

# Thames Valley Early Music Forum

## *Songs for Shakespeare's Theatre*

A workshop for singers and lutenists

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2008

At The Friends' Meeting House,

Quaker Lane, ISLEWORTH, Middx TW7 5AU

*with* GERALD PLACE *tenor* & DOROTHY LINELL *lute*

This workshop will explore music which may have been used in the original productions of Shakespeare's plays, or in very early revivals. There will be an illustrated talk on the function of song in the drama, and an introduction to early modern English pronunciation. The rest of the day will provide opportunities to work in groups with Gerald & Dorothy, with coaching covering style, presentation and accompaniment skills. Singers will need to be willing to sing on their own, but never fear, the sessions will be very informal indeed! There will be a chance to sing and play as an ensemble at the end of the day. Music will be provided some time before the event. Members who merely wish to observe are welcome, as are bass viol players who may wish to support the lutenists!

**Gerald Place & Dorothy Linell** comprise the duo England's Helicon. They have performed all over the UK, and are shortly to be releasing their newly-researched CD of the original music from Shakespeare's Theatre for Naxos International. Individually they are very experienced in their own fields: Gerald has sung with many specialist groups including the Sixteen, the Schütz Consort and the Tallis Scholars, and is an experienced stage performer and broadcaster. He is also director of the Gesualdo Consort. Dorothy Linell accompanies many distinguished singers, notably the counter-tenors James Bowman and Stephen Rickards, and has performed all over the world from Memphis to Moscow. On Channel 4 she has recently been heard playing Andy Price's incidental music for David Starkey's series on Henry VIII & Elizabeth I.

The day will start with coffee and registration at 10.00am and finish at about 4.00pm. Pitch will be A440. The Quaker Meeting House, an unusual 18<sup>th</sup> century building, is close to Syon Lane station (Network Rail, about 30 minutes from Waterloo). Quaker Lane is to the left of The Green School at the junction of the A315 and the A310. There is plenty of off-road parking. There are a couple of pubs and a fish & chip shop quite close by for lunch, and food shops too. The cost will be £15 for members of an Early Music Forum and £17.50 for non-members. Numbers will be limited, so book early! Please send the attached form to:

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I would like to attend the Shakespeare Workshop and enclose £ (payable to TVEMF)

Name & address: phone:  
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Please specify voice type *S/A/T/B* or *Lute or bass viol*:

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An acknowledgement can be sent by e mail if you request one here [ ]