North East
Early Music Forum
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Saturday, 14 March 2026

Mary, Mary, quite contrary

A workshop for singers and players

Led by Patrick Craig

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

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



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Spain was at the heart of a Catholic revival after the threat of Luther's north European revolution, and Mary the Mother of Jesus stood at the heart of this. Various Spanish composers stepped up to create monumental works in her honour. Victoria will lead the way with his Magnificat primi toni, Salve Regina and Ave Maria, all for eight voices. We will also be looking at music for Mary Magdalen and her pivotal role at the resurrection including Guerrero's dramatic Maria Magdalene. Both women's identities have been muddled by Catholic tradition and this programme will explore both the expansion of their theologies and attempt to rediscover the women behind the myths.

Patrick Craig is a countertenor, conductor and lecturer who has been a Vicar Choral at St Paul's Cathedral in London for the past thirty years. For twenty years he combined this with over a thousand concerts with the Tallis Scholars. He regularly conducts workshops for Early Music Forums across the country as well as week-long holidays with Lacock Courses and Run by Singers. He also lectures for the Arts Society, placing choral music in its cultural and historical context.

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 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: 28 Feb 2026.

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 – 14 March 2026 (Closing date for applications: 28 Feb 2026)

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); Pitch A=440; 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.