

North East
Early Music Forum
Registered Charity No: 326282

Saturday 5th February 2022

'Not Mortals but Angels'

led by Laurie Stras

Burley-in-Wharfedale Methodist Church

10.00 for 10.30, finish 4.30 pm

NEEMF (North East Early Music Forum) invites singers (**female** voices) and instrumentalists (bass viol and continuo players) to a day of music directed by Laurie Stras, Research Professor of Music at the University of Huddersfield, drawing on the extraordinarily rich repertoire of 13th-16th century European convent polyphony found in medieval and renaissance manuscripts and prints. We will cover a range of styles and practices, from simple harmonisations to complex imitative polyphony, in songs, antiphons, mass movements, and motets. Pitch: A = 440.
Depending on voices available, sources will include the Las Huelgas manuscript, manuscripts from the Bologna library (Q11, Q15, and Q19), the Brenzoni-Maffei manuscript from Verona, the Biffoli-Sostegni manuscript from Florence, and the motets attributed to Suor Leonora d'Este. Laurie Stras teaches and researches sixteenth-century music, popular music, and music and disability. She is the co-director of two well-established female choirs – Musica Secreta and Celestial Sirens. Musica Secreta's CD 'From Darkness into Light' was the first complete recording of Antoine Brumel's *Lamentations*, based on Stras's discovery of a manuscript prepared for a Florentine convent ("Were Botticelli's *Primavera* to burst into song, she would probably sound like this." – *Independent on Sunday*). Her latest book is *Women and Music in Sixteenth Century Ferrara*, in which she makes a powerful case that Lucrezia Borgia's daughter was one of the most skilled and innovative composers of the Italian renaissance.

Cost £18. Concessions (people aged ≤26 or on a very low income e.g. solely dependent on state benefits, £9). **STUDENTS FREE**. Please bring your own refreshments and lunch, or use local outlets.
Please book online https://www.neemf.org.uk/neemf-workshop-diary.html or complete the booking form below.
If, having booked, you are unable to come, please let us know as soon as possible.
PLEASE NOTE: In view of current COVID uncertainties all bookings are provisional. As space will be limited to allow social distancing, we will be able to accept fewer applications than usual and will prioritise the need for a balanced ensemble.
More info/enquiries: **George Kennaway 07952 597420** or **gwkennaway@gmail.com**

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'Not Mortals but Angels': Laurie Stras, Saturday 5 February 2022 **Application Form**

Closing date for booking: **22 Jan 2022.** Completed form and cheque to: George Kennaway, 34 Magellan House, Armouries Way, Leeds LS10 1JE

Name and address (with postcode please) ....
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....**Postcode** ....
Email ____ **Tel:** _________________________________

I wish to sing:________________________ *(voice)* I would be able to sing solo (if required) □

I wish to play:________________________ (*indicate instrument(s*) Approx level _________

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

A receipt will be emailed. If you prefer this to be posted, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope □

I enclose a cheque (*please make payable to `NEEMF'*) for £ _______ Do you belong to NEEMF? Yes / No

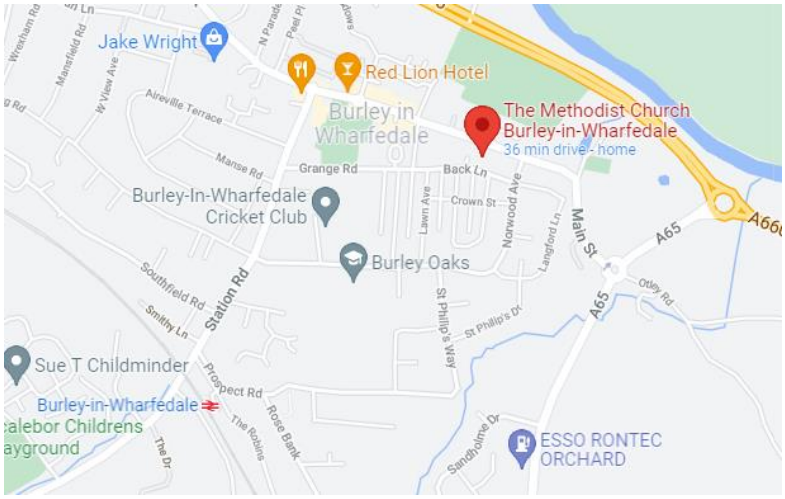
Is this your first NEEMF workshop? If so, we will try to arrange a welcomer to meet you. Yes / No

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

Signed __________________________________ _ Date __________________

Burley-in-Wharfedale Methodist Church Main St, Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkley LS29 7DT

Around 10 mins walk from Burley-in-Wharfedale station. Parking appears to be unrestricted on the neighbouring streets, but note that Main Street itself is also a bus route.





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 or can be sent to you on request
- 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 state pension. Pensioners who live on a combination of occupational and state pensions pay the full workshop rate.