North East
Early Music Forum
Registered Charity No: 326282

Saturday 21 October 2023

Benevoli's Missa Tu Es Petrus for four choirs

a workshop for voices & instruments

led by Robert Hollingworth

Clements Hall, York (directions overleaf)

10 for 10.30, finish 4.30pm, Pitch A=440



The NEEMF AGM will take place during the lunch break and those not attending the workshop can participate in this via Zoom.

Following the first CD release in I Fagiolini's new series of multi-choir masses by Roman 17th century maestro, Orazio Benevoli, we will get to grips with the most flamboyant of his four-choir masses, based on Palestrina's six-voice motet 'Tu es Petrus'. Benevoli was director of the Papal choir, the 'cappella giulia' but also worked as a fixer, providing music and singers for other churches in Rome on their feast days. Until now his music has not existed in performance editions and as a result, the music of this important historical figure - an exact contemporary of Carissimi's - has remained unknown. This mass is joyous, rich and melodic though tricky in places so music will be available before the day to rehearse (alongside the new recording). Unlike the heavily instrumental dependent Venetian music of 50 years earlier, Roman polychoral music is written for all-vocal choirs so the ranges are more manageable for singers. However, doubling vocal lines with instrumental colour (for instruments at A440) is very much welcome and encouraged.

Robert Hollingworth has spent 35 years directing vocal groups, notably I Fagiolini, which has won many music awards. He is Artistic Director for Stour Music Festival, writes and presents programmes for BBC Radio 3 and is Reader in Music at the University of York where he directs University Chamber Choir 'The 24' and runs an MA in Solo-Voice Ensemble Singing.

COST £18; concessions £9 (people aged ≤26 or on a very low income eg solely dependent on state benefits). STUDENTS FREE.

Refreshments at breaks included. Bring a packed lunch or use local facilities.

Please complete the booking form below and send with a cheque payable to 'North East Early Music Forum' to: **Alice Brunton, 13 Lily Cres, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 2SP** (or book online via workshop diary on our website www.neemf.org.uk). **Closing date: 7 October 2023.** If you cannot use your booked place, please inform us asap. For more info., please email alice@alices.org.uk

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Application Form: Benevoli's Missa Tu Es Petrus for four choirs (Closing date for applications: 7 October 2023)

Completed form and cheque to **Alice Brunton, 13 Lily Cres, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 2SP**

Name and address (with postcode please)..

.... Postcode ....

Email ____ Tel: ____________________________

I wish to play:________________________ (*indicate instrument(s)*) approx level *(eg starter, pro, student)* _________

or I wish to sing: ________________________ *(voice)* 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):

We will email a receipt. If you prefer, we can post an acknowledgement/receipt for which I enclose a stamped SAE ☐

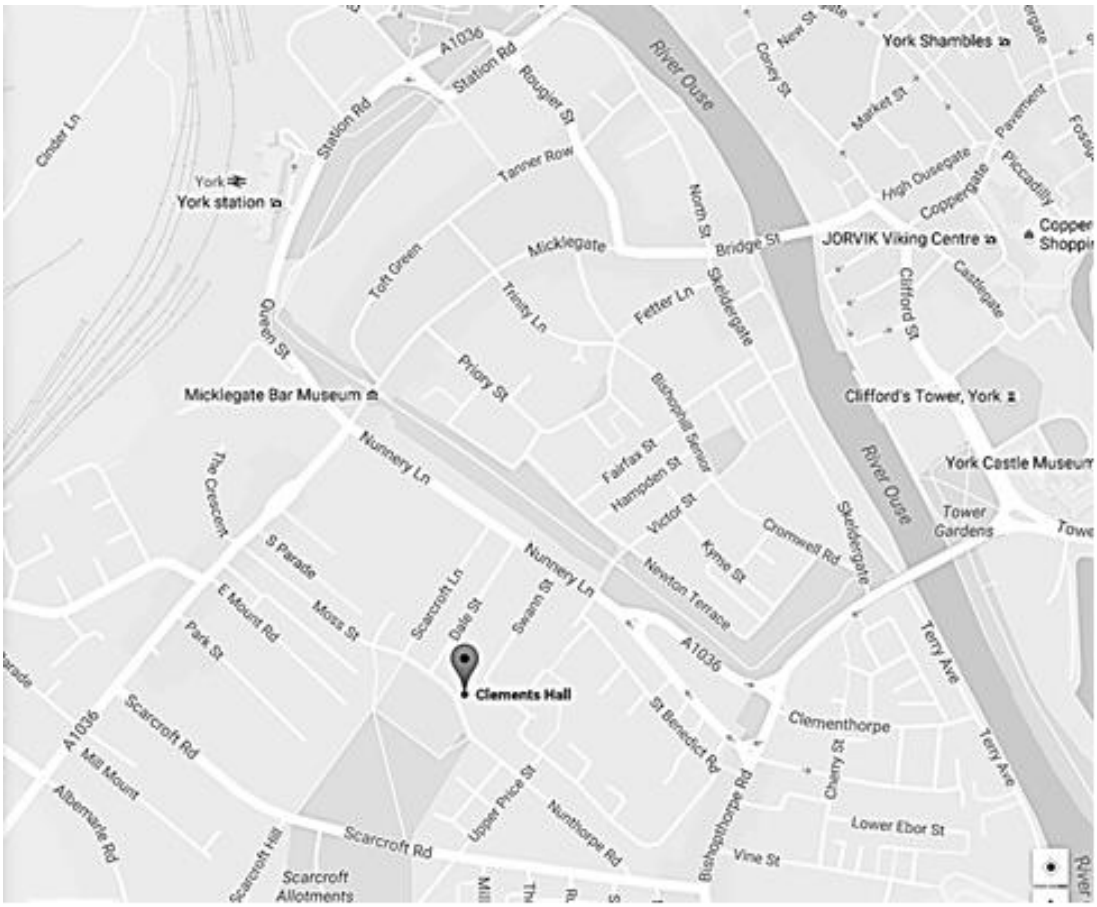
I enclose a cheque (*payable to `North East Early Music Forum'*) for £ _______ Do you belong to NEEMF? Yes / No

Is this your first 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 https://neemf.weebly.com/covid-policy.html
-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.