North East
Early Music Forum
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Saturday 11 February 2023
My Heart is Inditing
an exploration of settings by Purcell and Handel
for singers and instrumentalists
led by Christopher Roberts
Clements Hall, Nunthorpe Road, York, YO23 1BW
10 am for a 10.30 start, finishing at 4.30 pm.



Henry Purcell's grand anthem 'My Heart is Inditing' was composed for the coronation of King James II in Westminster Abbey on 23 April 1685. Performed by an 8-part choir it was the climax of the ceremony that related to James's queen, Mary of Modena. Featuring graceful music, striking moments of dissonance, and imitative writing, the piece concludes with a gentle and stately Alleluia/Amen. **George Frederic Handel's setting** adapts the text used by Purcell. Written for the coronation of King George II and Queen Caroline (11 October 1727) – alongside another three anthems, mostly famously 'Zadok the Priest' – Handel adopts an altogether gentler, refined, and expressive style in the opening three andante movements before finishing with a dazzling allegro to celebrate the Queen's anointing and coronation.

This workshop, led by Dr Christopher Roberts, is open to all singers and players of appropriate period/modern instruments (if in doubt, please ask). Pitch A = 440.

Chris is Operations Manager at the National Centre for Early Music in York and has held positions at Benslow Music, Cambridge Early Music, and HISS. His PhD thesis, awarded by the University of Leeds, explored the musical interests, activities and networks of members of the provincial population in C18th Yorkshire. Chris enjoys composing and playing the harpsichord and cello. His music has been performed by Fretwork on BBC Radio 3, The Clothworkers Consort of Leeds and Leeds Baroque Choir and Orchestra.

All music will be provided on the day but can be viewed in advance of the workshop if you wish:
Purcell: https://s9.imslp.org/files/imglnks/usimg/8/8c/IMSLP673998-PMLP1081490-My_heart_is_inditing.pdf
Handel: https://www.cpdl.org/wiki/index.php/My_heart_is_inditing_(George_Frideric_Handel)

COST £18. Unwaged, living on state pension only, £9. Full-time student FREE (please email booking form). Covid permitting, we expect to be serving interval refreshments. You may wish to bring your own mug.
Please book online www.neemf.org.uk/neemf-workshop-diary.html or send the completed booking form below to **Joanna Rowling, 21A Manor Crescent, Pool-in-Wharfedale, Otley LS21 1ND.** If, having booked, you are unable to come, please let us know as soon as possible. **Info/enquiries: joannarowling@btinternet.com / 0113-2843350**

My Heart is Inditing, 11th February 2023 (Closing date for bookings: 28th January 2023) Application Form

Name and address ……..
……Postcode ……

Email _____ Tel: _____

I wish to sing:_____ *(voice)* I wish to play_____
(*instrument*)

I would be able to sing solo (if required) ☐

Please also tell us if you have any special requirements (eg large print, transpositions or clefs preferred, etc):

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An acknowledgement will be emailed. If you prefer this to be posted, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope

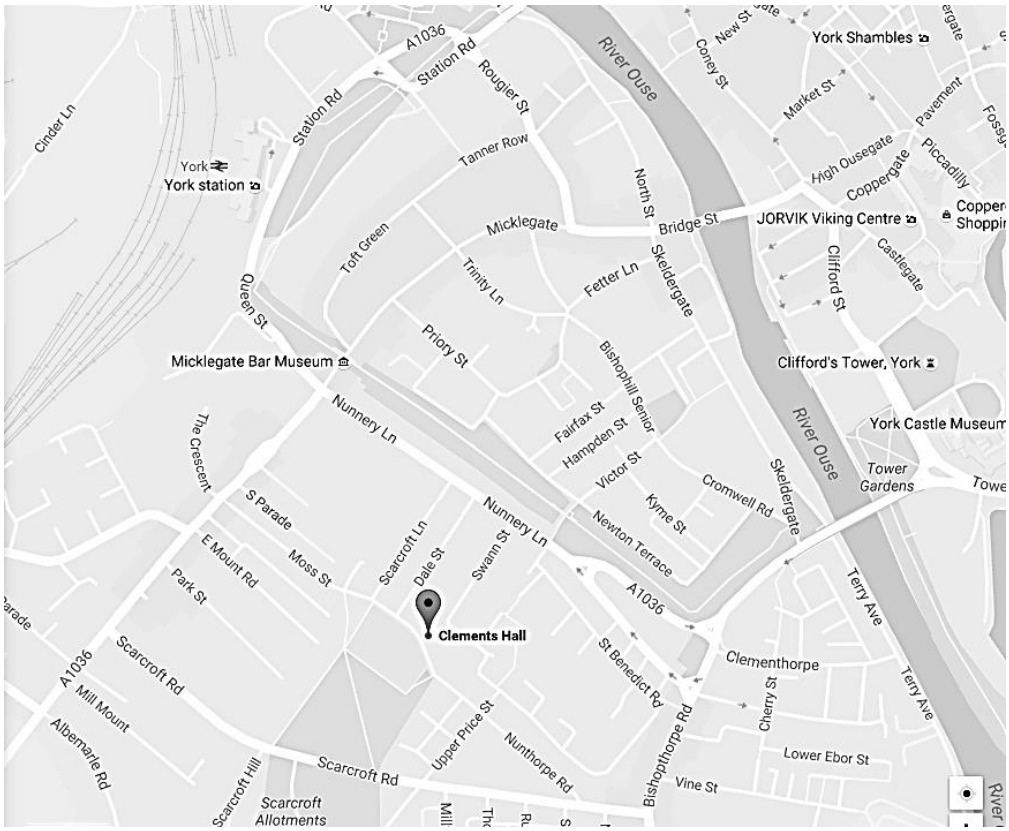
☐ Do you belong to NEEMF? Yes / No.

Is this your first NEEMF workshop? If so, we will try to arrange a welcomer to meet you. Yes / No
For non-members of NEEMF: May we email you occasionally? Your email address will not be shared with anyone. Yes / No

Signed _____ Date _____

Clements Hall, Nunthorpe Road, York, is easily reached by public transport or by car: SatNav use YO23 1BP or YO23 1BS. There is free parking in the school playground opposite and car access is via Scarcroft Rd and Upper Price St (or directly onto Nunthorpe Rd if coming from the east).

Park and Ride: White route from Askham Bar and Turquoise route from Poppleton Bar will drop you off at Blossom Street or the railway station, and Red route from the Designer Outlet on the A64 will deliver you to the railway station.
Approx. 12 minutes' walk from York Railway Station via Nunnery Lane. The building has disabled access.



COVID precautions: to help to protect everyone, we ask you to:

- read and abide by our Covid policy. This can be found on our website
- whether vaccinated or not, take a lateral flow test the day before the workshop
- do not attend if you feel at all unwell

Please note: The NEEMF half-price pensioner concession is only for pensioners whose SOLE source of income is the state pension. Pensioners who live on a combination of occupational and state pensions pay the full workshop rate.