

ABOUT ABCD

This event is being run jointly by abcd North and abcd Yorkshire. The Association of British Choral Directors (abcd) is the only UK organisation which is devoted entirely to supporting those leading choral music, both amateur and professional. We are committed to promoting, improving and maintaining opportunities for the continuing development of all singing leaders, whether in the classroom, the community, the church, as well as internationally renowned choirs and their leaders. Our membership of over 800 individual and 50 corporate members represents well over 1000 choral groups and includes teachers, composers, publishers, singers and students. The annual abcd Convention attracts delegates and exhibitors from far and wide and is a source of inspiration and ideas for choral leaders in every genre, Convention 2017 will take place in Glasgow from 25th to 27th August.

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HANDS & VOICES

A workshop day for conductors and singers
Led by Neil Ferris

SATURDAY 22ND
APRIL 2017

The Princess Alexandra Auditorium,
Yarm School, Yarm,
TS15 9EJ



HANDS

Conductors who have had some experience and would like further tips, guidance and hands-on experience in order to rise to the next level. Please note that numbers will be limited to allow maximum podium time.

VOICES

A chance for keen singers to sing some lovely music and to help the conductors to get the most out of the day.

COST

Conductors
non-members £30, ABCD members £25

Singers
non-members £15, ABCD members £10

SCHEDULE

9.30 Registration and welcome

10.00 SESSION 1 Warm-up and singing session
(Russian repertoire)

11.25 Break (tea, coffee and biscuits)

11.40 SESSION 2 Conductors work with choir

1.00 Lunch (Please bring packed lunch. Tea & coffee available)

1.50 Session 3 - Singing session (European repertoire)

3.10 Break (Hot & cold drinks available)

3.30 Session 4 Conductors work with the choir

4.30 Singthrough

5.00 Finish

The Association of British Choral Directors (ABCD) is the only organisation in the UK whose sole purpose is to support the interests, development and training of choral directors and singing leaders at all levels in schools and the community.

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Repertoire chosen from European Sacred Music (OUP) and Russian Sacred Music for Choirs (OUP) plus pieces by James Macmillan. If you have copies of the OUP books please bring them with you.



NEIL FERRIS

Neil Ferris studied at Royal Holloway, University of London, and at the Royal College of Music. He is Artistic Director and conductor of the professional chamber choir Sonoro and Music Director of Wimbledon Choral Society, one of London's leading amateur choirs. Other

choirs he works with regularly include Manchester Chamber Choir and Birmingham Bach Choir.

In demand as chorus master to the finest symphonic choruses in the UK, Neil is Associate Chorus Director of the London Symphony Chorus, Chorus Director at the Royal College of Music and since 2012 he has been Chorus Master at the Endellion Summer Festival. In these roles he has prepared choirs for internationally acclaimed conductors including Valery Gergiev, Bernard Haitink, Carlo Rizzi, Richard Hickox and Donald Runnicles.

Formerly Head of Choral Conducting at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Neil helped establish the international reputation of the choral conducting course and developed the conservatoire's choral ensembles. In demand for his love of teaching and inspiring the next generation of choral conductors, he recently formed the London Choral Conducting Masterclass series. As a guest teacher he has given masterclasses in the USA, for the Association of Irish Choirs and as a tutor for the Association of British Choral Directors.

ACCOMPANIST: EILEEN BOWN

APPLICATION FORM

Name

Address

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Please circle one of the below enrolment options

I wish to enrol as a:

CONDUCTOR

I wish to enrol as a Singer:

SOPRANO ALTO TENOR BASS

HOW TO BOOK

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Enid Mitchell
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