

# Thames Valley Early Music Forum

## THE MYSTICAL MARRIAGE



### **A workshop for the Christmas Season for singers and instrumentalists**

**directed by Philip Thorby**

Sunday 18th December 2022  
at Amersham Community Centre in the Chilterns Lifestyle Centre,  
Chiltern Avenue, Amersham HP6 5AH  
10.30 for 11am until 5.30pm

Christmas is coming and you are invited to TVEMF's annual festive workshop and lunch. Teodoro Riccio's twelve-part motet "En Caeli et Terrae Connubia Mystica" celebrates the mystical union created between heaven and earth which took place when the son of God was born to a virgin. This fine, sonorous and seasonal work will be centre stage, alongside other festive works including Melchior Frank's "Alleluia, Ecce Maria Genuit", and the canticle of the BVM in Andrea Gabrieli's gentle and sensitive 12-part Magnificat. This will be our TVEMF President's first visit to us since December 2019 so we are delighted to welcome him back.

You are invited to come if you are a singer or play appropriate instruments such as cornetts, sackbuts, curtals, recorders, violin family, viols, plucked and keyboard continuo (may be from unfigured bass). Pitch will be A = 440. Music will be provided on the day.

The day will start with coffee at 10.30am and finish at about 5.30pm. Lunch is likely to be from about 1pm until 2.15 and, as usual at our Christmas event, will be communal. **You are asked to bring a contribution** - to the first course if your surname starts with A to N and to the second if it starts with O to Z. There will be information about where to put your food in the final email. Please bring your own mug, and if possible your own plates and cutlery (and a plastic bag to take them home to be washed up).

Amersham Community Centre is only a few minutes' walk from Amersham station (Metropolitan and Chiltern lines). Turn right out of the station and follow the road round past the Health Centre. Parking is free at the Community Centre and in the council office and other local car parks. There is space on the form to offer or ask for a lift and I will assume if you fill this in that you are happy for your email address/phone number to be circulated to other people on the list.

The fee is £16 for Early Music Forum members and £20 for non-members (annual membership to December 2023 is £9). Please apply online by December 12th using the following link [BOOK HERE](#). After that date, please email [chair@tvemf.org](mailto:chair@tvemf.org) to check if there are still places before applying. If you are unable to do Stripe or online booking, you can also book by post to 43 Inchwood, Birch Hill, Bracknell RG12 7ZX, enclosing SAE and a cheque payable to Thames Valley Early Music Forum (not TVEMF), giving your name, address, voice, instrument(s), email address and phone number, and mentioning whether you would offer or would like a lift. Enquiries about payments to [membershipsecretary@tvemf.org](mailto:membershipsecretary@tvemf.org) please. Other enquiries to [chair@tvemf.org](mailto:chair@tvemf.org).

This is likely to be a popular event so please book early to be sure of a place. You can assume you have been accepted unless you hear to the contrary shortly after the closing date. Late bookings may be possible (email [chair@tvemf.org](mailto:chair@tvemf.org)). **If you have booked and cannot come, please let me know at once because otherwise you will not only lose your booking fee but you will very likely deprive someone on the waiting list of a place.** I'd prefer you to email me at [chair@tvemf.org](mailto:chair@tvemf.org) but you can phone me on 01494 721582 if necessary. Please leave a message if I don't answer the phone. There will still be some covid precautions, including taking a lateral flow test before you come. These will be outlined in the online booking form and in the final email.

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