

**With Neil Ferris and Joanna Tomlinson
and Wimbledon Choral Society and Constanza Chorus**

Saturday February 18th 2017, 1000 – 1700
St Sepulchre-without-Newgate, Holborn Viaduct, EC1A 2DQ

An advanced level masterclass day for up to ten active conductors plus observers. Each active conductor will get the opportunity to work with a high level symphonic chorus comprising members of Wimbledon Choral Society and Constanza Chorus. Neil Ferris and Joanna Tomlinson will help address aspects of tuning, colour and blend, giving helpful tips on how conducting technique can have a positive effect on these. They will also explore the role of conductor as vocal trainer.

Participant Fee: £90 *abcd* members, £100 non-members

Observer Fee: £30 *abcd* members, £40 non-members



Neil Ferris is the Artistic Director and Conductor of the new professional chamber choir Sonoro. He is also Music Director of Wimbledon Choral Society, Associate Chorus Director of the London Symphony Chorus, Chorus Director at the Royal College of Music and Chorus Master at the Endellion Summer Festival. He is also Guest Conductor of Manchester Chamber Choir and Birmingham Bach Choir.

Until 2015 he was Head of Choral Conducting at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.



Joanna Tomlinson is the Music Director of London-based Constanza Chorus, and will be taking up the position of Musical Director of Farnham Youth Choirs in July 2016. She is the former Music Director of the Reading University Choirs and has worked with some of the UK's top choirs including London Symphony Chorus, Joyful Company of

Singers and Wimbledon Choral Society. Joanna has taught at Bedales School, Trinity Laban Junior Department and Royal College of Music Junior Department and worked as vocal coach to the Polish National Youth Choir.

Wimbledon Choral Society is widely regarded as one of the finest amateur choirs in South East of England, with an extensive and versatile repertoire embracing traditional works alongside contemporary and popular music, including specially commissioned works.

Constanza Chorus is a City of London based choral society which performs three concerts a year in City churches or in London concert halls such as Cadogan Hall. In addition, the choir takes part in projects such as recording, workshops and tours.

St Sepulchre-without-Newgate is located between Farringdon, Barbican, St Paul's and City Thameslink stations, making it accessible by rail or tube.



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Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Do you wish to attend the day as an: Observer/Conductor (please delete as appropriate)

Have you previously attended any of our courses? Y/N

If yes, which course and which year did you attend?

Please give brief details of your choral conducting experience

(Please also include a more detailed CV in support of your application)

Summary of any relevant Further/Higher Education/musical qualifications taken

The closing date for applications is Friday January 20th 2017, however if we receive the maximum bookings before this date we reserve the right to close bookings early.

Payment

- Please send an invoice for £100/£90/£40/£30* to the address given
- I enclose a cheque for £100/£90/£40/£30*
- Please debit my credit/debit card by £100/£90/£40/£30*

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Credit/Debit Card (Mastercard/Visa only)

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Cheques (in sterling only) should be made payable to the Association of British Choral Directors

Students are encouraged to make enquiries with their local council, or to apply to their employer for assistance with fees as part of Continuing Professional Development where applicable.

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Applicants must join as members at the time of booking to benefit from the members discount

Cancellation

We regret that no refunds can be made unless the event is cancelled. The organisers reserve the right to make changes to the advertised programme if circumstances dictate this.

For further information or to place a booking please send your form and payment to:

Penny Homer, *abcd* Training Manager, 37 Coningsby Court, Mitcham, CR4 2JT or

Email penny.homer@abcd.org.uk Tel (*abcd* office) 07805 454563

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