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AN AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT 7th February 2016

An audience who packed out the IRDSA Hall in Craven Gardens in Barkingside on Sunday afternoon enjoyed an enthralling afternoon of entertainment provided by a variety of local performers. The event was held to bring together supporters of two local charities – Redbridge Faith Forum and Redbridge Equalities and Community Council to share a social occasion and also raise funds for the charities. Both charities are glad to be part of the Mayor of Redbridge’s Rainbow Appeal for 2015-16.



The afternoon was compered by Phil Butcher, Vice Chair of Redbridge Faith Forum.

The programme started with a wonderful string ensemble of three young people from Redbridge Music School, Inova, Jonathan & Katharina who played Meditation from Thais (Massenet) and Czardas (Monti) on violin and cello. The next performance was an uplifting joyous recital by the Philippine choir “One Voice” from St Cedds Church, Goodmayes followed by a beautiful dance display by Leona, Chamali and Kajal of the Sayuri Academy of Sri Lankan Traditional Dance.

An interlude gave members of the audience the opportunity to purchase a large choice of refreshments and enjoy socialising whilst listening to music provided by Redbridge Music Lounge.

The audience then settled down to listen to a recitation by local poet Rashmit Kalra of her poems “End of Search & Meaning of Life” followed by an evocative performance by vocalist/keyboard player Maame singing a Sara Bareilles composition, “She used to be mine”. A clarinet solo by David of RECC “Stranger on the Shore” was enjoyed followed by Debbie Fink, a professional singer performing “My



Yiddishe Maama” and “Summertime”.



The programme then took on a lively Caribbean flavour with an amusing recitation of “Sweet Potato Pie” by Wendy Gaynair and some very upbeat instrumental pieces on steel pans by Bernetta Brumant. The finale was an enthusiastic performance by the young people of Dance Express.

The audience were left feeling energised and uplifted by the amazing quality of all the performers and comments received included “it was a wonderful afternoon”, “just fantastic”, “so emotional”.

Both charities would like to thank all the performers and volunteers who ensured this event was a great occasion when people of different backgrounds and cultures were able to socialise and marvel at the talent in our community.

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