

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

Motets from the Bach and beyond

A day for singers and instrumentalists
directed by Peter Syrus

Saturday 15 July 2017, 10.00 for 10:30 until 5.00 pm
United Reformed Church, Ickenham

Peter Syrus is to venture south again from the Royal Northern College of Music to introduce TVEMF members to yet more fine music by little-known composers. Peter writes: "The day seeks to affirm 'the' (Johann Sebastian) Bach (1685-1750) as 'merely' the greatest in a long and revered dynasty. He will be represented by two double-choir motets, 'Komm, Jesu, komm' and 'Ich lasse dich nicht'. The jury may still be out on the latter. Long thought to be by Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703), it is now generally credited to JSB, and is a lovely work whoever wrote it. Indisputably by Johann Christoph is the five-voice funeral motet 'Der Gerechte, ob er gleich zu zeitlich stirbt'. Then there's Johann Michael Bach (1648-94): we'll have to select from two 5-part and two 8-part motets by him. The earliest member of this prestigious family will be one Johann Bach (1604-73): his 'Sei nun wieder zufrieden' conjures up the world of Heinrich Schütz, a valuable reminder of the breadth and richness of the Altbachisches Archiv in Berlin."

Singers in all voice ranges are welcome, and players of any of the following: strings (viol or violin family), low recorders, early bassoon/curtal, cornett, sackbut, and plucked or keyboard continuo instruments. Figured bass parts will be available. Pitch for the day will be A=440.

The day will begin with coffee at 10.00 for a 10.30 start. Ickenham URC is in Swakeleys Road, on the corner of Eleanor Grove (postcode UB10 8BE), half a mile from Ickenham station (Metropolitan and Piccadilly lines) and about three quarters of a mile from West Ruislip (Chiltern and Central). There will not be much space in the church car-park, because of other events, but there is unrestricted parking in Cophall Road East (the next side-road after Eleanor Grove as you head west). If you use the church car park please label your car TVEMF. Pubs and cafes are close by.

To enrol please apply by 15 June. The fee - £14 for Early Music Forum members and £16 for non-members - may be paid by electronic transfer to TVEMF a/c no. 00691902, s/c 30-94-28. Please give your name as the reference for the transfer, and send your details (see the slip below) by e-mail to Jeff Gill, jeffgill9160@waitrose.com, with a copy to treasurer@tvemf.org. Alternatively send Jeff the form, together with a cheque payable to TVEMF, at 108 Grosvenor Crescent, Hillingdon UB10 9EU (telephone 01895 238263). You should assume that your application has been accepted unless you hear to the contrary. If you find you cannot come, please let us know because there may be a waiting list.

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Name Voice/instrument

I enclose a cheque for £

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