



NORTH WEST EARLY MUSIC FORUM
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Mother Sister Daughter

Not Mortals But Angels

A day workshop with Laurie Stras

For Female singers and soft instruments, eg viols and recorders etc.

Didsbury Baptist Church, Beaver Rd, Manchester M20 6SX

Saturday 17th September 2022

Convent polyphony from the 13th-16th centuries.

This one-day workshop will look at music from the convents of Europe, drawn from medieval and renaissance manuscripts and prints. We will cover a range of styles and practices, from simple harmonisations to complex imitative polyphony, in songs, antiphons, mass movements, and motets. Depending on voices available, sources will include manuscripts from the Bologna library, the Brenzoni-Maffei manuscript from Verona, the Biffoli-Sostegni manuscript from San Matteo in Arcetri (convent home of Galileo's daughter), and motets attributed to Suor Leonora d'Este - including repertoire that has fed into Musica Secreta's newest project, *Mother Sister Daughter*. All female voices, from high soprano to low tenor, are very welcome, along with soft instruments. A keyboard player would be a welcome addition, too!

Laurie Stras is Emeritus Professor of Music at the University of Southampton and the director of Musica Secreta (co-directed with Deborah Roberts from 2002-2021). Stras and Musica Secreta have been at the forefront of research and performance of music written for and by women in the Renaissance. They have made numerous acclaimed recordings, the latest of which, *Mother, Sister, Daughter*, is released in June 2022. Her book, *Women and Music in Sixteenth-Century Ferrara* (CUP, 2018), won the prestigious Otto Kinkeldey Award from the American Musicological Society in 2019.

TIMETABLE

10.00 arrival and registration
10.30 first session
12.45 lunch break
14.00 workshop resumes
17.00 conclusion
Pitch for the day is A=440

FEES NWEMF (or other EMF) members: £15 Non-members*: £25 Full-time students: FREE
A £5 surcharge is applicable to bookings made after the closing date.

* Membership of NWEMF costs only £10 per year. Join now by contacting the Membership Secretary (fosterrobert@gmail.com), pay the members' rate for this workshop, and save £10 on future workshops.

PTO

Preferably email the information requested below to allen.david165@gmail.com, with a copy to the Treasurer (martin.steward@me.com), and pay **N W E M F** (note the spaces) electronically using sort code **09-01-56** and account number **79658106** with **Stras** as the reference. Alternatively complete the reply slip below and send it with a cheque (payable to NWEMF) to: David Allen, Pistyll Mountain Road, Cilcain, Flintshire CH7 5PB. If you are using snail mail please do give an email address so you can be contacted if necessary.

Closing date: please book by 3rd September. Bookings will be acknowledged. We will not send out any final reminders, so if you do not hear from us you can assume that the workshop will run.

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Saturday, September 17th, 2022
Didsbury Baptist Church,

NAME

TELEPHONE E-MAIL

Number of participants Voice(s).....

Instruments.....

Remittance (sent **OR** enclosed) £ [Forum member(s) Non-member(s)]

OR I am a student/ we are students in Full-time education if a minor is coming they should be accompanied by parent or guardian.