North East
Early Music Forum
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Paratum cor meum – My heart is ready...to sing!

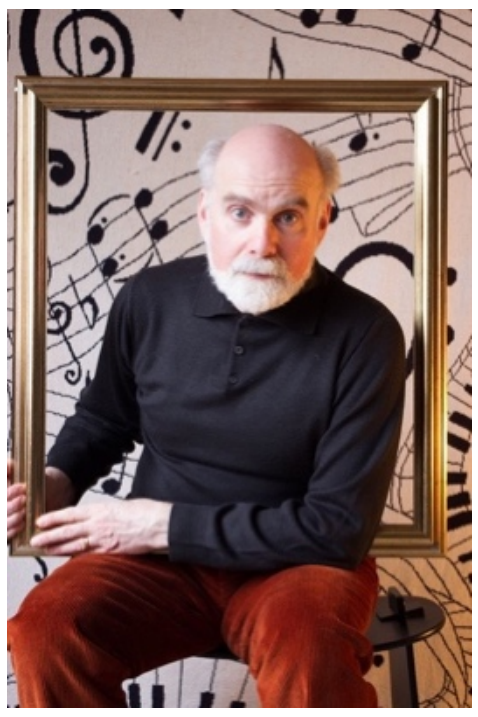
A workshop for singers and players

[bowed strings (viols and baroque strings), recorders, sackbuts, cornetts, curtal, and a special welcome for continuo players - particularly plucked instruments]

Led by Philip Redfern

Summerhill Bowling Club, Winchester Ter, Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 6EH

Time: 10.00 for 10:30–16:30 Pitch: A=440



In the depths of the dark days of February, who doesn't need some sunshine to give them a boost? We may not be able to promise sunshine in Newcastle, but we can promise a day to immerse ourselves in uplifting and positive music that brings with it an inescapable breath of Italy!

Music by two contemporaries of Monteverdi, Banchieri and Viadana, one a monk, the other a friar, who, like him, exploited the drama and contrast of multiple choirs and massed forces to bring texts to life will also show how they developed such key features of Baroque style as the concerto principle and continuo. Beginning with Banchierio's motet and mass *Paratum cor meum* we will also explore his motet *Omnes gentes plaudite*, replete with eight-part trumpet effects. Continuing as double chorus we head to Viadana's *Hodie nobis coelorum rex* before two Vesper psalms for four choirs - *Domine in adjuvandum me* and *Nisi Dominus*. Time will also be found for a virtual, instrumental, excursion to Padua for *La Padovana*, one of his eight-part canzonas.

Philip Redfern has been involved in early music since first playing the viol as a teenager. Subsequently, he has directed ensembles and award-winning choirs in the Three Choirs Counties, Tyne and Wear and Co. Durham, and currently Edinburgh. Keen to explore the highways and the byways of repertoire, he has encouraged musicians to embrace everything from Hildegard to Hindemith while being proud to have commissioned works by composers such as Richard Lloyd, Andrew Carter, and Will Todd. For the EMFS he established the Choir, initiated the Consort Café for viols, and now leads 'Go4B'roque' a monthly Baroque themed workshop for instrumentalists.

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, as very limited local facilities.

Booking: (preferably) online via workshop diary on www.neemf.org.uk, OR complete the booking form below and send with a cheque payable to 'North East Early Music Forum' to:

Dow Smith, 9 Swinburne Place, Newcastle NE4 6EA. Closing date: 31 Jan 2027.

If you cannot use your booked place, please inform us asap. For more info, please email dows@aol.com

PTO for venue details and for the NEEMF half-price pensioner concession

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APPLICATION FORM – **13 Feb 2027** (Closing date for applications: 31 Jan 2027)

Completed form and cheque to: **Dow Smith, 9 Swinburne Place, Newcastle 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) _______

and/or: I wish to sing: _____________ (voice) • I would sing solo (if required) [ ] • 1st choice: PLAY / SING

I enclose a cheque (payable to *North East Early Music Forum*) for £ ……. (we will email you a receipt.)

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 ....

Venue: Summerhill Bowling Club, Winchester Ter, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 6EH



By public transport – Metro:
A 12-minute walk from either Central Station or St James's stops

By public transport – Bus:
Well-served by buses: the map above shows walking routes from:
No. 1 – 5 minute walk; Nos 10, 11, 37, 38 – 6 minute walk; Nos 39, 40 – 12 minute walk

By car:
Via Rye Hill. Turn into Houston St (which has a direction sign pointing to 'Summerhill Square').
If being dropped off (eg if coming by taxi), it may be quicker to walk in from Westgate Rd: come in via Swinburne Place (with Fuochi Pizza on the corner).

Parking
There is likely to be sufficient (free) parking in the Bowling Club's car park.
There is paid parking within walking distance. More details available at b.link/summerhill.

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.