

# *Thames Valley Early Music Forum*

## **Venetian Vespers**

directed by

**Jeffrey Skidmore**

at Magdalen College School, Oxford OX4 1DZ

**Saturday 27th September 2008**

10.00 for 10.30 until 17.00

This workshop explores the distinctive sound of St Mark's Venice, with gems from the 17th century by Grandi, Cavalli, Rovetta, Gabrieli and Monteverdi including plainchant propers and polychoral settings of the Cinque Laudate Psalm settings. In addition to singers, a range of instruments will be welcome including organ, theorbo, harp, viols, cornetti, trombones, dulcians, and a few recorders. Pitch will be A=440.

**Jeffrey Skidmore** is well-known for exciting programming which is often challenging but always accessible. Jeffrey read music at Magdalen College, Oxford, before returning to his native Birmingham to develop Ex Cathedra into the internationally-acclaimed choral group it has become today. He is a pioneer in the field of research and performance of neglected choral works of the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, and has won wide acclaim in particular for his recordings of French and Latin American Baroque music with Ex Cathedra for Hyperion. He has directed the first performances of many new editions, including two French Baroque operas, *Zaide* by Royer and *Isis* by Lully. As well as concentrating on conducting and research, Jeffrey is artistic director of the Early Music Programme at the Birmingham Conservatoire and a regular conductor at Dartington International Summer School as well as many workshops around the Country.

The day will start with coffee and registration at 10 am and finish about 5 pm. Lunch will be from about 12.30 until 1.45. Tea and coffee are provided. Pub lunches can be obtained nearby, but many prefer to bring their own food. Magdalen College School is opposite the Jacqueline du Pré Music Room, on the corner of Iffley Road and The Plain (roundabout). Parking is available in the school grounds. There is a map available from <http://www.mcsoxford.org/>

If you are applying late, and certainly if after 18th September, you should ring first to check whether there is space in your part. The cost for this workshop is £12 for Early Music Forum members, and £14 for non-members. If you would like to take part please send the attached form to: John Graham, The Garden House, Mollington, Banbury, Oxon OX17 1BD (Tel: 01295 750355)

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I would like to come to the Venetian Vespers workshop and enclose £..... (cheque payable to TVEMF)

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