

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

Le Jeu de Robin – the first opera

A workshop for singers and medieval instruments directed by
Sara Stowe

St Andrew's United Reformed Church
Mount Park Road, Ealing W5 2RS

Saturday 8th October 2016 (10am for 10.30am start until about 5pm)

Sara Stowe follows parallel careers as soprano and harpsichordist performing as both soloist and as a member of various music ensembles. Her broad performing experience covers a huge range of music from 12th century songs of the trouvères to the challenges of contemporary music. Her performances of the repertoire for this workshop include collaborations with Sinfonye, Sirinu and Sharon Lindo.

The starting point for the day is the 13th century 'opera' by Adam de La Halle (c.1235-c.1288), an attractive blend of rustic comedy and simple monophonic songs, written while he was serving at the French Court in Naples. The idea is to end the day with a run of the play and its music, with added 13th century motets and instrumental versions of the songs. Motets, chansons (15th/16th century) and English rounds provide the more serious music which the Robin & Marion idea has spawned and we will begin with this repertoire in the morning. Applications are invited from singers and from players of medieval instruments including fiddles, wind, harps and drones.

The Venue: St Andrew's United Reformed Church is in Mount Park Road, between Aston Road and King's Avenue a few minutes' walk from Ealing Broadway station (District & Central Lines and National Rail). Bus routes 65,83,112,226,207,427,E1,E2,E7,E8,E8,E10 & E11 all stop nearby. For those coming by car the church has a small car park and there is free street parking nearby on Saturday. Coffee & tea will be available from 10am and lunch will be from about 12.30pm until 1.30pm. There are pubs serving food nearby and cafés, restaurants, sandwich bars and small supermarkets around Ealing Broadway a few minutes' walk away.

The fee is £12 for Early Music Forum members and £14 for non-members, cheques payable to TVEMF. Please send this form as soon as possible and by 28th September at the latest, to Kate Gordon, 4A Castle Road, London NW1 8PP, (0207 482 5874 membershipsecretary@tvemf.org). You should assume that your application has been accepted unless you hear to the contrary. If you are unable to attend please notify the organiser as soon as possible so your place can be offered to someone else. Don't just fail to turn up as not only will we keep your cheque but you may deprive someone on the waiting list of a place. If you would like an acknowledgement of receipt, please mention this on the form and provide your email address or a SAE.

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Name Voice / Instrument(s)

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