

DIVA OPERA

Monkton and The MASIC Foundation present

ROSSINI'S

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE

Saturday 28th September 2024

In the Chapel at MONKTON

In the Monkton Valley: Monkton Combe, Bath, BA2 7HG



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*Supporting Women with
Injuries in Childbirth*
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Launched in 2016, The MASIC Foundation www.masic.org.uk supports women across the UK who have suffered life-changing birth injuries. Well over 1 in 10 first-time UK Mums are affected, but the issue remains hidden due to societal stigma, which has a devastating impact on quality of life.

Our charity aims to support the injured, raise public and professional awareness, undertake research and with our Royal Colleges prevent injury.

This year MASIC has been a major contributor to the APPG on Birth Trauma led by Theo Clarke MP (Stafford) and co-chaired by Rosie Duffield MP (East Kent). The final report and policy recommendations will be published late Spring 2024.

"I first found MASIC a couple of years ago, and my life has been changed by them. The work they have done to help improve my life has been phenomenal and beyond the realms of what I ever thought was possible by a charity."

- Quote from a mother



Monkton

Monkton Combe School was founded in 1868, for the education of children whose parents were serving overseas or at home in various forms of Christian service: the church, as teachers, as medical staff or in administrative roles. The ethos of a caring school for children whose parents are engaged in worldwide service remains key and unique to this family orientated place of learning.

Over the years, countless young people who would otherwise be unable to attend the school have benefitted from bursaries at Monkton. Whether from war-torn countries, missionary families, or from challenging social and economic backgrounds, Monkton provides a safe and stable environment in which these young people can live, learn, and thrive. Through this event, we plan to support bursaries to enable more young people to benefit from all Monkton has to offer.

DIVA OPERA

For the past 28 years Diva Opera has been at the forefront of chamber opera, giving around 40 performances internationally each year. Their boldly imaginative productions and outstanding singers have earned them an unrivalled reputation within the operatic world and beyond. This year they are performing in South Africa, France, the Channel Islands and widely throughout the UK.

Highlights for the company include a performance at La Fenice Opera House in Venice and the party scene from *Die Fledermaus* at the Royal Albert Hall with special guests Jose Carreras and Dame Kiri Te Kanawa. www.divaopera.com



Complimentary Drinks and Canapés from **3.30 pm** in The Quad (the Old Hall if raining)

Act 1: **4.30-6.00pm**

Interval picnic / dining

Act 2: **8.00-9.00pm**

Carriages from **9.30pm**

Il barbiere di Siviglia (The Barber of Seville) by Rossini

Rossini's zany comedy takes place during a single day in a hectic Spanish household. Doctor Bartolo is guardian to Rosina and has plans to marry her. She has other ideas as she has fallen in love with Count Almaviva. With Figaro's sharp-witted help and a variety of disguises, the lovers trick the old Doctor and prove that love overcomes all obstacles. The cast includes Matthew Durkan as Figaro, Tereza Gevorgyan as Rosina, Michael Bell as Almaviva and Matthew Hargreaves as Bartolo.

Bring your own refreshments for your picnic supper during the interlude "Glyndebourne style" in the grounds of beautifully landscaped Monkton. It is best to find a picnic spot and set up if you wish before the start of the performance. There will be a limited number of benches and tables outside on a first come basis.

There will be no sale of refreshments so you are encouraged to bring your own drinks (alcohol is permitted so do not forget your wine and corkscrew along with your picnic furniture/glasses!).

In the event of rain there is space (marked) in the Dining Hall and Old Hall. The venue will be **open from 3.30pm**.

There is the option of purchasing a cold salad buffet: Monkton cold salad buffet (including vegan option) can be ordered at £15 pp at the time of booking.

You can dine at Wheelwright Arms bookings at least two weeks in advance via 01225 722287.



Some practical advice

Driving to Monkton along narrow lanes can be challenging, a one way system is advised: it is best to arrive via church Lane/Brassknocker Hill or from A36 and leave via shaft road for Claverton down, maps and advice for visitors: <https://www.monktoninformation/location-maps/location-directions>

Public toilets will be available and marked (below Assembly Hall), additional event toilets in the grounds.

Dress code: Black tie optional.

Ticket prices:

Adult: £90 / Under 18yrs: £30

THIS PERFORMANCE WILL BE IN THE ROUND

(on three sides of the stage)

There will be some reserved seats for major sponsors (marked) otherwise seating is on a first come basis.

All seats have good views of the stage and there will be monitors or projected images to provide the story line (the libretto is in Italian).

Bookings and donations

Please complete the separate booking form and email this to keighleycolo@btinternet.com

Any questions about booking or the event contact Mike Keighley, or his PA Suzanne NOT THE SCHOOL PLEASE (Mike is an old Monktonian, past Governor and President of MASIC) keighleycolo@btinternet.com 01564 741865.