and Artistic Director of numerous events and projects, promoting Serbian culture and encouraging artists of different origins to work together. At present Maya is a Secretary of The Serbian Council of Great Britain and has been involved in numerous charity projects in aid of Serbian people and children. She is also a co-founder / Director of the Around the Globe Piano Music

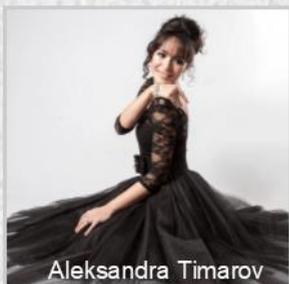
Festival and Programme Director of the Serbian Month in Great Britain.



Prize-winner of many awards, Mina Miletic established her career regularly appearing in recital, as a chamber musician and concerto soloist in concert halls across Europe, Asia and the USA. She completed a PhD on 'Interpretation of Impressionistic Piano Music' and is regularly engaged as an adjudicator for festivals and competitions. Mina is passionate about education and learning and she currently teaches piano at Eton College and Harrow School. Further details may be found on her web-site: [www.minamiletic.co.uk](http://www.minamiletic.co.uk)



Marina Petrov is award winning classical pianist, piano pedagogue, lecturer and writer. She has contributed articles on pianism to renowned British music journals and magazines as well as holding seminars, masterclasses and workshops on related subjects at various universities and music colleges in London and Cork. Since the age of eight, she has performed many piano recitals and ensembles in major concert halls in the capital cities including other regions of former Yugoslavia, Ukraine, Russia and UK. The versatile Mrs Petrov has also produced numerous concert productions including *Around the Globe Piano Music Festival* that has been running in London since 2014, and is Managing Director of Around the Globe Music & Arts. Marina's talents are renowned in the British press including The Times and she is listed in International *Who's Who in Music* since 1992.



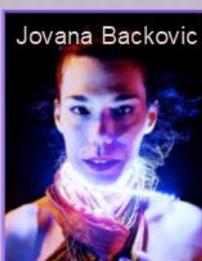
Aleksandra Timarov graduated in piano performance (Bachelor and Masters degree) from the University of Arts in Belgrade, Serbia. Aleksandra also has a post-masters qualification 'diplome de virtuosité' from Geneva. Aleksandra has won many top prizes in numerous piano competitions in Serbia, Italy and France. She has performed in Serbia, Germany, Italy, France, Switzerland and England as a soloist and with orchestras. Her concerts were transmitted live on the Radio Suisse Romande. Aleksandra has also a passion for teaching. She implements a broad foundation of music history and theory in her lessons. Her teaching methods are playful, energized, inventive and appealing to children of different ages.



Classical pianist Nataša Šarčević, instrumental professor at the London College of Music, University of West London is active on the international music scene performing in Germany, Austria, Holland, Portugal, Spain, Russia, Brazil, the UK, Latvia, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, and Italy. She regularly performs at the leading venues in the UK, including the Wigmore Hall, St. John's Smith Square, St. Martin's in the Fields, St. James's Piccadilly and the Barber Institute of Fine Arts, to mention a few. In February 2017 she founded the International Concert Series "An Evening of Armenian, Serbian and Bulgarian Classical Music" promoting the Eastern European cultural heritage and music of 20th century and contemporary composers. Concerts with this repertoire have taken place in London, Italy, Serbia and Spain.



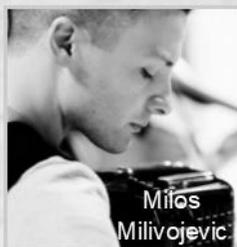
Soprano Silva Vuckovic McQueen has toured throughout Europe with *Die Münchener Operabühne*, and is a regular soloist with the Victorian and Edwardian group *The Bold Balladiers*, with whom she performs extensively throughout the UK. Other engagements have included solo soprano in Mozart's Requiem Mass, Mozart's Coronation Mass, Villa Lobos's *Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5* and Haydn's *Pauken Messe*, as well as solo recitals at St. Martin in the Fields, St. James's Piccadilly, St. Paul's Church in London, SANU, Guamerius in Belgrade, NIMUS Festival in Nis and the Serbian Cultural Centre in Paris. She also enjoys performing with Philharmonia Chorus - which she joined in 2011.



Jovana Backovic is a Serbian - born composer and vocalist whose work primarily centres on exploration and reinterpretation of ethnic music traditions of the Balkans. With her project *Arhai* she has performed widely across Balkans and the U.K. She has two releases under name *Arhai*, with third currently in preparation. Jovana also composes music for feature and documentary movies and her current interest lies within the field of electro-acoustic music and live improvisational performance – exploring the process of the creation and development of individual music identity through improvisation and the use of technology. Jovana completed her PhD thesis at the University of East Anglia 2014, with the subject '*Between Two Words: Approaching Balkan oral tradition through the use of technology as compositional and performance medium*'.

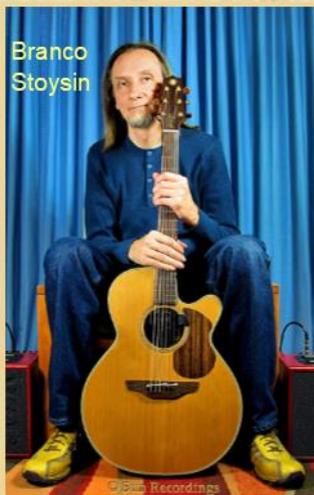


Zivorad Nikolic is a London based accordionist and a graduate from Royal Academy of Music. He has performed all around the globe and is a member of Fugata Quintet, Balkan group Paprika, AccordDuo and the best Klezmer and award winning ensemble She'koyokh. Zivorad has recorded on the albums of several artists including David Gomez, Aiden Love & Forty Thieves Orchestra, Marti Pellow and featured on Channel 4's *How Music Works* and in a live performance for the BBC Radio 2 programme, *Friday Night Is Music Night*. He has also recorded soundtracks for films and some of the most recent collaborations are with Anne Nikitin and Michael Chanyi- Wills. [www.zivoradnikolic.com/](http://www.zivoradnikolic.com/)



Accordionist Milos Milivojevic from Kragujevac, Serbia was awarded full scholarships from the Royal Academy of Music for Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Master Degree studies. In 2014 he was elected an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music ARAM for his contribution to the music. As a result of Miloš's diverse musical interest he is actively performing as a soloist and as a member of eminent opera companies and leading ensembles around UK. Milos is playing classical music as well as tango and Balkan music. [www.milosmilivojevic.com](http://www.milosmilivojevic.com)

Branco Stoysin



Branco Stoysin  
guitarist/composer/tutor/photographer and the rest;

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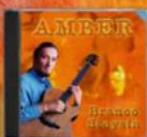
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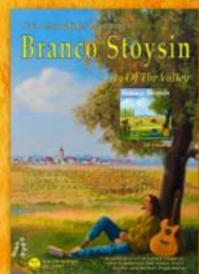
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Rastko Rašić is a Serbian born London based drummer and percussionist. He is a graduate of Berklee College of Music, USA. He has performed and recorded with groups, such as Balkanatics, Forty Thieves Orkestar, Round Coloured Note, Damian Draghici, Theodossii Spassov, Arun Ghosh and Polly Paulusma. Rastko is a founding member of the group Paprika. His live performances have included BBC Radio 3, Glastonbury Festival, The South Bank Centre, The Barbican, Ronnie Scotts and has appeared with The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at Cadogan Hall. He maintains a busy schedule as an educator.



Bratislava Barac Djukić graduated from the Faculty of Music in Belgrade majoring in conducting in the class of Professor Darinka Matić Marović. She studied music pedagogy at Trinity College in London. She has been a successful leader and conductor of many Serbian and English choirs including “Holy Prophet Elijah”, “All Saints” and “Saint Simeon the Outpourer of Myrrh” in Serbia and the choir “Saint Sava” in London. In 2003 Bratislava received the prestigious Best Conductor Award at the annual competition of Serbian choirs. With the blessing of his Grace Bishop Stefan of Zicha of blessed repose, Bratislava and her sister Olivera Sekulić Barac recorded “Eight Tones” (the Octoechoes) written down by the famous Serbian composer Stevan Mokranjac.

## Visual Art



Vlastimir Zeric from Krusevac is a Serbian jeweller, designer and sculptor based in London. He works with precious metals, silver and gold, joining past and present time, people, customs and different cultures. Vlastimir’s work is inspired by women and their beauty. He is also a passionate dancer of tango, salsa and waltz.

More details: [www.facebook.com/vlado.batica](http://www.facebook.com/vlado.batica)

*Work by Vlastimir Zeric (Sterling silver dress)*

## Dance



Milica (Mil) Vukovic Smart is a London-based dance and performance artist, writer and choreographer, trained in ballet, contemporary and improvisation techniques. Born in Novi Sad, Serbia, Milica holds a BA in Philosophy from Belgrade University, an MA in Modern European Philosophy from Middlesex University, and an MRes in Choreography and Performance (with distinction) from Roehampton University. From September 2018 Milica is a PhD candidate in spatial design at Chelsea College of Arts. Milica’s practice is focused on developing theatre-based and site-specific works that create a mood at the

intersection of dance, performance and visual art and her latest work will be presented at Resolution 2018, the UK’s biggest festival for new dance. More info: Twitter @milvukovic Vimeo @milvukovicsmart



# Folklore Ensemble 'St. Eliah' Corby



The folklore ensemble 'St. Eliah' Corby gathers all those who are interested in nurturing Serbian customs and traditions, therefore enabling the development of creativity in the field of art and culture.

Over the years we have performed in many towns here in England, including Serbian events as well as taking part in charity and competition events here in Corby. Also our groups have performed in Disneyland Paris and in Thessaloniki Greece where they had a great and unforgettable experience.

**Anyone interested, of any age is welcome to join us.**

We also opened a web page with Local Giving for gift aid donations to our organisation  
[www.localgiving.com/serbiandance](http://www.localgiving.com/serbiandance)



[www.hospicesofhope.co.uk](http://www.hospicesofhope.co.uk)  
[www.belhospice.org](http://www.belhospice.org)

**Hospices of Hope** is a UK based charity that has been supporting its Serbian partner, **BELhospice**, since 2006 to develop palliative care services for terminally ill patients and their families. Currently, BELhospice cares for patients and families in their own homes. Doctors and nurses, together with a psychologist, social worker and chaplain provide medical and holistic support to 300 patients each year. However, Belgrade is one of the few European capitals that still has no specialist hospice in-patient facility, where patients can come for respite or to have their pain and other symptoms controlled. BELhospice has recently acquired a building in Belgrade that will be developed for this purpose. The first stage will be to open a day care centre and out-patient clinic, followed by a 12 bed in-patient unit.

Hospices of Hope is currently raising funds for the building works necessary, which will cost 1 million euro. Half of this sum has already been raised.

**Graham Perolls**, who founded the charity said :

*"We rely a lot on the Serbian expatriate community to help us. Many have had experiences of loved ones dying back home in Serbia and receiving inadequate care at the end of life. BELhospice is pioneering this type of care and our mission is to ensure that every terminally ill patient in Serbia has the right to dignity in the advanced stages of their illness".*

## There are many ways to help

**Hospices of Hope** holds a number of fundraising events throughout the year in the UK and details can be found on their website:

[www.hospicesofhope.co.uk](http://www.hospicesofhope.co.uk).



**BELhospice** ([www.belhospice.org](http://www.belhospice.org)) also runs a range of fundraising events in Belgrade, including their very successful charity Ball each November. They also have the biggest team in the Belgrade marathon, which usually takes place in April. Both Hospices of Hope and BELhospice are always pleased to hear from anyone who feels they can help establish the first hospice in-patient unit in Serbia.

### Further information

Email: [graham@hospicesofhope.co.uk](mailto:graham@hospicesofhope.co.uk) or [vera.madzgalj@belhospice.org](mailto:vera.madzgalj@belhospice.org)

Pro Art was established 25 years ago and registered as a non-profit organisation on the 18th October 2004. Pro Art is working in the field of multidisciplinary education, innovation and development of informal, non-formal and multicultural learning (e.g. about joint European heritage and other subjects: basic ICT for adults and young people, digital technology and Social Media, basic foreign languages, environment, history, science....) through the engagement of institutions, museums, libraries, theatres and other establishments. We cooperate with schools, academies, adult and higher education, local authorities and governments. One of our activities is to increase competence and proactive engagement in active citizenship, to promote gender equality and social inclusion through different approaches and collaboration with partners from the UK and other European countries. We organise exhibitions, music events, talks, conferences and seminars, study travels and we run Pro Art Club for members to enjoy friendship and memorable events. Pro Art is involved in EU projects since 2006 but we also work with other countries: Euro-Asia, Asia, Africa, America  
 If you wish to learn more about Pro art and its activities please contact us.



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# Fine Art Escape



**Fine Art Escape** is ready to help you break free from your daily routine, to venture visually as far as some of Europe's most enchanting shorelines, experience the joys of strolling along peaceful harbours, and revel in sunsets that glow achingly on buildings whose fabric speaks of years of extraordinary history.

We bring you beautiful pieces from artists who live and work in the former Yugoslavia. They are passionate about evoking the fabulous coastline and resorts of Croatia, the excitement of cosmopolitan Belgrade with its city bustle and glorious riverside panoramas, and the dynamism and soul of cities from London to Venice.

We host regular events that include classical art and music evenings and art parties, and as well as an escape into our world of art, our members benefit from the privilege of enjoying complimentary and VIP tickets to some of the most prestigious art events in the UK, including the 20|21 International Art Fair in London, the Cambridge Art Fair, the Buy Art Fair in Manchester.

You can view the artists' portfolios and stories on [www.FineArtEscape.com](http://www.FineArtEscape.com).

Come and see the work close up at one of our art events, or contact us to arrange a leisurely viewing at your home or at our Cambridge base. We invite you to indulge in exhilarating escapism through the finest art!



# EXER PARTY

For 14 years so far, EXER Party is considered to be the most popular party in London for people from the Balkans. It is a great opportunity for the Balkan people (and for people from all over) to have fun and enjoy some of the best sounds from the region. EXER Party is famous for playing very diverse musical styles, as there is always something for everyone's taste. From familiar pop and rock music, through dance, to famous trumpet and modern folk music. The only condition is that it's upbeat.

EXER Party has, during all these years, changed its location several times. Amongst those were some of the most elite locations in central London. Currently, EXER Party takes place at Blag Club in Kensington. It always attracts a large number of guests, and the parties are famous for the uniquely lively and uplifting atmosphere and very friendly people. A real treat, Balkan style.

Apart from the famous parties, EXER Events also organise a number of events connected to the Serbian Diaspora. These include live concerts, art exhibitions, literary evenings and poetry readings. But most people remember EXER Events for recent and very memorable concerts of Serbian bands Riblja Corba and Bajaga & Instruktori.

**So, while we wait for upcoming EXER parties, gigs and events, we would like to say to you all**

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okuplja sve Srbe koji zive u Engleskoj (UK) na jednom mestu, a mogu se pridruziti i oni koji ne zive u istoj ali imaju rodbinu i prijatelje. Koliko nas ima Balkanskih Engleza?

## [Orthodox Provocateur](#)

Orthodox Provocateur is a new online video blog by British-Serb LGBTQ+ activist, Nik Jovčić-Sas. The project looks to explore the struggle for queer and trans rights across the Balkans and Eastern Europe, focussing on the role of the Eastern Orthodox Christianity.

When asked about the aim of the project, Nik said: *"As a young person it was very hard trying to square my sexuality with my Serbian Orthodox faith - it made me feel like I had to choose between my culture and who I was. My hope with this channel is to make something that is both informative, and easily accessible, to help those who might be struggling and to show that you can be Orthodox and LGBTQ+, and that there is some amazing progress being made."*

## [Serbian Musicians in the UK](#)

### [Mame u UK](#)

Grupa Mame u UK je kreirana sa ciljem da okuplja mame, buduće mame (trudnice), bake, koje zive u UK ili uskoro imaju u planu da se dosele ovde, a poreklom su iz ex-YU republika.

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grupa je napravljena da bi se družili, culi i pricali sa Suboticanima iz UK!

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# The Serbian Society



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## **Contact**

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The Serbian Society is a charitable organisation based in Hammersmith and Fulham, established at a public meeting on 4 December 1994 and formally constituted and registered for the first time in Great Britain at the first Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 21 September 1995.

The aims of the Society are improved communications and cooperation of the Serbian community with local and other organisations throughout the United Kingdom. The Society promotes Serbian culture and the arts, language and education, and during 2017, organised a photographic exhibition, literary events, concert, various Serbian gourmet events, as well as a regular chess club (Saturdays 5 - 8pm), and a Serbian language school "Serbian for Foreigners" - initially set up to answer the growing need for practical Serbian language courses (at all levels) and to introduce students to Serbian culture, tradition and customs.

One of our main duties continues to be the improvement and wellbeing of the lives of our members, in accordance with local authority and general funding requirements, in continued cooperation with other organisations.

The Society publicises event information and details of its all activities both directly to members and at its AGM, as well as through advertising. All Management Committee members work on a voluntary basis.

**Sunday 25 Feb 2018, 12 noon**

**Memorial service for Women in foreign medical missions**

St Sava's Church London, 89 Lancaster Rd, London W11 1QQ

**12.30 to 2.30pm Talk, exhibition and canapé**, Bishop Nikolaj Community Centre  
The event is supported by Serbian organizations - Serbian Council of Great Britain, Circle of Serbian Sisters *Kosovka Devojka*, Serbian Society, Serbian City Club, Britic and the Embassy of Republic of Serbia.

Entrance is free.



Fourth annual **Memorial service for Women in foreign medical missions** who risked and sacrificed their lives in Serbia and on the related fronts during the Great War. One of these courageous women was Dr Katherine MacPhail.

Katherine and her sister Isabel, both graduated at Glasgow University, offered their services to the Scottish Women's Hospitals when the war broke out. Together with Dr Inglis they were in Serbia during the typhus epidemic. After the war Katherine stayed in Serbia and founded English-Serbian Children's Hospital in Sremska Kamenica for children who suffered from tuberculosis.

Apart from initiating this annual memorial event in honour of Lady Paget and other brave women in foreign medical missions in Serbia during the Great War, **Zvezdana Popovic** has organized several exhibitions and talks on this topic in Embassy of Republic of Serbia and Bishop Nikolaj Community Centre, Kensington and Chelsea Libraries, Coventry and Edinburgh.

For further information contact Zvezdana Popovic at [zvezdana15@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:zvezdana15@hotmail.co.uk)

**Wednesday 28 Feb 2018, 7.30pm**

**Artography by Svetislav Savic (exhibition and talk). Guest: Nenad Obradovic**  
**Serbian Society**

St Sava's Church Club, 89 Lancaster Road, London W11 1QQ

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**BRITISH - SERBIAN**  
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[www.britserbcham.eu](http://www.britserbcham.eu)

The principal goal of the British-Serbian Chamber of Commerce is to be a forum for businesses and individuals wishing to engage in trade, investment, real estate development, tourism, transport and other economic activities between the United Kingdom and Republic of Serbia.

The BSCC is a non-political and non-governmental association run by and for its members and its mission is to act as a magnet and a generator of new opportunities for British and Serbian companies showing an interest in doing business with each other.

If you wish to become a member, please contact  
[avram@britserbcham.eu](mailto:avram@britserbcham.eu)

Saturday 3 March 2018, from 11am whole day

**Final celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Serbian Month**

**Round Table Serbian Fair and concert by 'Paprika'  
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Events are sponsored by **Alletsons Solicitors**  
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Bishop Nikolaj Community Centre, 89 Lancaster Road, London W11 1QQ

This one day event will be the culmination of the celebrations of Serbian Month 2018, an opportunity for all Serbian organisations, or those working with Serbia to present their work to the Serbian community and the wider British public. It will show the talent, diversity and richness of our community and the positive contribution we make to British society.

**11am Round Table Initiative meeting**

**1pm Programme to include presentations of various organisations,  
music performances and 'British Serbs Have Talent' contest.**

Full programme available at [www.serbiancouncil.org.uk/events](http://www.serbiancouncil.org.uk/events)

Entrance to the Serbian Fair FREE

Tickets for concert by 'Paprika': £15

To take part at the fair or 'British Serbs Have Talent' contest, or further info  
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