

THAMES VALLEY EARLY MUSIC FORUM

Regina celi letare

Sacred music by Costanzo Festa (c. 1485/90 - 1545)

A day for singers and instrumentalists directed by Peter Syrus
at the United Reformed Church, Ickenham, Saturday 27 June 2009

An earlier workshop which Peter Syrus ran for TVEMF looked at mid-sixteenth century music by composers who worked in Venice. Now he plans to focus on the slightly earlier figure of Costanzo Festa, who was based in Rome. The first significant Italian-born composer of the sixteenth century, he formed an important link between the generations of Josquin and Palestrina. Works to be performed will include "Deus venerunt gentes" and "Super flumina babilonis" (both for five voices), "Inviolata integra" (for eight), and several settings of the joyful Easter antiphon "Regina celi letare".

Peter Syrus teaches early music at the Royal Northern College of Music and among many other musical activities is a regular tutor at the NWEMF summer school in Ambleside and of TVEMF events.

The music will be suitable for singers and for viols (all sizes), recorders (alto downwards), cornetts, sackbuts and curtals. The pitch will be A = 440. Sopranos should be aware that the range of the top voice is decidedly mezzo-ish for much of this repertoire.

The day will begin with coffee and registration at 10.00 for a 10.30 start and run till 5.00. There are pubs serving lunches in Ickenham and a good cafe.

Ickenham URC is in Swakeleys Road, on the corner of Eleanor Grove. To get a map online, go into www.streetmap.co.uk/ or www.multimap.com and put in the postcode, UB10 8BE. The church is half a mile from Ickenham station (Metropolitan) and about three quarters of a mile from West Ruislip (Chiltern and Central). The Oxford buses stop at Hillingdon Circus about a mile away. For drivers there is parking in the streets by the church.

The fee for the day is £14 for Early Music Forum members and £16 for non-members, cheques payable to TVEMF. Please send this form to Jeff Gill, 12 Dorset Road, London SW8 1EJ (020 7735 9002). You should assume that your application has been accepted unless you hear to the contrary. If you would like an acknowledgment please e-mail Jeff on jeffgill9160@waitrose.com.

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