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J.B. PRIESTLY RETURNS TO THE FINBOROUGH THEATRE
Family isn't dead for the residents of Laburnum Grove. Contaminated with avarice and bound by deception maybe, but certainly not dead. In true form J. B. Priestly's play of the same name challenges the purported values of the stiff and proper.

George Radfern's is wealthy and enjoys the tranquillity his suburban dwelling offer. Namely: the wireless and his garden. Growing irritable at his family's constant ploys to access his finances he reveals an unlawful secret - or a tactical lie.

Unlike Priestly's *An Inspector Calls* Laburnum Grove is little known. This will be the first London staging for over 40 years. An ex-social commentator during the Second World War (and second only to Churchill for ratings) Priestly was committed to reproaching the British reserve.

Any one of status is a target and director Oscar Toeman is primed to repeat the Finborough's sell out success of Priestly's *Cornelius* in Summer/Autumn 2012. *Laburnum Grove* opens at the *Finborough Theatre* for a limited run of Sunday and Monday evening and Tuesday matinee performances from Sunday, 3 March 2013. Book online at www.finboroughtheatre.co.uk. Box Office 0844 847 1652 | 118 Finborough Road, London SW19 9ED



TRAVEL

Mega Yacht: 80 Meters Of Pleasure

The Super-Yachts anchored on the Greenwich stretch of the Thames last summer demonstrated the luxuriance of living in style and mobile. Heralding an even more godly yacht experience is CRN (part of the Ferrretti Group). The Chopi Chopi - named twice one can only assume for added gravitas - is a €80,000,000 (zeros added for extra gravitas) billionaire's playground.

The Chopi Chopi was constructed at the CRN Shipyard in Ancona, Italy. It completely ridicules the notion of land with

features such as a beach club, a 100sqm swimming platform at sea level and Turkish baths. It's approximated that the vessel took 660,000 working hours to build. CRN have kept it Italian using local suppliers and hiring Italian architectural firms Studio, designers of the interior and exterior layout, and Studio Laura Sessa Romboli, who is now completing the interior furniture and decor. Although, even unfinished and stationary the Mega Yacht would probably still be an exquisite expedition.

FOOD

Mr Chow

Mr Chow has reopened in prompt time for its 45th Anniversary this February. Now at staple of Knightsbridge an eclectic crowd in music, fashion art and film attend for famous dishes such as the Green Prawns, Mr Chow Noodles, Beijing Duck and Ma Mignon.

The restaurant can be credited for carving a new era on the restaurant scene in 1968. Authentic Beijing cuisine is combined with elegant surrounding and original artworks by Jim Dine, Peter Blake and Richard Smith. Michael Chow has now opened eateries in Beverly Hills, New York, Miami and soon Malibu. Mr Chow, 151 Knightsbridge, London, SW1X 7PA www.mrchow.com



Climatecars introduces Mercedes-Benz hybrid into Executive service

Listed in the top 1,000 influential Londoners by the Evening Standard, Nicko Williamson has been recognised for a scrupulous environmental impact on the town car network. As founder of Climatecars, William's car boast to be the provider of luxury service with strong principles. The green-car service can add another coup to its accomplishments. The Mercedes-Benz E300 BlueTEC Hybrid has joined the Climatecar fleet and will be safely emitting and waiting in the drives of Executive Service customers.

The introduction of the premier Mercedes-Benz hybrids meets the demand of Climatecar travellers for an even more premium service. The service offers leather seats, air conditioning, complimentary Belu water and magazines in every car, making it about the journey as much as the environment.

Nicko - also managing director of the green car-hire alternative - comments that the E300 BlueTEC Hybrid 'fits our mould perfectly'. The eco-friendly service is the first to offer the E300 Hybrid. Under the bonnet, the car combines

the benefits of an efficient 2.2 litre 4-cylinder diesel engine with a powerful 20 kW electric motor, and can achieve a remarkable 67.3mpg, combined with CO2 emissions of 109 g/km. On the exterior, the cars are classic Mercedes-Benz: sleek and spacious with a gleaming grille.

The new executive service keeps prices low; arriving in style at Heathrow airport will cost £75 from Central London. Central London to Heathrow for example will be £75 (about the same as a black taxi). To book a Climatecar phone 020 7350 5960 or visit climatecars.com.

Jewellery fair arrives in Kensington

Desire Jewellery and Silversmith Fair is moving from Richmond to Kensington for this year's diverse showcase of British jewellery artists and their collections. The Kensington Conference and Events Centre will bustle with traditional and contemporary handcrafted work. The fair has been planned by Craft In Focus - organisers of contemporary craft events.

Desire Fair features bespoke jewellery innovations with leather, acrylic, ceramics, paper, glass, copper and wood designs, as well as staple silver, gold and platinum designs with gemstones, pearls, beads and enamelwork. Work can

be viewed and purchased at the event with the opportunity to speak with the jewellers, allowing a discovery of the stories and making process of the items.

The 'Ones to Watch' section fulfils Craft In Focus' commitment to support new designers. Recent graduates will exhibit their collections alongside the 120 distinctive and expertly selected jewellers. Since 2000 Craft In Focus has earned its reputation as a paeon for contemporary crafts. Mairdy's event is cited as a discovery of bespoke, mixed media jewellery for the astute eye.

Show organiser Rob Chapman commented that Kensington is the 'perfect backdrop' for the work on show. The accessible central London location is hoped to widen the reach of the fair while simultaneously helping to reach a discerning audience.

The event will run 15-17 March, 10am - 5pm at The Kensington Conference and Events Centre, Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NK. Entry free. For more information visit: desirefair.com