

THAMES VALLEY EARLY MUSIC FORUM

‘*Gaude, Virgo!*’

Renaissance polyphony celebrating the Joys of Mary

A workshop for singers directed by Dr David Allinson

St Mary the Virgin, Primrose Hill, Elsworthy Road, London NW3 3 DJ ~ **Saturday 15 May 2010**

The figure of Mary, mother of God, is central to Catholic and Anglo-Catholic worship, and devotion to her Joys and Sorrows brought forth some of the most mellifluous music composed in Renaissance Europe. May is the month of Mary, and for this springtime workshop we focus not on the suffering of the *mater dolorosa*, but upon her joys - from the Annunciation, through the nativity, to the Assumption. Appropriately, the day will be held at St Mary the Virgin, Primrose Hill.

As ever, exact repertoire is dependent upon numbers signing up, and men are especially encouraged to apply early, so that repertoire with divided tenor parts can be attempted. However, it is hoped to include Josquin's celebrated *Ave Maria a4*, Palestrina's irrepressible *Assumpta est Maria a5* and Byrd's atmospheric *Beata viscera a5*, among others.

The day will begin with coffee or tea and registration at 10.am for a 10.30 start and run until 5.00pm with a break for lunch. The course fee is £12 for TVEMF or any other EMF and £14 for non-members. Acceptance will be first come first served according to balance of parts up to a maximum of 60 singers. We will advise you by phone or e-mail if you have been put on the waiting list, otherwise you can assume you have been accepted. For very late cancellations, refund of fee is likely to depend on whether you can be replaced from the waiting list. All "no shows" on the day will forfeit the course fee.

You can bring your own food to eat in the church or there is pub food nearby. There are also various eateries on Regents Park Road 10 minutes walk away.

The church is reachable by public transport from Swiss Cottage or Chalk Farm tube stations (both around 15 minutes' walk). It is also served in each direction by bus (alight at Elsworthy Rise or Primrose Hill Road stops). The 31 passes close to Finchley Road station, then runs from Swiss Cottage to Chalk Farm; and the C11 runs from Swiss Cottage to Archway. For more details see <http://www.smvph.org.uk/contact-us.html> There is some unrestricted on-street parking on Saturdays.

Please make cheques payable to TVEMF and send with the slip below as soon as possible to; Sarah Young, 44B Park Hill, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 3RU. (sfyoung1@blueyonder.co.uk or 0208 669 8648)

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