

Saturday 9 July 2022 | 1pm | St. Andrew's Church | Alexandra Park Road | N10 2DD

V&J Ensemble

Veronica Chacón | *musical director*

Jérôme Royet | *piano*

## Lunchtime Concert : V&J Ensemble & Gounod

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Two years ago, I opened my kitchen window and sang for my street...

This was a beautiful and life changing experience!!!

In June and July, I am opening "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.

This is the first of our three concerts

Enjoy! xxx V:)

*Admission on donation.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

*Fruit juices & cake available.*

## 'Missa Brevis' No7 by Charles Gounod

Originally written for two voices and organ.

*Kyrie*

*Gloria*

*Sanctus*

*O salutaris ostia*

*Agnus Dei*

## 'Ave verum' by Gabriel Fauré

## 'Maria, mater gratiae' by Gabriel Fauré

## 'Ave Maria' by Camille Saint Saëns

## from 'Les contes d'Hoffmann' by Jacques Offenbach

### *Barcarolle*

Lovely night, night of love  
Smile upon our joys!  
Night much sweeter than the day  
Oh beautiful night of love!  
Time flies by, and carries away  
Our tender caresses for ever!  
Time flies far from this happy oasis  
And does not return  
Burning zephyrs  
Embrace us with your caresses!

### **V&J Ensemble**

*Ann*

*Anne*

*Bryony*

*Caroline*

*Cecile*

*Elsa*

*Fiona*

*Ray*

*Marion*

*Val*

## **Veronica Chacón | *musical director***

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 Hyspano, early music from South America Ensemble (since 2019). This 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).

<https://linktr.ee/Veronica.Chacon>

## **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.

**MERCI...**

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

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

V&J Ensemble is always looking for **new singers**; no audition, no need to read music but  
a sense of pitch and rhythm essential as well as great motivation.

If you have questions or want to give us feedback, you can visit our website or contact  
us:

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**Lunchtime concerts  
Saturdays at 1pm  
will be back once a month  
for the season 2022-2023!**

Verónica Chacón & Jérôme Royet will be curating a series of short concerts,  
inviting local musicians to share their talents and support our community.

(about 30 minutes)

*Admission, Refreshments & cake on donation*