



CHAMBER MUSIC WORKSHOP

TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 7th APRIL 2018

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Following what has become an annual event, here is another opportunity in Chester for interested string players to make up groups, typically trios, quartets, or quintets, possibly with one extra instrument e.g. piano, or woodwind, and enjoy learning chamber music for a day, with tuition from experienced players, in an informal atmosphere.

Applications are welcomed both from pre-formed groups, and from individuals who will be formed into suitably matched groups with best endeavour, to tackle manageable works. We encourage applications from younger or less experienced string players to introduce them to the wonderful chamber music repertoire, and in some cases parts may be doubled up for mutual support.

The tutors will be eager to help groups to play with more confidence, whatever their experience.

We hope everyone will feel they have learned something by the end of the day.

Venue:

Abbey Gate College, Saughton Grange,

Chester CH3 6EN

B5130 out of Chester; after it crosses over A55 by-pass fork left to Sandy Lane; Saughton.

2 miles; bear right; gate 200m on left.

Instructions for finding Abbey Gate College will be sent with the acknowledgement.

Email contact: david.parkssmith@gmail.com

Music

Groups are encouraged to bring their own choice of sheet music, and also scores if possible in order to help the tutors.

There will also be an extensive library of music available for use on the day by the ad hoc groups. Please bring your own music stands, and cellists should bring spike protectors.

Previous experience

The workshop is intended to cater for players having a range of experience and technique, and the works to be rehearsed will be chosen to suit. Some music reading ability is expected, and the practical minimum standard is equivalent to Associated Board Grade 4/5.

Programme

Registration will start at 9.00 am for the first session to begin at 9.30 am with each group allocated a room. It is the intention to run two sessions in the morning, with a break, finishing by 12.40 pm, and two in the afternoon (with a break), ending by 5 pm.

For those unable to come for the whole day, half day participation should be possible subject to us achieving a workable balance of instruments, and tutors – please indicate your preference on the application form. In any case, the ad hoc groups are likely to be changed during the day to provide variety. The afternoon session will probably start at 1.40 pm, to be confirmed.

Fee

Applicants are asked to send a cheque with their form to cover the cost of tuition and the venue, according to the figures given on the form, addressed to David Parks-Smith at 2 Greenfield Way, Cuddington, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 2YH to reach him as early as possible, but before 24th March (cheques will not be cashed before then). If in doubt, phone 01606 882007 to check position.

The fee includes tea, coffee or soft drink during the breaks, but players are advised to bring their own picnic lunch (the nearest pub is in Waverton 2 miles away on A41).

Application Form for pre-formed groups (For individuals P.T.O)

Contact Player
Name.....
Instrument.....
Address.....
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Post Code.....
Telephone.....
e-mail.....

Other Players in group

Name.....
Instrument.....
Name.....
Instrument.....
Name.....
Instrument.....
Name.....
Instrument.....

General level of experience: novice/intermediate/advanced

Works chosen for rehearsal (please indicate if you are bringing parts and a score):

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If works not known at time of application, please advise later.

Fees:

Full day £32 per player
Half day (please specify am or pm) £18.50 per player
Full time students Full day £20 per player
Full time students Half day (am or pm) £13 per player
(cheque payable to Chester Music Society please)

Application Form for individuals

Name.....
Address.....
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Post Code.....
Telephone.....
e-mail.....
Instrument.....

Indication of standard and experience - please circle:
novice (Grade 4-6)/ intermediate (Grade 6-8)/ advanced (Grade 8+)

Please add any other information or objectives which would help us to arrange
successful groups; please say if you would like to play with another particular
individual, or if you prefer to play in a certain instrumental grouping:

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