



BBC Choral Ambition

Choral workshops and concert

– brilliant **Venetian Music**

TOWCESTER Parish Church

25 September 2010

Penelope Rapson director



As part of the **BBC's project** to encourage choral singing across the UK, this is *your* chance to join with others of all ages who enjoy singing to create a **very special musical experience**.

Working with Fiori Musicali's Choir and professional musicians from His Majestys Sagbutts & Cornetts, this event is designed to be one of those **"I just didn't know I could do that"** opportunities.

This project involves as many people as possible taking part in the kind of amazing music that was being written for multiple choirs at St Mark's Basilica in Venice at the turn of the 17th century. This music was **grand and ceremonial** - in other words, just what we have in mind for St Lawrence's Church, Towcester on Saturday 25 September.

The programme will include dances, processions, brass playing from His Majestys Sagbutts & Cornetts, bell-ringing and **choral** music including:

Andrea Gabrieli's striking battle piece ***La Battaglia***
and Giovanni Gabrieli's monumental ***In Ecclesiis***

all performed in the round in Towcester's historic church.

Musical team

Lucie Wickham *animateur*

Jeremy West *director of His Majestys Sagbutts & Cornetts*

Penelope Rapson *director of Fiori Musicali*

Workshops

To prepare for the event there will be a number of workshops, as well as the opportunity to attend an introductory session run by the animateur.

Sunday 19 September 2pm–5pm

choral workshop (at Sponne School – venue tbc)
alongside members of Fiori’s Choir

Friday 24 September 6.30-9.00

choral workshop (at Sponne School – venue tbc)

Saturday 25 September 2pm-5pm

Full dress rehearsal (at St Lawrence Towcester).

Saturday 25 September 7.00pm

Concert at 7pm (at St Lawrence Towcester)


Cost

£10 per person to include all workshops and concert
(under 25s free of charge)

Music

Vocal scores are available directly from Fiori Musicali.

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Fiori Musicali, established in 1983, are the principal provider and promoter of high quality professional classical music in the region, and in particular in rural Northamptonshire. *Fiori* appear in many formats as a choir, as a small chamber ensemble and as a chamber orchestra, always capturing something of how the music first sounded. **Penelope Rapson**, Fiori’s founder, has directed the ensemble in numerous concerts and recordings since 1983 and is known for her skill in bringing out the best in her performers.

Recent outreach activities have included **Zadok the Priest Zing-along** at St Lawrence Church, Towcester – an informal weekend workshop for amateur singers, culminating in a successful public performance with the trumpets, drums, oboes and strings of the Fiori Musicali orchestra of Handel’s famous Coronation anthem.

How to participate

Come and get involved in this spectacular music at first hand!
Please fill in the form below and post back to Fiori, or email us at concerts@fiori-musicali.com.

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Voice, range.....

Singing experience.....

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