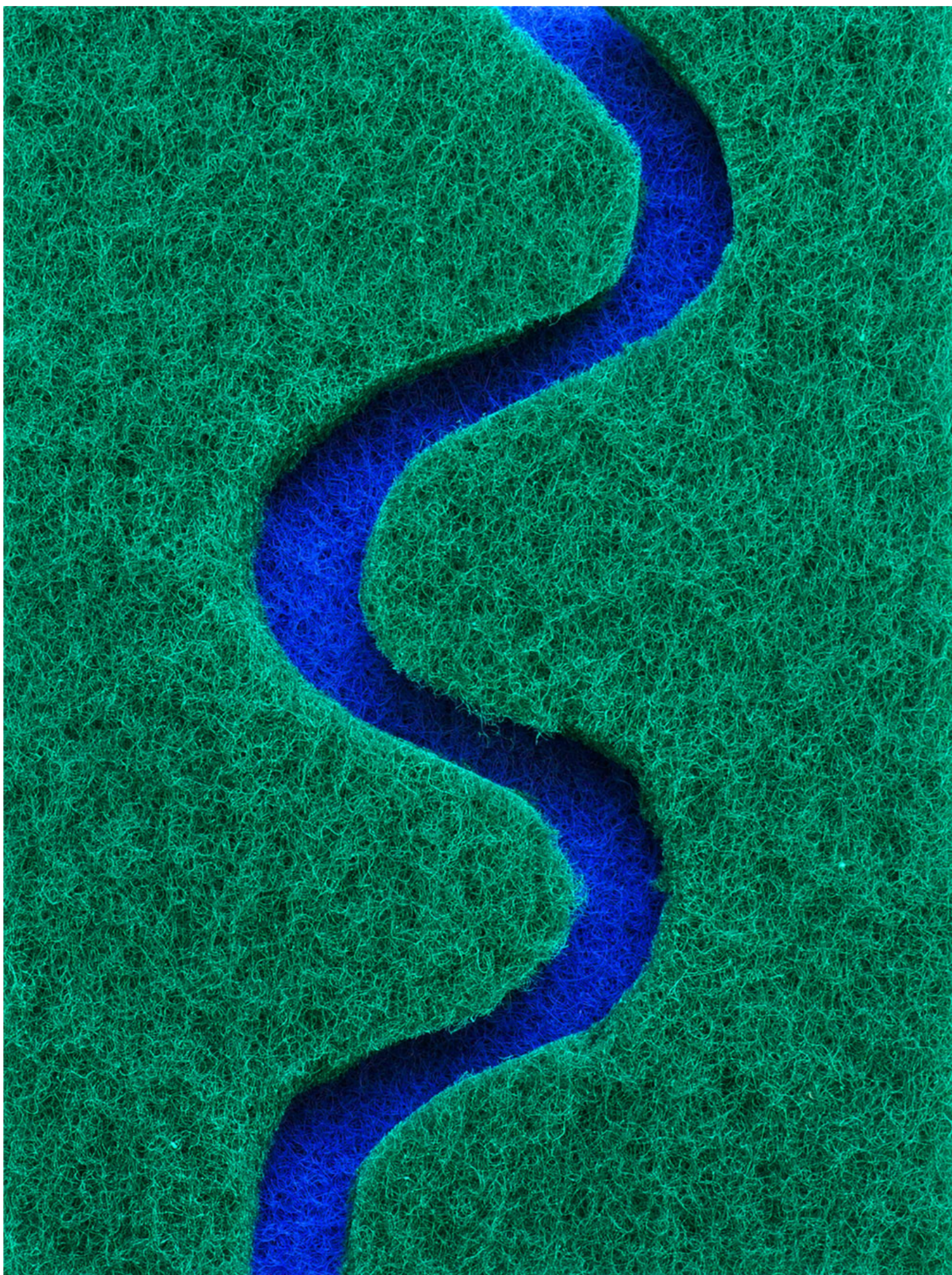




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**Clara Hastrup receives the Mark Tanner Sculpture
Award 2025-26**

Clara Hastrup has been awarded the Mark Tanner Sculpture Award 2025-2026. The award is given to an emerging artist working in the field of sculpture and offers £10,000 in financial support towards production of new work as well as a funded solo exhibition at Standpoint London. Clara Hastrup is a Danish visual artist living in London, and she was selected as the winner of the award from 280 entries. She has also recently been chosen to be part of Wysing Arts Centre's residency programme from April 2026 – March 2027.

The exhibition *Polyrhythms and Multigrain Vibrations* features new work developed since Hastrup received the Mark Tanner Sculpture Award last year, and it will be on view from 22 May – 4 July at Standpoint London, 45 Coronet Street, London Na 6HD.

Photo: Clara Hastrup

MARK TANNER SCULPTURE AWARD

WYSING ARTS CENTRE RESIDENCY



Book release: Uffe Elbæk's *Doubt, Hope, Action*

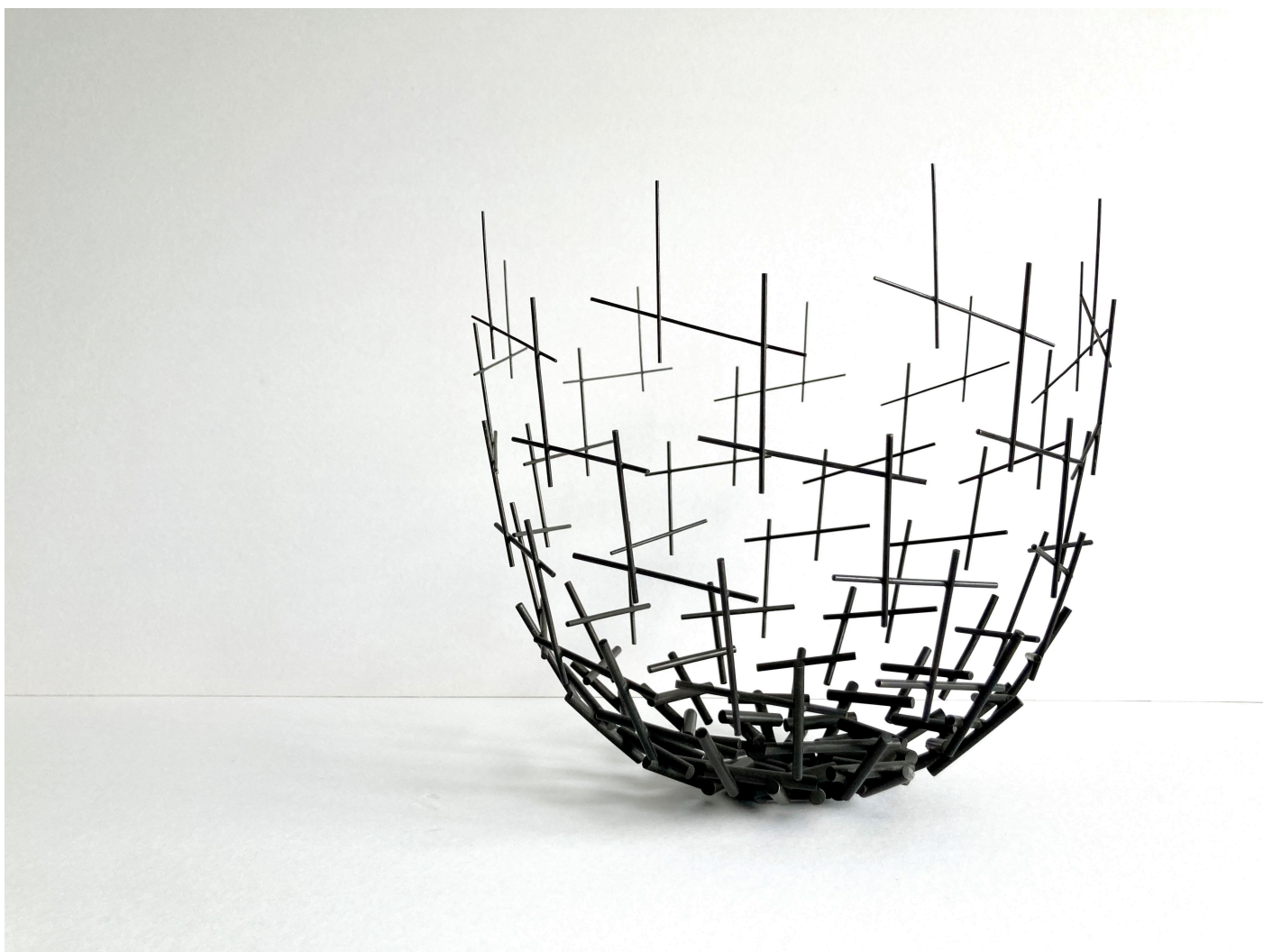
In *Doubt, Hope, Action*, former Danish Minister of Culture and founder and former leader of the green political party The Alternative, Uffe Elbæk, reflects on the challenges and possibilities shaping the world today. He does so with optimism as he invites the world to 'a gentle revolution'. The book includes a foreword by former Green Party MP, Caroline Lucas, and is edited by bilingual editor Jane Graham.

Doubt, Hope, Action is published by Unbreaking in the UK on 15 May, and the publication is celebrated with a pre-launch event on 14 May 6.00–8.30pm at Anomalous Space, 36 Pentonville Road, London, N1 9HF.

The pre-launch event has limited free tickets.

Photo: Rasmus Sigvaldi

LAUNCH EVENT



Ane Christensen at London Craft Week 2026

The Danish metalworker Ane Christensen will be presenting new metal and cast glass pieces at this year's London Craft Week. The pieces will be part of the curated exhibition 'Box of Dreams' at the Goldsmiths Centre, 42 Britton Street, London EC1M 5AD 14-15 May at 12-6pm.

Ane Christensen is also shortlisted for the new House & Garden Craft Prize. Her selected piece is on show at Sotheby's, 34-35 New Bond Street, London, W1A 2AA on 11-17 May alongside works by the 15 other shortlisted artists.

Photo: *Fading Vessel* by Ane Christensen. Image courtesy of the artist.

BOX OF DREAMS

LONDON CRAFT WEEK



Chris Andersen Quartet at Ronnie Scott's

The Danish Chris Andersen Quartet will be playing at Ronnie Scott's as part of their European tour with acclaimed New York vocalist Vanisha Gould. The Danish quartet features Andreas Toftemark on tenor saxophone, Rasmus Sørensen on piano, Lasse Mørck on bass and Chris Andersen on drums.

The performance is the culmination of their tour after having visited Copenhagen and Hamburg, and they will be performing at the legendary jazz club's new Upstairs venue on 21 May.

Photo: Chris Andersen Quartet

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Book release: *Midnight Sun* by Trine Hahnemann

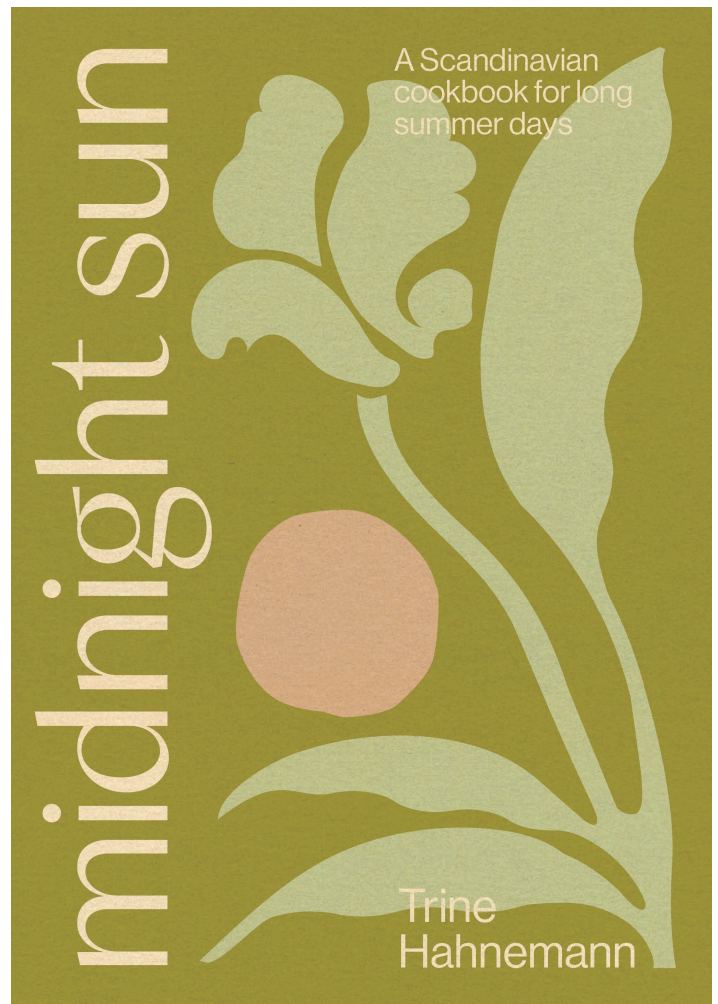
Bestselling author Trine Hahnemann's new cookbook, *Midnight Sun*, will be published in the UK on 14 May. It consists of new recipes inspired by Scandinavian summers full of endless nights and seasonal eating.

Trine Hahnemann is a Danish, bestselling author, chef and food writer. Having spent more than 20 years celebrating Scandinavian food and lifestyle, this new publication is one of the first in-depth explorations of Scandinavian summer cooking.

Photo: *Midnight Sun* by Trine Hahnemann (Quadrille, £25)

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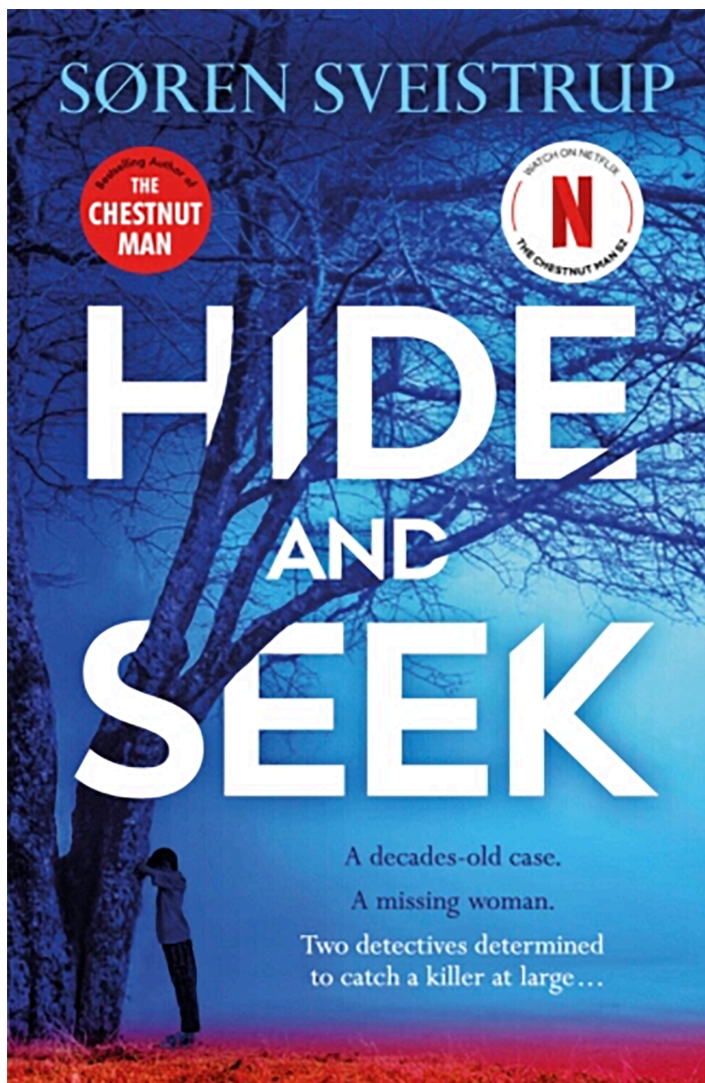
Andorra at Pizza Express Live

The Danish jazz band Andorra makes their UK debut at Pizza Express Live. The band consists of Mads la Cour (flugelhorn & trumpet), Simon Krebs (guitar), Peter Kohlmetz Møller (keys & synth), Morten Jørgensen (bass) and Nikolaj Bundvig (drums). They met during their time as students at the Funen Art Academy, and are all working as professional musicians. Andorra started as a project during the pandemic in 2020, and their music is described as “cinematic indie-jazz”.

Tickets are available for Andorra's concert on 12 May at Pizza Express Live, 99 High Holborn, London WC1V 6FL.

Photo and graphics: Jesper Van

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Søren Svestrup's *Hide and Seek*

Hide and Seek by Søren Svestrup, the internationally acclaimed scriptwriter of the Danish television phenomenon *The Killing*, has been published in the UK by Penguin, translated by Ian Giles. *Hide and Seek* is book two in the series *The Chestnut Man*, a thrilling Nordic noir crime.

The series has also been made into a popular Netflix series of which season two, *The Chestnut Man: Hide and Seek*, will premiere on Netflix globally on 7 May.

Hide and Seek is available for purchase through most bookshops.

Photo: Penguin

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#DANISH celebrates its 5th live year at Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2026

#DANISH returns to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2026, celebrating 5 years of live performance with a striking programme of four boundary-pushing works. The #DANISH 2026 showcase includes HIMHERANDIT who will present *GOOD ENOUGH?* At Summerhall, OPE-N presenting *LAUGHING OUT LONELY (LOL)*, also at Summerhall, NoLands presenting *OUR OTHER ORGAN* in Summerhall's Anatomy Lecture Hall, and DON GNU presenting *M.I.S – ALL NIGHT LONG* at ZOO Venues.

#DANISH is the Danish showcase at Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2026, presented in collaboration by founding producer WILDTOPIA and the Embassy of Denmark in the UK, supported by the Danish Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Photo: #DANISH

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London Nordic Choir 10th Anniversary Concert: *Moments Made of Music*

On 16 May, the London Nordic Choir celebrates their 10th anniversary with a special concert at St John's Wood Church led by founder Carina Einarson. The concert will feature songs performed in Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish and Icelandic.

The concert starts at 4PM, and tickets are available.

Photo: London Nordic Choir

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***Oxen* streaming on Channel 4**

The Danish crime drama *Oxen* is available for streaming on Channel 4 as part of their Walter Presents collection, a curated collection of award-winning international drama. Featuring top Danish actors Jacob Lohmann, Josephine Park and Ellen Hillingsø, the series follows former special forces soldier Niels Oxen as he tries to create meaning in life after returning traumatised from war.

The first episode of season two premiered on Channel 4 on 6 March, with all six episodes now streaming.

Photo: SF Studios Production



Carl Nielsen's *Symphony No. 5* at Cadogan Hall

Kensington Symphony Orchestra will be performing Carl Nielsen's *Symphony No. 5* (1921-22), a piece likened by the composer to "the division of dark and light, the battle between evil and good". The concert will also feature Grieg's Piano Concerto and music by Boris Blacher. Conducted by music director Russell Keable, Kensington Symphony Orchestra has built a reputation during almost 70 years of music-making as one of the UK's most ambitious non-professional orchestras.

The concert takes place at Cadogan Hall, 5 Sloane Terrace, London SW1X 9DQ on Tuesday 12 May at 7:30PM, and tickets are on sale.

Photo: Sim Canetty-Clarke

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Danish Fair at the Danish Church in London

The Danish Church in London is hosting the annual Danish Fair in May. During the fair, the church and its beautiful gardens will transform into a lively marketplace filled with Danish goods, delicious food and fun activities for the whole family. As always, the book stall is open, and Danish authors Heidi Amsinck and Uffe Elbæk will stop by for book-signing and talks with Rector Karsten Møller Hansen.

The fair is opened at 11AM by Sandi Toksvig followed by a communal singing of H.C. Andersen's / *Danmark er jeg født*.

The Danish fair takes place at the Danish Church in London on 16 May 11AM - 5PM.

Photo: The Danish Church in London

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