



Some Ideas from DAN Members whilst socially distancing

Karen Harmon has been very busy creating wonderful watercolour painting demonstrations for beginners and the more advanced painter. Have a look

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1RKfvaalCY&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1Q4QKs0r-aw7swoKMTcEAl2c5DVANM5E5PIb9os9ZHKxVQmn9hv7D8Xes>

Ruth Bourne also shared a really interesting link for those of us of ... more mature years..... it is a new national creative arts competition for over 70's stuck at home because of the virus. I am certainly entering a painting .. why don't you check it out? All creative arts are represented.

<https://www.kinglearprizes.org.uk/?fbclid=IwAR2T0J-fUpsiugrAxt8PCSGY6RAC20qISm4W0WRURa8TKu2f9xPfs4T1Dfw>

George Duffy sent in the following; I know some of DAN's members will be vulnerable so volunteering out of the house would be unsafe but, with so many great teachers and artists I did think it would be good to see if anyone would be interested in doing some short arts or crafts video tutorials for amateurs to have a go at during lockdown? Something similar to Karen's above?

If anyone is looking for a way to help whilst the activities are suspended, Droitwich Council for Voluntary Services are looking for volunteers to help pick up and drop off supplies to people in need around the town and to talk to people who are stuck in and feeling lonely, please get in touch via their website <http://www.droitwichcvs.org.uk> And for voluntary efforts across the county <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help> is the county council's page for coordinating volunteer efforts. George; Phone No. 07950803361

Claire Hilton has a couple of good suggestions; We should try and put together a list of DAN members output of blogs and or video content and where it can be found and/or followed. Also, perhaps we could have a virtual exhibition the same way by submitting photos of a piece and putting a showreel together? Maybe with a theme that people could respond to or submit a piece they think lends itself particularly. **What do you think??** Send your ideas and thoughts to me at tina.watkins@ntlworld.com

An Arty Invite

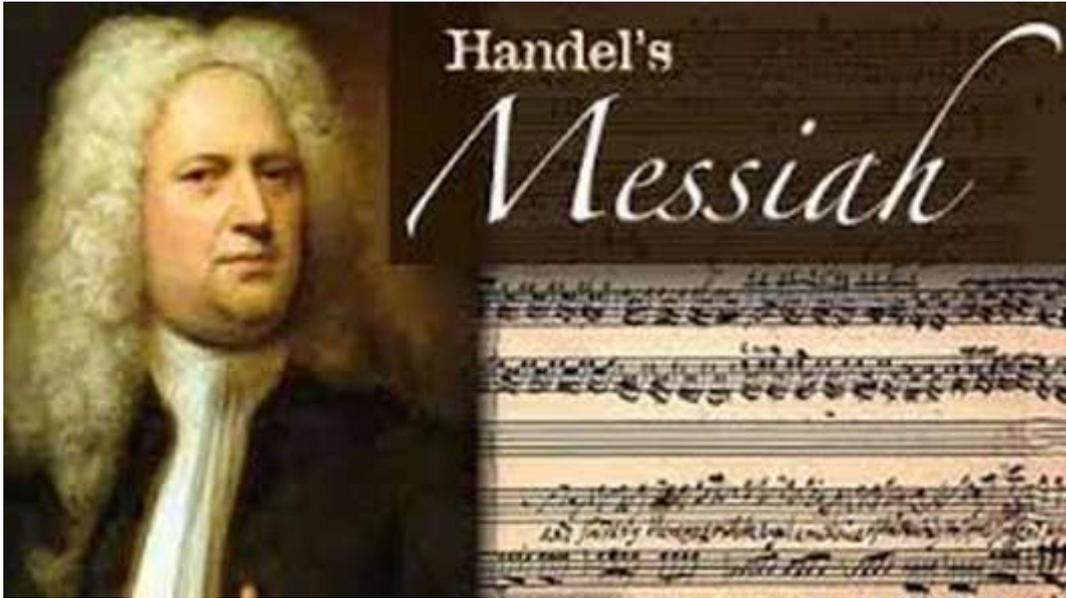
Claire Baines of LittleFighters sent the following; My son attends Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Coventry which unfortunately, due to the pandemic, has had to close its services to the families. Not only does this mean families like us cannot get the respite we need, it also means that all the fundraising events have been cancelled or postponed. With this in mind the parent fundraising group, Little Fighters, is looking to hold an online **Art Auction** to help keep vital funds coming in. Ideally this would take place on Facebook in the next week or so. We were wondering if there was any way of reaching out to your members to see if anyone could donate a piece or work or voucher to the auction? It would be great to have local artworks and further afield included.

All donors will be mentioned alongside their artwork and we would just need an image of the donated item to add to the auction page. We wouldn't ask that anything was posted out to the highest bidder until the auction is closed. If anyone could take part it would be greatly appreciated. My email can be passed on to anyone interested. Looking forward to hearing from you. The information required is;

- Photo of the piece with the Artist Name
- Title of piece
- Description – e.g. Oil on Canvas, print of original artwork....
- Size
- Framed/Unframed/Print/Mounted
- Value
- Links to your website/Facebook page for promotion

If you have more than 1 item, I will put these as separate lots but if you prefer them to go as a set please let me know. I will need these details **no later than Friday 10th April** so that the Lots can be prepared over the weekend prior to the start of the auction. Many thanks Claire Baines, Littlefighters@mindingthegapuk.co.uk

Messiah at Home - Join in!



MESSIAH AT HOME

Please click the Self-Isolation link below to join us

PLEASE let EVERYONE you know, know about this as they may well love to take part regardless of whether they have done much singing

Handel's Messiah is so wonderful to sing whether it be your first or your hundredth! It takes time and dedication to learn your part but the reward is worth every second you put in - it will engage and focus the mind providing a respite from the current situation.

You will experience a whole range of emotions as you learn, rehearse and then sing the whole glorious piece. It is such a personal journey and evokes emotions of sadness and great joy - particularly in the extraordinary circumstances in which we find ourselves right now.

This is a unique opportunity for us all to come together and sing from our own homes in the form of one global choir - an experience not to miss - please do take part and please do pass this message on to one and all.

Please note there is a joining cost of £14.95 per singer of which £5.00 will be donated to a cause to help victims of the Coronavirus and the remainder to cover the costs of setting up and running everything - for example the cost of building the website, musicians, soloists etc

The Self Isolation Choir website is now live and you can join right now

MESSIAH FROM HOME

[Please click here to go to The Self Isolation Website](#)

And on a Final Note.... Covid19 PPE Support needed



As we are all aware there is a chronic shortage of PPE equipment for our frontline staff in the NHS and other areas. As part of a response a group of people designed a face shield, parts of which can be produced on 3D printers before being assembled and supplied to those front-line services. I have joined that effort to produce as many of these as I/we can. To help this the group need funding – this is where you can help by

going to the following link and giving to support the effort, the page gives a better explanation of what we are doing. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/N3DPS> Many thanks, **Phil Watkins**.

For the latest information visit: <http://www.droitwichartsnetwork.org/> on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/208713719174369/> e-mail tina.watkins@ntlworld.com