

THAMES VALLEY EARLY MUSIC FORUM

Heinrich Isaac c.1450 - 1517

A day for singers and instrumentalists
directed by Peter Syrus

at the United Reformed Church, Ickenham, Saturday 11 June 2011

Peter's last TVEMF workshop in June 2010 focussed on English sacred music from the turn of the sixteenth century. This year he plans to lead us through music from the same period, but from a celebrated continental master contemporary with Josquin. Heinrich Isaac is thought to have been born in Flanders or Brabant but spent most of his working life in Italy and the German-speaking parts of Europe. Peter writes:

"We shall contrast movements from mass Ordinaries from two distinctly different traditions, one thoroughly cosmopolitan (Comme femme desconfortée), the other more provincial (the six-voice Missa Paschale). Motets will range from the simple but profoundly moving lament on the death of Lorenzo de' Medici (Quis dabit capiti meo aquam?) to the extrovert brilliance of Angeli, Archangeli (if you can think of Renaissance polyphony more thrilling than this, please let me know). And then there's Tota pulchra es, amica mea (you can't beat good old Song of Songs texts....) and Regina celi letare (...or a good tune).

The music will be suitable for singers (all ranges) and for viols (all sizes), recorders (alto downwards), cornetts, sackbuts and curtals. The pitch will be A = 440."

The day will begin with coffee and registration at 10.00 for a 10.30 start and run till 5.00. There are pubs serving lunches in Ickenham and a good cafe.

Ickenham URC is in Swakeleys Road, on the corner of Eleanor Grove. To get a map online, go into www.streetmap.co.uk/ or <http://uk5.multimap.com> and put in the postcode, UB10 8BE. The church is half a mile from Ickenham station (Metropolitan and Piccadilly lines) and about three quarters of a mile from West Ruislip (Chiltern and Central). The Oxford buses stop at Hillingdon Circus about a mile away. For drivers there is parking in the streets by the church.

The fee for the day is £14 for Early Music Forum members and £16 for non-members, cheques payable to TVEMF. Please send this form by 20 May to Jeff Gill, 12 Dorset Road, London SW8 1EJ (020 7735 9002). You should assume that your application has been accepted unless you hear to the contrary. If you would like an acknowledgment please e-mail Jeff on jeffgill9160@waitrose.com.

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