



**Association of British Choral Directors
MIDLANDS REGION**

ABCD SINGING DAY

27 February 2016

10.00am – 4.45pm

David Lawrence

In a programme of works with a
Shakespeare theme (400th Anniversary)

Choral Conducting Masterclass

Guest Sectional Leaders from ABCD

ABCD Singing for Schools

with

Rebecca Lawrence

Class and Choir Singing at KS1 and 2

The sessions will be held at

THE COTON CENTRE

**Tamworth,
Staffordshire, B79 9AA**

President: John Rutter CBE

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Singing Day Leader

David Lawrence is one of Britain's most versatile young conductors. He studied choral conducting with Simon Halsey and orchestral conducting with Colin Metters and George Hurst at the Royal Academy of Music, where he won all the major conducting prizes. His present posts include those of Artistic Director of the Ulster Youth Choir, Assistant Conductor of the City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus, and he is a regular guest chorus master with the Netherlands Radio Choir. He has also directed the Training Choir of the National Youth Choir of Scotland and the Cambridgeshire County Youth Choir

David maintains a special interest in contemporary music and in November 2002, having prepared the first performance with James Wood, conducted the German première of Karlheinz Stockhausen's *Engel Prozessionen*, Scene II from the opera *Sonntag aus Licht*, with the Netherlands Radio Choir, and with the New London Chamber Choir on premières of music by James Wood and Iannis Xenakis for the BBC Proms season, and also in a programme based around the music of Benjamin Britten. He has also prepared and conducted world premières of choral works and operas by composers including Graham Fitkin, Stanley Glasser, Cornelius de Bondt, Bob Chilcott, and Andrew Gant.

David is a popular workshop leader with Britain's choirs and leading choral organisations such as *youngchoirs.net* (formerly BFYC), Making Music (NFMS), Sing for Pleasure, and the Association of British Choral Directors. As a conducting teacher he directs courses for the Voices Foundation and Canford International Summer School of Music. He is a respected adjudicator of festivals and competitions, and a National Adjudicator and conductor for BBC Television's Songs of Praise, and is frequently in demand as a consultant in choral education.

David holds the Guinness Record for conducting the largest choir in the UK (6,846 young people in one of the annual series of Young World Concerts).

Education Day leader

Rebecca Lawrence

Rebecca works part time and leads music workshops and teacher training sessions whilst also being a children's songwriter and writing numerous commissions.

Rebecca has worked with many music services delivering singing CPD. Her song collections are popular with schools and include Past and Present and Choosing Chums. She will be presenting and using material from her latest publications on the day

Programme for 27 February

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| 9.30am | Registration and Coffee |
| 10.00am | Warm ups with David |
| 10.30am | Singing Session 1 with David
or
All day education sessions with Rebecca |
| 11.30am | Coffee |
| 11.55am | Singing session 2 with David |
| 1.00pm | Lunch- please bring a packed lunch |
| 1.45pm | Choral Conducting Masterclass with David
or
Split Female and Male Voices Sectionals
with ABCD guest leaders |
| 3.00pm | Tea |
| 3.20pm | Full session with David |
| 4.15pm | Performances |
| 4.45pm | End |

Please note that abcd Midlands reserves the right to amend the programme on the day should circumstances dictate.