

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

The Eton Choirbook

A workshop for singers directed by
Peter Syrus

Eton College Chapel
Windsor SL4 6DW
Saturday 23rd February 2008
10.00 for 10.30 until 17.00

The Eton Choirbook, compiled between 1500 and 1505, is one of very few collections of Latin liturgical music to survive the Reformation, and originally contained music by 24 different composers; however, many of the pieces are damaged or incomplete. We hope to study, in whole or in part, the following works:

Walter Lambe: Nesciens mater (a5: SATBaB)

William Cornysh: Salve regina (a5: SATTB)

William Cornysh: Ave Maria, mater Dei (a4: ATBaB)

John Browne: Stabat mater (a6: SATTBaB)

John Nesbet: Magnificat (a5: SATTB)

Some of the music is quite complex rhythmically and should prove very stimulating.

Eton College Chapel, for which the Choirbook was originally compiled, is a fine example of the Perpendicular Gothic style and is located within the College which is within walking distance of Windsor & Eton Central and Windsor & Eton Riverside stations. At www.etoncollege.com/default.asp in the Introduction there is a link to a map under "How to get to Eton" or type SL4 6DW into www.multimap.com. We are extremely grateful to the College for letting us use this most appropriate of venues.

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. He has directed a number of very successful workshops for TVEMF.

Please apply as soon as possible - we will be aiming for a balance of numbers! It will be necessary to obtain music so applicants after the 14th February must telephone to check they can be accommodated.

Cost is £10 for Early Music Forum members, and £12 for non-members but free for pupils from Eton College. Return this form to Jeff Gill, 12 Dorset Road London SW8 1EJ (020 7735 9002). Send an email to jeff@gill9160.fsnet.co.uk if you want confirmation, otherwise you should assume that your application has been accepted unless you hear to the contrary.

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I would like to come to the workshop on 23rd February and enclose £...
(cheque payable to TVEMF)

Name & address:

Telephone:

Voice:

Email: