

***EASTERN EARLY MUSIC FORUM
THAMES VALLEY EARLY MUSIC FORUM***

**Saturday 12 May 2012 10.00 for 10.30
Waltham Abbey**

Biber Missa Bruxellensis a 24

Course directed by Philip Thorby

We continue the joint EEMF/TVEMF series of annual events at Waltham Abbey with the lesser known of Biber's large-scale masses – in terms of numbers of staves, under half the size of the Salzburg Mass. The Brussels Mass (named because of where the MS survives) was also written for Salzburg, though there is no confirmation that it is by Biber. It is likely that first performance in the UK was given at the Proms by the AAM in 2004, using a last-minute edition by Brian Clark for King's Music; it probably hasn't been performed here since. The copyist's manuscript dates from around 1700. It is scored for two vocal groups, each comprising SATB soli and chorus, four trumpets and timps, five-part strings (though the untitled bottom line may have been for curtal/bassoon), 2 cornetti, 3 sackbuts, and continuo. Trumpets and timps are already organised; please contact Clifford in advance if you wish to play other instruments. **Pitch is A=440.** It is an exciting work: do come for a rare chance of getting to know this intriguing work. Information about it can be found by googling *Missa Bruxellensis* (The exact reference is: <http://www.bluntinstrument.org.uk/biber/promTalk-2004-08-10.htm>)

Waltham Abbey is near the M25/A10 intersection and is accessible by train.

Catering. Coffee and biscuits will be available, but not lunch. Bringing your own is better than foraging in the town.

Music. Chorus scores will be provided. Full scores can be ordered from CB.

Payment. Please enclose a cheque for £18.00 (£20 if you are not a member of any forum) payable to Eastern Early Music Forum

Please send cheques payable to Eastern Early Music Forum to: Ellen Sarewitz, 8 Oasthouse Court, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1DX: if you require a receipt, enclose sae.

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Musical queries to Clifford Bartlett: clifford.bartlett@btopenworld.com tel 01480 452076.

Urgent questions or apologies on the day to: 07721 040058

I wish to apply to participate in the Biber Mass workshop at Waltham Abbey, 12 May 2012

Name.....
(Preferred choice first, followed by alternative. If you wish to sing in the solo sections, please indicate)

Voice/Instrument.....

Address.....
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Telephone/email.....
