

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

Claudio Merulo - Sacrorum Conventuum, 1594

A day for singers and instrumentalists

directed by **David Hatcher**

Drake Hall, Amersham Community Centre,

Chiltern Avenue, Amersham, Bucks HP6 5AH

Sunday 27th October 2013 (10am for 10.30 until 5pm)

The Italian composer, organist and publisher Claudio Merulo (1533 - 1604) was so respected in his day as to be chosen over Andrea Gabrieli for the post of second organist at St Mark's in Venice. Now mostly known for his innovative keyboard works, he composed in almost every musical genre of his era. We will study some of the larger motets from his 'Sacrorum Conventuum' for 5, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 16 voices published by Gardano in Venice in 1594. These motets demonstrate great attention to word setting to ensure clarity. They intersperse chordal sections with imitative counterpoint and explore new techniques of contrast and surprise.

Applications are invited from singers and players of appropriate instruments such as recorders, viols, plucked strings, cornetts, sackbuts and curtals. Pitch will be at A=440.

David Hatcher studied viola da gamba with Charles Medlam and recorder with Philip Thorby at Trinity College of Music, London. He performs with numerous leading early music ensembles and teaches at the Cambridge Easter Early Music Summer School, Beauchamp and the Ascot Easter Early Music courses.

Amersham Community Centre is a few minutes walk from Amersham station. Turn right out of the station and follow the road round past the Health Centre and the library. The Community Centre is on the right almost immediately after the pedestrian crossing, and the hall is in the building on the right at the back of the car park, almost opposite the entrance. Parking is free at the Community Centre and in the library car park.

The fee for the day is £12 for Early Music Fora members and £14 for non-forum members, cheques payable to TVEMF. Please send the slip below a.s.a.p. and no later than 15th October to Wendy Davies, Cob Cottage, Woolstone, Faringdon, Oxon SN7 7QL (01367-820381). You should assume your application has been accepted unless you hear to the contrary. An acknowledgement can be sent by post if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed

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