

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

Eastern Early Music Forum

Charpentier *Te Deum* and *Les Arts Florissants*

A day for singers and instrumentalists directed by **Julian Perkins**

Sunday 15th April 2018 at Benslow Music, Benslow Lane, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 9RB

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643 – 1704) was a prolific composer in many genres and his sacred vocal music was especially well regarded by his contemporaries. He is still held in high regard today and the opening of his *Te Deum* was chosen for the theme tune of the Eurovision Song Contest! As well as that piece we hope to look at some choruses from his opera *Les Arts Florissants*.

Applications are invited from singers, strings (violin family & viols), flutes, oboes, recorders, bassoons and continuo. Pitch will be A=415. Instrumentalists should indicate their voice type on the form below if they wish to sing some of the time. There is no need to bring a stand, as Benslow will provide these.

Julian Perkins read music at King's College, Cambridge, before pursuing advanced studies at the Schola Cantorum, Basle and the Royal Academy of Music. He is a well-known harpsichord and clavichord performer and has directed staged opera productions for organisations such as the Buxton Festival, Dutch National Opera Academy, Guildhall School of Music & Drama, Kings Place, New Chamber Opera, New Kent Opera and a number of successful Forum workshops.

The day will begin with coffee and registration at 10.00 for a 10.30 start and run till 5.00. Benslow Music is 5-10 minutes' walk from Hitchin Rail Station and has plenty of parking spaces. Benslow can provide a two-course lunch that we highly recommend at £11 a head, if at least 35 participants go for this option. Alternatively you can bring a packed lunch. The town centre has cafés and restaurants but is about 15 minutes' walk. This workshop follows straight after the Benslow Baroque Opera course, which ends after breakfast on the same day.

The fee is £25 for Early Music Forum members and £27 for non-members (£14/16 if you are not having the lunch). Please apply by Friday 30th March, and as early as possible if you want to have lunch. After that date, please email or text to check if there are still places before sending a form. You may pay by electronic transfer to TVEMF a/c no. 00691902, s/c 30-94-28 giving your name as the reference, and emailing the details requested on the slip to david@tvemf.org with a copy to treasurer@tvemf.org. Alternatively post the completed form with a cheque payable to TVEMF, to David Fletcher, 62 Hughenden Avenue, High Wycombe HP13 5SJ. If you are unable to attend, please let David know as soon as possible by email or phone (01494 532195) so your place can be offered to someone else. Late cancellations received after 6th April may forfeit the course fee if they cannot be replaced from the waiting list.

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PLEASE USE CAPITALS

Name:

Voice/instrument:

Address:

E-mail address:

Telephone number:

I enclose a cheque payable to 'TVEMF' for £

OR I have paid £

electronic transfer

Any dietary requirements if having lunch: