Choral Conducting Masterclass with Amy Bebbington

Abinger Hammer Village Hall, Felday Road, nr Dorking, Surrey, RH56QX

Saturday 18th June 2016, 10am-4pm

Cost: £70 (ISM/ABCD members £60, observers £15)

Amy Bebbington will lead a Masterclass for those wanting to develop their choral conducting skills in front of a real choir! Repertoire covered will include *Songs and Sonnets*, George Shearing, *Birthday Madrigals*, Rutter, *O Mistress Mine*, Andrew Carter and *An Elizabethan Summer*, Stephen Chatman.

Amy has a natural gift for drawing out the greatest potential from students in a very engaging and encouraging way. Members from Amy's regular choirs will combine to form a very capable and friendly choir whose ethos will be to work hard, have fun and to "sing what they see".

This will be a fantastic opportunity to get a good length of valuable podium time with some really responsive singers and to observe Amy working with other conductors too.

Tea and cake will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Early booking is essential as numbers will be limited. Collection from Dorking train station is possible if organised in advance.

To reserve your place, please contact Amy directly on amybebbs@yahoo.co.uk 01483 493278 / 07722 144808

Feedback from last year:

"Thank you so much for a great conducting weekend. I thoroughly enjoyed Saturday and your choir feedback was so lovely I still can't quite believe it... these days are a brilliant opportunity to meet fellow conductors and singers. The choir was enthusiastic and focused all the way through the day which was very impressive."

"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with your wonderful, responsive choir on Saturday. I immensely enjoyed my podium time and am most grateful for all the valuable feedback I received from you and from your singers."

"The choir was fantastically prepared, friendly, attentive, tolerant, disciplined..... and tactful and constructive in tea breaks.... a credit to you. Little touches like home-made cakes were lovely and appreciated as well, making us feel welcome."

"Saturday was fantastic! I really enjoyed singing with your fantastic and very well prepared choir - they were all so friendly too, as were the other conductors, which made it a really enjoyable occasion."

"The chance to have 30 minutes podium time with a good quality choir with whom you don't need to "note bash" really meant we could concentrate on other things and I really learnt loads - from my session as well as those of others. It was great to get feedback directly from the choir at the end as well - so useful. And thank you for your thought provoking and constructive comments as always! And Linda our accompanist was great. All in all, a brilliant day, well timed (not too long) and well-paced."

"I particularly enjoyed having lunch with the choir in such a gorgeous setting!"