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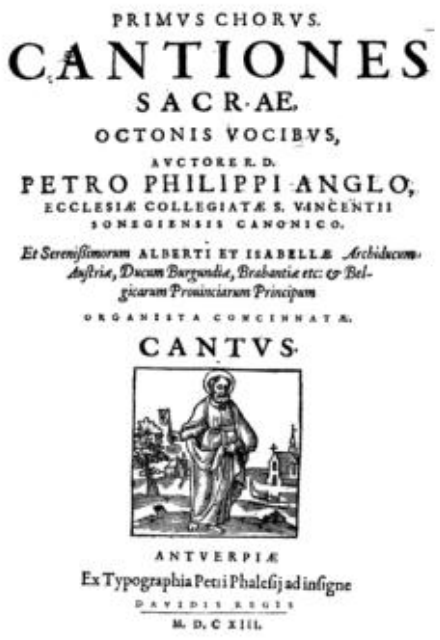
Cecilia Virgo: Peter Philips and his contemporaries

A workshop for singers and viols, soft winds & recorders

Led by Alex Kyle

St Mary's C of E Church, Fawdon, Newcastle

10 for 10.30 - 4.30 **A = 440**



The exiled English composer, keyboard virtuoso and Catholic priest Peter Philips, who fled Protestant England during the reign of Elizabeth I, left behind a body of work in a rhythmically vigorous and highly expressive style. His exceptionally wide travels throughout the European continent brought him into contact with many of the leading composers of the day, notably the Dutchman Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck and fellow English exile Richard Dering. Singers and players of viols and soft wind instruments are invited to explore the music, sacred and secular, of these men and their contemporaries. The climax of the day will be Philips's masterful eight-voice motet for the feast of St Cecilia, patron saint of musicians: *Cecilia Virgo*.

Alex Kyle is a conductor, singer and singing teacher based in Leeds. He is the Musical Director of Vocalis Chamber Choir in Harrogate. From 2013-22 he was a Choral Director for Diocese of Leeds Music, in which post he conducted Bradford Catholic Youth Choir in prestigious venues such as the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican, and on national BBC television (BBC 1) and radio (Radio 3 and 4). Alex is in demand as a solo singer and guest conductor, and has run music workshops for York Early Music Festival and Harrogate International Youth Festival among others. He is currently finishing his Masters Degree in Solo Voice Ensemble Singing at the University of York under the tutelage of Robert Hollingworth).

COST £18; concessions £9 (people aged ≤26 or on a very low income e.g. 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: to **Dow Smith, 9 Swinburne Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 6EA** (or book online via workshop diary on our website www.neemf.org.uk). **Closing date: (28 October 2023)** If you cannot use your booked place, please inform us asap.
For more info., please email dows@aol.com

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Cecilia Virg: Peter Philips and his contemporaries on the continent **Application Form**
(Closing date for applications: 28 October 2023)
Completed form and cheque to Dow Smith, 9 Swinburne Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 6EA

Name and address (with postcode please) ....

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.... 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

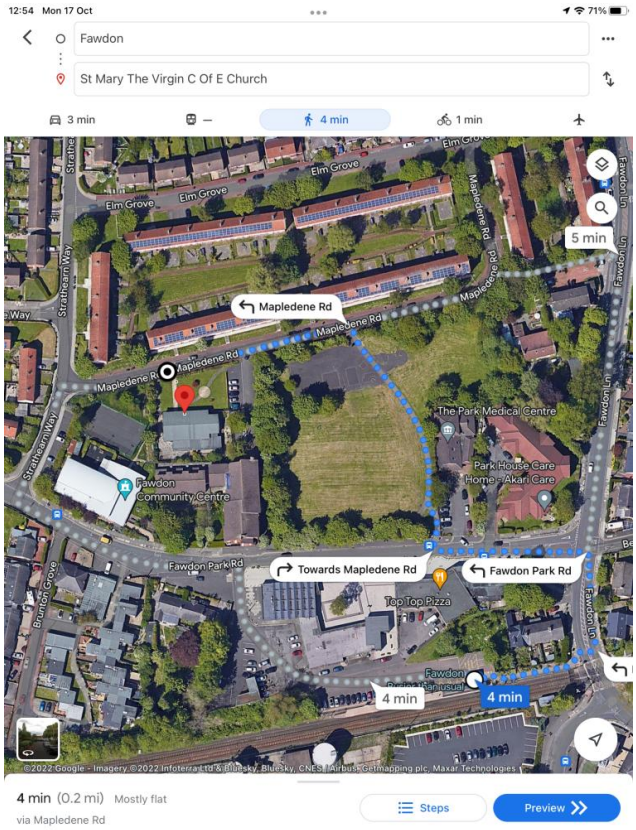
Is this your first workshop? If so, we will try to arrange a welcomer to meet you. Yes / No

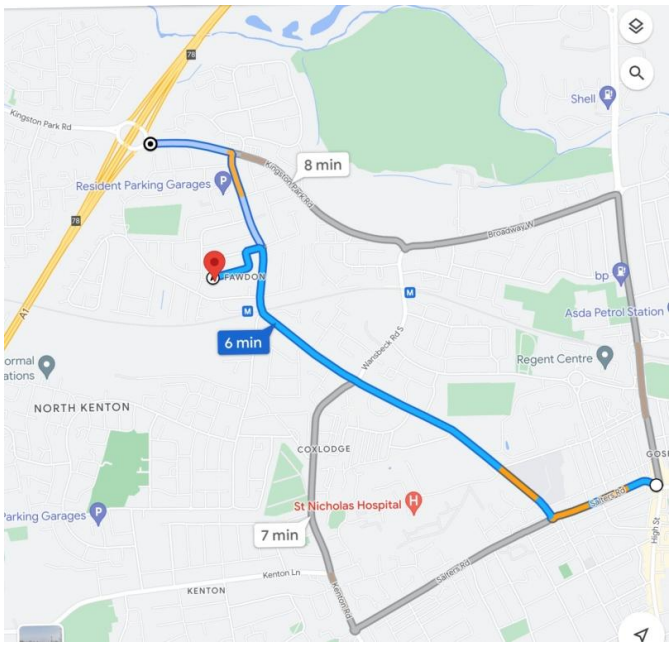
For non-members of NEEMF: May we email you occasionally? Your email address will not be shared with anyone. Yes / No

Signed ___________________________________ **Date** __________________

Directions to St Mary's C of E Church, Mapledene Road, Fawdon, Newcastle upon Tyne Ne3 2RY
By public transport: Train to Newcastle, Metro to Fawdon. 4 minute walk from metro station, via lit, paved path through small park.
By car: Great North Road Left onto Salters Road, Right onto Jubilee Road. After about 1 mile cross level crossing, do not take 1st left to Fawdon, take 2nd left (mini roundabout) signposted St Mary's C of E church, next L.
Coming from A1 western bypass take exit to City North / Fawdon / Gosforth. Turn R at lights into Fawdon Lane, 5th R into Elm Lane, then L into Mapledene Road. Small church car park, then on street parking with no restrictions.

Venue website: https://stmaryfawdon.wixsite.com/church





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.

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