

Music on stage in aid of charity

By Chris Hills Farrow

The Teatre-Auditori in Beniarbeig (less than 10 minutes from the Ondara shopping centre) will be hosting 'Singers Showcase' on Thursday, September 21. The Showcase will be an evening filled with a diverse range of music from inspirational and uplifting to musical theatre, stopping off at popular music en route.

The whole show will be performed by four different singing groups, all under the direction of Philip Ashley. The theatre group Sounds Familiar will be performing excerpts from their previous show along with a preview of their new show. Also appearing will be two choirs, the Vall Del Pop Singers and Cantamus. Both choirs will be showing off their own styles of music. Finally the harmony group Adagio will

be singing songs from their past and future repertoire as well as hosting the entire evening.

Apart from the Showcase being great entertainment in itself, it will also give you the opportunity to see what is coming up on the Costa Blanca in the next six to eight months, so you can decide if you want to see more of any particular group.

Every group will be performing their own set separately, except in the finale when all the groups will join together.

The evening will be helping to raise money for Jalón Valley Help.

Doors open at 19.30 with the show itself starting at 20.00. Tickets are priced at €14 and available on 96 558 1483 or online at <https://www.philipashley.com/boxoffice.php>

Photo: Philip Ashley



The choir in full song

Photo: Øyvind Dammen

A chance to sing with Spangles this Christmas!

By Lyn Baines

Do you love Christmas? Want to be a part of the Christmas festivities this year?

Look no further: Spangles Ladies' Harmony Chorus is offering women the chance to sing with them this Christmas.

"We had such a lot of fun doing this in 2022 with The Grinch, that we decided to open it up again this year with a fabulous new song: The Man with the Bag," said chorus manager, Lyn Baines.

"We recently launched the offer on social media and we're already receiving requests to sign up," she added.

Crazy as it seems, Spangles starts practising Christmas songs during the summer break, in readiness

for their return to rehearsals on September 7.

"We are always very busy during the festive season and we want to give people the best performances possible, so we start work early every year; we're used to singing Christmas songs in the pool!" said Lyn.

So, what do you need to do to join in the Christmas performances? After a simple voice test to check which part you're best suited to, you will be given teach tracks and music to start learning your part. You will join in chorus rehearsals each week to work on the song with the rest of the chorus, with your section leader by your side, every step of the way. There's no

cost involved and every member will be supporting you throughout the process. If you like the experience, you could become a full-time chorus member.

To sign up, just email info@spangleschous.com or check their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/SpanglesChorus – what have you got to lose? Spangles rehearses every Thursday, from 10.30-13.00 at Centro Municipal Las Claras, Calle Helena, Los Narejos, Los Alcázares and people are welcome to visit – no appointment necessary!

If you'd like to book the chorus for an event or are thinking about joining them, find out more on the website, www.spangleschous.com

PHILIP ASHLEY PRESENTS

SINGERS SHOWCASE

Featuring the singing groups

Sounds Familiar Vall del Pop Singers Cantamus Adagio

Teatre-Auditori Beniarbeig

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Costa Blanca News

Crafts and magic in Hondón de las Nieves

On Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12, the yearly arts and crafts fair returns to Hondón de las Nieves with many craft demonstrations and workshops. It will be the eighth edition of this fair that is already famous throughout the region for the originality of its crafts. The biggest novelty this year is that Amata, the artisan association that organises the fair, celebrates its 25th anniversary with a contest of unique pieces, made by the participants. During the fair, the pieces in the contest are on display at the stalls of the corresponding artisans and you are invited to vote for the piece you like best.

Like other years, everything

that is sold at this fair is made by the craftsman or crafts-woman who attends you. In addition, there will be demonstrations of carving artificial stone and painting socarrats, the traditional tiles from the Manises and Paterna area in Valencia. And the potter brings his wheel to offer you the chance to make your own bowl or cup.

There will be workshops for children, board games and a merry-go-round. Both days a magician will walk through the fair astonishing the public with his tricks and pranks. On Friday a juggler closes the evening with a fire show and the magician will put on a great magic show on Saturday night, just



Potter at his wheel

before the famous correfocs, a parade with lots of fireworks and noise, which attracts many people from all over the area.

The fair is open both days from 19.00 until midnight or later. The complete programme can be found at <https://www.puebloartesano.es/hondondelasnieves>.

Photo: Amata

Alcoholics Anonymous

Is alcohol costing you more than money?

Drinking to excess not only affects your health it can spill over into all aspects of your life, damaging everything that is important to you.

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