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Art for Art's Sake?

By Stephen Callaghan

What is the purpose of art? The age-old question about the "usefulness" of art still resounds in today's society. Why, when there are so many worthy causes requiring our attention, should we support the arts, which often seem to have no immediate benefit? The question is a difficult one and deserves serious consideration by people of faith.

Blessed Pope John Paul II pointed out that artists can render a unique "social service" through their work. Art, in its proper context, should enrich our society. More recently, Pope Benedict XVI has emphasised the importance of beauty in the Evangelisation of Culture—a concept continued from his predecessor and through which the Church's dialogue with artists continues.

The opening concert of our Arts

in Autumn season was an excellent example of art operating in just this way. The Spirit of Life Youth Choir appeared at St Andrew's Cathedral and raised over £1300 for SCIAF's African appeal. The beautiful sound of children's voices in a setting rich in the visual stimuli of the Catholic tradition, was the perfect synthesis of Church and art. Furthermore, the diversity of the audience highlighted how "useful" art can be in establishing common ground with our neighbours. The concert had another purpose, which was to raise funds for our suffering brothers and sisters in Africa. This demonstrated the potential of art to inspire charitable action. In this instance, art simultaneously addressed two kinds of poverty at home and overseas: feeding human beings materially and culturally.

WHAT'S ON

Late Summer Music for St Andrew's Hospice

Ceciliana Chamber Choir and Orchestra
Sunday 18th Sept, 7.30pm
St Thomas' Church, Cumbernauld Rd, Riddrie
Tickets: £10 on door or in advance tel: 07720-857529 or email: eil-tom@hotmail.co.uk

James MacMillan's Saint John Passion

Thursday 29th September, 7.30pm
City Halls, Glasgow Tickets: £10-£23 (www.bbc.co.uk/bbesso)

AGAP Theatre: Freedom From Chains

The 80th Anniversary of the Notre Dame Centre.
Sat 1st & Sun 2nd October 2.30pm
Scottish Youth Theatre, The Old Sheriff Court (Brian Cox Studio Theatre)
Tickets: £3 from AGAP: 0141-554-1333 or info@agap.org.uk

From the Cradle to the Grave (in aid of the Suzy Fund)

Friday 21st Oct 7.30pm—St Michael's, Parkhead
Saturday 22nd Oct - 7.30pm - St Joseph's, Milngavie
Tickets: £5 from AGAP: 0141-554-1333 or info@agap.org.uk

40th Anniversary Celebration Mass for St Mungo Music

Friday 4th November, 7.00pm
St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street FREE ENTRY

AGAP Mass of Thanksgiving for the Arts

Sun 27th November - 12 noon
St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street FREE ENTRY

A Concert Sung by Russkaya Capella

Music for St Andrew's Day.
30th November - 7.30pm
Tickets: £5 from AGAP: 0141-554-1333 or info@agap.org.uk

AGAP Film & Faith Club:

"Evan Almighty" Monday 3rd October 7pm

AGAP is showing "Evan Almighty", the sequel to "Bruce Almighty". God contacts Congressman Evan Baxter and tells him to build an Ark in preparation for a great flood. This comedy highlights our responsibility to care for the environment. It will be shown at St

Michael's Church Hall, Gallowgate, Parkhead on Mon 3rd Oct, 7pm.

ALL WELCOME & FREE!
Car parking available.

Running time: 96 mins + discussion.

Tea & biscuits



GOT NEWS?

Email: info@agap.org.uk
Deadline: 9th October

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My AGAP Experience

By Guest Contributor: Isla Johnston, AGAP Administrative Assistant

I have been working for AGAP as the Administrator for a year and a half and have really enjoyed it. It is great to be involved with the hugely diverse range of events and

activities AGAP offers to schools, budding young actors, artists and performers from every background. My favourite part is the Schools Art Competition which is

coming up soon, so I look forward to seeing the entries from that. *The Art Competition prize-giving is being held at the Mass on Sun 27th Nov at St Andrew's Cathedral.*