

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 10.00 am to 5.00 pm David Turnbull Music School, Solihull School, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 3DJ

# **Masterclasses for pre-formed groups**



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This is a special workshop in which Philip Thorby will coach six pre-formed early music groups in a "masterclass" format. This is an opportunity for smaller groups to experience analysis and tuition by one of the country's leading exponents of both instrumental and vocal music.

The groups can be any combination of singers and/or instrumentalists and the music can be anything you choose within the general "early music" category. If in doubt please contact Mike.

Each group will be allocated a 50 minute slot during which they will play music of their own choice and receive coaching from Philip. It is hoped that the other groups will then provide the audience for the coaching sessions, and we will welcome anyone else who wants to come along as an observer. There will be another room available for groups to tune or for a last minute practice. The aim is not for finely polished performances (whatever they are) but to work on interesting and diverse music that will allow Philip to help, encourage and educate everyone.

Time will be limited and unfortunately only six groups can be accommodated, and we do expect demand for places to be high. The organisers will therefore probably have to select from those groups applying by the closing date. Preference will be given to groups with mostly MEMF members. If demand is high it may be necessary to discourage players taking part in more than one or two groups, so that as many people as possible will be able to take part. Groups need to bring an extra copy of the music they will play for Philip. Nearer the time it would be helpful if groups could let us know what music they will be playing.

#### **FEES**

Groups with one or more MEMF members £95 per group; Groups with no MEMF members £100 per group; Fees should be sent with the application form, but any not selected will have their cheques returned.

Non-playing observers are very welcome, free of charge for MEMF members. Watching Philip is an exciting and educational event in itself.

#### **TIMETABLE**

10.00 am Registration and drinks 10.15 morning coaching sessions

1.00 pm (approx) Lunch (bring sandwiches or use local pubs or eateries)

2.00 - 5.00 pm (approx) - afternoon coaching sessions.

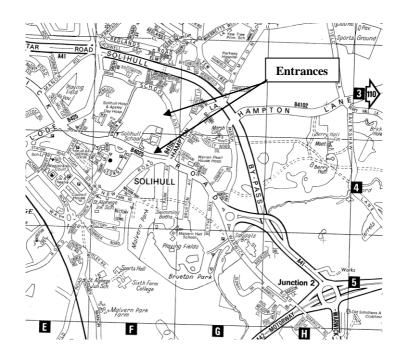
We expect to provide a detailed timetable before the event, so it will not be vital for groups to be there all day, although we hope that most will be - it should be very interesting and educational. We will provide some practice space.

Neither MEMF nor Solihull School can accept any responsibility for any property lost or damaged.

#### DIRECTIONS

By road: Leave M42 at Junction 5 onto the A41 and then take first left turn towards Solihull town centre. Turn right at the roundabout onto the Warwick Road (B 4025). The school entrance is on the right at the second set of traffic lights. There is plenty of parking in front of the chapel. The David Turnbull Music School is a short walk beyond the car park, keeping the chapel and playing field to your right. There is an alternative entrance with further parking, from School Lane.

Solihull railway station is approximately a 1 km walk through the town.



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### **Application Form**

Name of group
Chief contact for the group, name address, telephone & email:
Other members of the group – names
Music to be played, or at least some clues (e.g. madrigals, songs, recorder consort, viol consort; whatever).
Cheque enclosed: £
Please complete this application form and submit it, (cheques payable to "MEMF") to Mike Ashley, 256 Station Road, Knowle, Solihull, B93 0ES,

For queries please telephone Mike on 01564-778631 or email him at <a href="mashley256@aol.com">mashley256@aol.com</a>. If you have to cancel for any reason please let us know as soon as possible so that we can hopefully fill the vacancy with a group on the waiting list. We will only refund the fee if we are able to fill the vacancy.

before 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Earlier would be very helpful.

## **Forthcoming MEMF Workshops**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015 Choruses from Messiah

An informal workshop for voices & instruments

Tutor – Steve Davis Dale St Methodist Church, Leamington Spa

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Sacred music by Gesualdo and others

Tutor – Robert Hollingworth Lutley Community centre, Halesowen

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Choral works from 18<sup>th</sup> Century Rome

A workshop for voices & continuo

Tutor – Peter Leech St Andrew's Church Hall, Barnt Green

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 **De Rore and Jaquet de Mantua** 

A workshop for voices

Tutor – Stephen Rice St Nicholas' Church, Warwick

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016 **Johan Hermann Schein** 

A workshop for singers and instruments

Tutor – Peter Syrus Venue: tba

Saturday 21st May 2016 Handel Concerti Grossi

Instrumental workshop for strings, oboes and bassoons (A415)

Tutor: David Hatcher Dale Street Methodist Church, Leamington

June 2016 (to be arranged)

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016 **A workshop for singers** 

Tutor - David Allinson Music and venue tba

MEMF members get regular mailings, and lower fees for our workshops. For further information about MEMF, contact: Mike Ashley at <a href="mailto:mashley256@aol.com">mashley256@aol.com</a> or 01564-778631 or look at the website: www.memf.org.uk

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