

Saturday 15th April 2023

Byrd 4 part mass

led by Deborah Catterall

Clements Hall, York (directions overleaf)

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

a workshop for unaccompanied voices

North East Early Music Forum
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William Byrd, (circa 1540 - 1623) wrote his Mass for Four Voices somewhere between 1592 and 1593 during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. It was an offence to publish, or even write, music for the Catholic Mass and so Byrd concealed his settings individually without title pages or preface and without naming the printer. Nevertheless, this glorious and deeply introspective piece is food for the soul from one who partially hid away but who never allowed his depth of faith to hide away with him.

Deborah Catterall is a voice and vocal ensemble tutor at the Royal Northern College of Music, and Director of Choral Studies at Higham Hall as well as their Early Music Summer School. She conducts Voci Chamber Choir, Liverpool Renaissance Singers, Dyffryn Clwyd Singers and the Children of Song School in Ruthin, North Wales. She is a recitalist of early music and sings regularly with The York Waits. During her most recent workshop for NEEMF, in 2018, coaching small pre-formed vocal groups, a small section of the Byrd 4 part mass was used as an exercise leading to enthusiastic requests for a further workshop dedicated entirely to this wonderful piece of music. So here it is. We will be singing in F minor (rather than the original key of G minor) from this edition https://www.cpdl.org/wiki/images/1/19/Byrd_Four.pdf. Printed copies will be provided on the day.

COST: £18; concessions **£9** (=people aged 26 and under and people on very low income eg solely dependent on state benefits). STUDENTS FREE.

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

Please book online https://www.neemf.org.uk/neemf-workshop-diary.html or send the completed booking form below to **Jo Green, 73 Huntington Rd, York YO31 8RL.** More info/ enquiries: jogreenyork@gmail.com (07939 841749 or 01904 673675)**.** Closing date for bookings: **1st April 2023**. If, having booked, you are unable to come, please let us know as soon as possible.

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Completed form and cheque to **Jo Green, 73 Huntington Rd, York YO31 8RL**

Name &
address……

……Postcode ……

Email _____ Tel: _____

I wish to sing:_____ *(voice)*

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

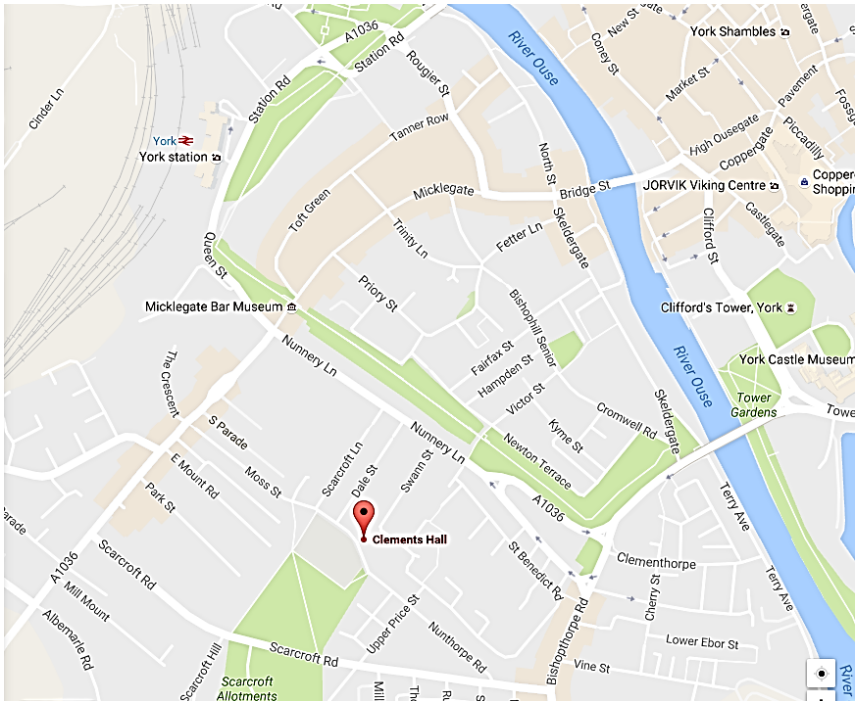
Is this your first NEEMF workshop? Yes / No If so, we will try to arrange a welcomer to meet you.

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 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.